



NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

4649 Hawley Boulevard San Diego, CA. 92116

Meeting Minutes – 2/2/16

Meeting Beginning Time. 6:00pm by Jim Baross

Board Attendance (x means “present”):

	Gary Weber		Nancy Lawler	x	Mark Lawler
x	Joe Kissell	x	Dena Harris	x	Scott Kessler
x	Jim Baross	x	Ryan Zellers	x	Joseph Fombon
x	Caroline McKeown	x	Dan Soderberg	x	Gretchen Eichar
x	Marianne Green	x	Earlene Thom (in 6:05)	x	Adam Deutsch

Administration Items:

Modifications to Meeting Agenda:

- o Added Action Item about changes in bylaws

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the 1/5/16 NHCPG meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. No edits were made. Marianne moved to approve the minutes and Mark seconded. The approval was unanimous. Earlene, Dan and Gretchen abstained.

Treasurer’s Report:

No change from last month: \$1888.94 to date. Also, we still have license plate holders for sale. Keep your plates warm this winter with a “Why Be Normal” frame. There is extra funding coming in that we need to use, so we should think about how to spend it. Minor expenses (\$10-15 in parking) are pending.

Information & Communication:

Reports from Government Representatives: Councilman’s rep is at Uptown Meeting this month. Caroline read a statement from Tod Gloria’s statement: People are using the iDog Park, but it’s not actually open. It’s been locked while the rest of the

work is done. Work will be done by 2/13, and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on that date, at noon.

Non-Agenda Public Comment : Scott: Has annual report from Adams Ave. Business Association. AABA Annual meeting on 2/9 at Rabbit Hole from 8am-10am, open to the public, \$10. Working on Adams Avenue Unplugged, April 30th-May 1st.

Bob (non-board resident): Vision Zero: City is committed to reducing pedestrian injury/fatalities. A number of groups were involved in the initiative. They are going to begin with 8 streets that are considered dangerous, including El Cajon Blvd. In April, there will be an all-neighborhood summit, and we might be contacted prior to that meeting.

Joe: This will be his next-to-last meeting on the Board, and must resign after March Meeting. He's really enjoyed it, and is sorry to go. We'll have to fill the seat on the board in April Elections.

Danny Fitzgerald & David from 37th and ECB O'Connor Church Update: Project will still include "maker place/workshop/café/community kitchen" but will also be the Office of Education's Community Schools, providing education for marginalized populations and the larger community in San Diego in that same space, teaching technical/culinary/vocational training, designed after the Stanford D program. There will not be a co-op office workspace anymore but there will be opportunities for community to get involved using resources and partnering with tenants. Planning department approved the amount of parking on/around the site, even though there are more full time employees possibly working there. People expressing concern over the building being less about new opportunities in the community, and more of a "social service" building. Developers are confident that it is progressing, and will bring up the neighborhood. People would like to know why the change was made. Board requested more information about the details of the project. More information is available at 37ecb.com. As a reminder, these are the builders of the project informing the community about possible use; the Board hopes we'll get a formal presentation soon.

Reports from Neighborhood Groups:

Social Media Update: Lots of iDog Park questions, which Caroline has addressed early.

Actions:

- Establishing a NHCPG website. There is NormalHeights.org, but it's not updated and not under community organization/supervision. We would like to have our own dedicated website. Bobby Mordenti (SD City Community Planner) says it's fine for NHCPG to operate a website. It is a reimbursable. Robert Rael agrees to sell the URL to the Board for \$1. Motion to take over NormalHeights.org. Caroline made the motion, Jim accepted adding that it is

approved up to \$100 per year. Joe 2nd the motion. Scott abstained from the vote. Rest of the board voted Yes, nobody voted No.

- Preparation for Board positions: Jim explained details about upcoming vacancies. 8 people will be up for reelection in March (Jim, Caroline, Mark, Nancy, Marianne, Gary, Ryan, Joseph). In order to vote, one must have been at previous meetings in the previous year (which includes the meeting where we vote), as well as be a resident/business owner/home owner in the community. Elections cannot be held at the time of the meeting. They must be held before or after the meeting. Bobby will send details about that to Jim. Nominating Committee Establishment: Adam, Dena, Ralph Enriquez (non-Board) is the nominating committee.
- Bylaws Update: We requested a deviation from the city bylaws, that if a business sent an employee as a representative to sit on the board, they would have to be a resident. We'd like to remove that from our bylaws. The motion is to remove that deviation from our bylaws. Joseph moved, Dena seconded. All approved.

Second item is for a 2 vote minimum for someone to get on the board.

Caroline presented this at the City Council meeting, and the Smart Growth Committee supported the idea. Motion is to change language to say that we still support a two vote minimum for those running for the board. Marianne made the motion, Ryan seconded. All approved.

Other Discussion Items:

- Vacant property update: lot at 40th and ECB. No updates on that.
- "Light the Heights" campaign. Facebook community loves it, but Nextdoor community is not generally in favor. The board will continue promotion efforts.
- No action on name change for Cherokee Park.

Committee & Ad Hoc Group Reports

- Community Planning Committee—Jim filled us in on reports about Urban Forestry Management Plan, Housing related amendments and regulations.
- No projects brought forward about Project Review Community.
- Properties that were reviewed were not found to have significant historical significance.
- Transportation/Traffic Calming:
 - According to Ryan, pedestrian-activated crosswalks will be funded and installed by the city, but the city estimates at least 6 months to line up the work, at Adams and 36th and Adams and Hawley. Hopefully they'll be installed this fiscal year. Ryan will also request a crosswalk at Adams and 34th, and a traffic signal at Adams and East Mountainview, as well

- as new barriers at the iDog Park, and perhaps consider removing signal in that area.
- As for the SANDAG Bikeway Plan for Meade, Meade has over 5000 Average Daily Travellers (ADT), so to make it a “Bike Blvd,” it needs to be lower via traffic calming measures. They have made a model to divert traffic to take people off of Meade, but have back-tracked on the plan we’ve previously reviewed. If the traffic can be cut down to the low-2000s, they’d create a dedicated bike lane on the road, rather than having the lanes be shared use. Comment from public attendees is not in favor of the old plan for Meade. Ryan and Jim will continue checking for updates from the board.
 - SR15 Bikeway construction will begin soon. People are concerned with plans about what happens to the path along Camino Del Rio. A Bloomsday Bike Parade would be awesome!
 - City Infrastructure: Electrical vehicle charging stations at 36th and Adams in the NW corner: It seems funding has fallen through for the time being.
 - We want to plan on event for 9/21/16 (a Wednesday).

Adjourned at 7:50pm

The Next Meeting is 3/1/2015

Anticipated/Requested Future Agenda Items

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