



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

Meeting Minutes – 8/2/2016

Meeting Beginning Time. 6:03pm by Jim Baross

Board Attendance (x means “present”):

x	Gary Weber		Nancy Lawler	x	Mark Lawler (in at 6:25)
x	Khalisa Bolling		Dena Harris	x	Scott Kessler
x	Jim Baross	x	Ryan Zellers	x	Joseph Fombon (in at 6:05)
x	Caroline McKeown (in at 6:20)	x	Dan Soderberg	x	Adam Deutsch
x	Marianne Green (in at 6:10)	x	Earlene Thom		

Administration Items:

Modifications to Meeting Agenda: No modifications were made.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the July 2016 NHCPG meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Earlene raised questions, and edits were made that addressed those. Ryan moved to approve the minutes and Joseph seconded. The approval was unanimous, except for Scott who abstained.

Treasurer’s Report:

The NHCPG has \$1849.74 to date. Earlene asked about the details of the budget, which Caroline explained. We still have license plate holders for sale. Keep your plates shaded this summer with a “Why Be Normal” frame. Stickers are also available for \$5. Ryan motions to approve; Marianne seconds. The approval was unanimous.

Communication:

1. Reports from Government Representatives: Adriana Martinez, Councilman Gloria's Office: City of SD passed a City Wide Plastic Bag Ban. Free reusable bags were handed out at the meeting. The City also approved a minimum wage increase, but differs from the state's plan (SD will be \$1 more than the state policy). Memorials will be held this week for SDPD officers who were shot last week.

2. Reports from Neighborhood Groups:

- Beth Antons from NH Community Association: Would like to start attending meetings monthly. Movies are being shown in Adams Park and Ward Park throughout the season. Efforts are being made for new Community Watch efforts. (<http://normalheights.ca>)
- Scott Kesler for Adams Ave. Business Association: Adams Ave. Street Fair is coming up on 9/24-25. There's an influx of homeless in the neighborhood, and it's calling for more street power washing; AABA is having trash cans re-soldered to locks can't be broken.

3. Non-Agenda Public Comment:

- Rebecca: a new homeowner introducing themselves to the NHCPG.
- Beth Anton: curious about recent curb/sidewalk repairs and the "50/50" plan on getting sidewalks replaced. Jim, Caroline, Ryan, and Marianne offered explanations, including checking a map for sewer replacements on the website (can be found here: <https://www.sandiego.gov/water-sewer-construction>).
- Dan Soderberg: The Meade Ave. bridge over I-805 was swept, which is a positive thing for those who frequently walk or bike over that bridge. Thanked Rep from the City. Meanwhile, 3920 Adams (the Rock House) was designated a Historical Landmark!
- Marianne: Trees on Meade bridge over I-15 were removed from boxes because they were dead. It's not clear who might be responsible for replacing those. Gary says it's a city obligation at this time, and they should be taking care of them. Marianne hopes the city can replace those trees.
- Earlene: City responded to query about undergrounding. Apparently street lights are not guaranteed in undergrounding. However, actual details of the plan have not yet been released. Also, she got a quote for new ground cover in the dog park, and it would cost 13K. Jim asked a member of the Rec Council present at the meeting, and that group has an ad hoc committee discussing options for replacing the iDog Park ground cover. Jim suggested Earlene share that information with the Rec Council. It was pointed out that the Rec Council Chair is Dave Rodger, who was present and said that they're working on fundraising and they're also going to take care of the shade cover for the idog park, which leaves them with less money for the mulch issue. Adam:

mentioned considering AmazonSmile as a fund raising option.

#mulchgate2016

4. Social Media Update: Pretty quiet this month.

Information/Discussion Items:

- 5. Street Art for Normal Height:** Norma Stafford: in the process of trying to form a group to have murals placed at intersections. The group should explore options, perhaps along Meade as part of the pending Regional Bike Plan. They seem to cost \$3000-\$4000 in supplies and permits. Also concerned about working on a street that won't be torn up for construction shortly after. Jim suggested communicating with the Community Association, who can apply for grants because of their non-profit designation. (For a sample of a similar project from Eugene, Oregon, check out this link: <https://www.facebook.com/EugeneIntersectionRepair/videos/228567137536043>).
- 6. 9/21/16 Event:** Perhaps we contact businesses on Adams to provide neighborhood specials for the day. Gary would like a catered sit-down dinner at the community center. Scott checked to see if the room is available—it's not. But we'll look into contacting local businesses about offering discounts/specials to commemorate the day as the date only comes along once in a century. Information gathered will be funneled to Ryan.
- 7. Board Opening:** All Eligible community members will be contacted to fill the opening at the September meeting.
- 8. CycloSDias Special Event:** October 30th event that follows a route that is closed off to cars, and open to bikes, pedestrians, skaters. It happens in other neighboring neighborhoods.

Action Items:

- 9. Scheduling for Street Fair, Sept. 24th and 25th:** We'll have license plate holders and stickers for sale. Caroline will organize a Google Doc for signing up to work at the Street Fair.
- 10. Acquiring Promotional/Information material & Merchandise for Street Fair and other uses:** Caroline did research, and suggests beer coozies, pint glasses, coffee cups with lids, or license plate holders for bikes/motorcycles; there are also pet-bad dispensers (has quotes for all items). Adam would like non-plastic option; a resident suggests a NH tote of some sort.

Motion: No new merchandise for the Adams Ave. Street Fair, but continue to look up items, and consider something for later in the year, and also try to get 92116 glassware for the 9/21/16 event, and to allocated as needed ~\$350. Khalisa raises motion, Joseph seconds. All unanimous.

11. **Info. Materials cost re: Mid City Community Plan:** Marianne Greene: We can get 3 free printed copies from the City. Would like to get 3 more, so we have 6 on hand for review. People suggest that the PDF might be easy enough to use and reference, and Scott says we can keep 3 on hand in the business office. Adam will send the PDF to everyone with URL to the city's site for the plan. No motion raised.
12. **SANDAG Letter:** Jim recounts that the letter Adam and Gary drafted was sent to Danny Veeh and other interested parties.

Committee and Ad Hoc Group Reports

13. **Community Planners Committee** – Council President Pro Tem Emerald on failed Firehouse Bond, De Anza Cove Revitalization Plan (discussion revolved around possibilities for land in the area, as De Anza Cove is a *Regional Park*; a hotel seems very unlikely), CPC Bylaws Review Committee was established in that area. Next meeting – Land Development Code discussion.
14. Properties reviewed for historical significance - 3441 Adams Avenue/ 4685 Hawley Blvd (Smitty's Service). They plan to install an ADA Accessible Bathroom.
15. Project Review Committee – (none received at this time)
16. 9/21/16 celebration – (see above)
17. Transportation/Traffic Calming – Scott and Ryan discuss a traffic study on Adams at 33rd. Jim points out that concerns are safety and historic preservation. Caroline points out that the decorative pavement is deteriorated and getting patched with black asphalt. Scott has been communicating with people, and Ryan is going to look into it. Gary feels like we should look at the intersections more comprehensively, rather than piecemeal.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46pm

The Next Meeting is on 9/6/16.

Anticipated/Requested Future Agenda Items

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