



NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
4649 Hawley Boulevard San Diego, CA. 92116

**Approved Meeting Minutes – 3/1/16**

**Meeting Beginning Time. 6:00pm by Jim Baross**

**Board Attendance (x means “present”):**

x	Gary Weber	x	Nancy Lawler	x	Mark Lawler (in at 6:10)
x	Joe Kissell	x	Dena Harris (in at 6:56)		Scott Kessler
x	Jim Baross	x	Ryan Zellers	x	Joseph Fombon
x	Caroline McKeown	x	Dan Soderberg (in at 6:17)	x	Gretchen Eichar (in at 6:05)
x	Marianne Green	x	Earlene Thom (in at 6:05)	x	Adam Deutsch

**Administration Items:**

**Modifications to Meeting Agenda:**

- No Modifications

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the **2/2/16** NHCPG meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. No edits were made. Marianne moved to approve the minutes and Ryan seconded. The approval was unanimous.

**Treasurer’s Report:** No change from last month: \$1898.94 to date. Also, we still have license plate holders for sale. Marianne accepted the report, Joseph approved. Unanimous approval. 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.

**Information & Communication:**

**Reports from Government Representatives:** Adriana Martinez, Tod Gloria’s office. iDog Park opening was a success. Lots of construction projects lately—lines will

be painted on Hawley soon. Confirmed those lines will be in the approved pattern from an earlier meeting.

**Planning Department:** No new news.

**Non-Agenda Public Comment :** Jeff Marston, “Citizen’s Plan for San Diego.” Requesting Action Item for Presentation at April Meeting for 30 minutes. Jim explained the role of the NHCPG on informing ideas/actions in other communities. Marianne requested materials before the meeting, which Jeff said he can provide.

**Reports from Neighborhood Groups: Ron, Community Association.** Safety Meeting on 4/12 7:30, Guest Speaker is SD Chief of Police. Hopefully AABA and Rec Council will join in, with NHCPG, to talk about 21<sup>st</sup> Century Neighborhood Watch. Planning events in the Park in the months ahead. Also, he thanks the NHCPG for the iDog Park.

Motion to support the Safety Meeting: Marianne makes motion to amend agenda, and to join the event. Caroline seconded. All approved.

**Social Media Update:** Two big things this month: notifications for repaving. On 38<sup>th</sup>, they said they only had 2 hours notice, and cars were towed. iDog park comments are about how the pergolas that were installed to provide shade aren’t providing shade. There are requests to change the seating so that benches are in shade. Options were discussed with people from Recreation.

Volunteers to paint those pergolas can come out on 3/12 9am - 12pm in iDog Park to help.

**Actions:** Regular Meeting Adjourned for Nominating Committee to conduct Board Member Elections.

**Website Issue:** Though Robert Rael agreed to sell normalheights.org to the board for \$1 in the February NHCPG Meeting, he later communicated that he would “donate” the url at a value of \$5,000, and requested a receipt as such. Rather than agree to that, Adam purchased NHCPG.org, and has set it to auto-forward to the NHCPG Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/NHCPG/?fref=ts>) for the time being. Adam also communicated with Rael about updating normalheights.org so that it has up-to-date information, and we can send notes to Rael at any time about making updates to that site. Joe recommends establishing value of the value. Community Association suggestions they might be able to provide donation receipt, but no decisions were made.

**NHCPG presence/booth at upcoming Adams Unplugged Fair** on 4/30-5/1. No support for manning a booth. Organize dropping materials off at venues via bike.

Adam, Jim, and Gretchen could circulate materials. Adam will organize that. Marianne might want to help.

**A 9/21/16 Event!** Joe mentions that that's 5 days before the Adams Ave. Street Fair. Probably can't a huge event, so maybe just a community picnic/party/social event. Community association would like to help. Joe will attend next Community Association meeting. Perhaps contact Drink About Planners. Put together a committee to plan that out.

### **Other Discussion Items:**

- **iDog Park opening:** Lots of comment about details of it, but seems to be overall happiness about it. Seems to suggest we should have a well-planned permanent park. Signage is also suggested to put up at schools to direct people to the Ward Canyon iDog Park. People should contact County Animal Control if people are running dogs off leash in school yards.
- **Rock 'n Roll Marathon Route Update:** June 5<sup>th</sup> from early am until around noon. Roads will be closed.
- **Powerline Undergrounding:** SDG&E has been collecting money to pay for undergrounding of overhead utility wires. City Council staff will initiate the Public Hearing Process, hopefully by the end of 2016. Earlene raises concerns that the opt-out time ends before we'll get the plans for where boxes/transformers will be located. Caroline makes a point that an "opt-out" is really just a move to the back of the list; also, they divide NH into subdivisions, that are spread out; has any community started the process since guidelines have been revised? Gary has updates from City Council staff and SDG&E, and there are no moves being made right now. Andrea Martinez recommends contacting project manager Mario Rayes, so perhaps he can come present to this group to clarify details about this process. There is an Undergrounding tab on SanDiego.Gov. Jim reminds us that undergrounding lets us change streetlights, for better placement and more aesthetically pleasing lamps. An Assessment District will be required, and coordination will have to happen.

**Meeting is Adorned at 7:00pm for Board Elections.**

**Election Results: 2 Year Terms: Jim, Khalisa, Joseph, Marianne, Caroline, Mark, Gary, Ryan.**

**1 Year Term: Nancy Lawler.**

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:17pm**

**Discussion Items: Continued**

- **Light the Heights:** Pushing it on social media. A community event was suggested that there be a light-bulb swap (incandescent for LEDs); perhaps SDG&E could help coordinate a problem.
- **Preparing Update for the Community Plan:** Jim and Marianne suggests we plan for this before it's due. The Mid-City Plan includes Normal Heights, but we would like our own plan. It's a long way off, but perhaps we should begin to actively educate ourselves on what it contains. Gary says that the plans is full of recommendations that have been enacted; it would be best to see what's already in the plan, and getting those projects funded and enacted. Also, it's not a "wish list" but a series of plans that have been enacted by the city, and they are policies. What we need to do is make sure that current growth is done with intention, rather than having destructive ideas pushed by others. Caroline suggested that a separation would also mean breaking up the accounts where our money is stored.

### **Committee & Ad Hoc Group Reports**

- **Community Planning Committee:**
  - Lot at 40<sup>th</sup> and ECB. Marianne would like people to look at that lot with them. Bill Conway says there is a lot of homeless camping in that area.
  - "S.D. Forward," which is what SANDAG would like to fund through modest tax increases.
- **Project Review Community:** No Projects.
- **Bylaw Update:** Recently approved changes will be up on City website soon.
- **Historical Property Review:** Properties on agenda did not have issues.
- **Transportation/Traffic Calming:** Adam & Hawley has been installed, but the flashing lights won't get everyone's attention, so be careful. The one at Adams and 34<sup>th</sup> is pending, as is Adams and East Mountain View, which no longer meets the warrants for a traffic signal, but they are putting in a crosswalk in the next two to three months. Adams and 33<sup>rd</sup> will also be reviewed. Jim is also seeking public input about how bikes and pedestrians will be signaled about how to use the path from Ponce's down to Camino Del Rio South?
- **City Infrastructure Oversight:** No projects.

**Adjourned at 7:53pm**

**The Next Meeting is 4/5/16**

### **Anticipated/Requested Future Agenda Items**

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