



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

Meeting Minute – May 2nd, 2017

Meeting Called to order at 6pm by Chair Jim Baross

Board Attendance (x means “present”):

	Gary Weber	X	Nancy Lawler	X	Mark Lawler (arrived at 6:18)
X	Bill Conway (arrived at 6:36)	X	Ralph Enriquez	X	Scott Kessler
X	Jim Baross (C)		Ryan Zellers	X	Joseph Fombon (VC)
X	Caroline McKeown (T)	X	Dan Soderberg (in at 6:19)		Khalisa Bolling
X	Rebecca Schwartz Lesberg (in at 6:21)	X	Thomas Lovell	X	Adam Deutsch (S)

C=Chair; VC= Vice Chair; T= Treasurer; S=Secretary

Administration Items

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Setting: Jim wanted to add an update from a meeting that was held this morning, and add an action item for CPC designated rep.
3. Approval of April Minutes: Adam distributed the minutes from April 4th to the board prior to this meeting, and took feedback via email, incorporated them into a new draft, and shared them again prior to this meeting. M/S: Caroline/Joseph, all approved except for Ralph, who abstained because he wasn't here.
4. Treasurer Report: Total at \$1787.66 in our account, which doesn't include city operating expenses money, which will be covered under item 12 in this meeting. M/S: Nancy/Joseph. All approved.

Communications

5. **Reports from Government Representatives:** Chloe from Chris Ward's Office. Budget hearings start tomorrow at 7:30 in the morning. May 15th at 6:00pm in room 212 at the City Council meeting. Show up and advocate for things, like Ward Canyon Park. May 24th at the Golden Hill Rec Center will have office hours. Contact his office for details. She's working on getting

someone from city staff to come to speak to us, but apparently budget concerns might keep staff from being able to come to these events.

Caroline asked about the budget meeting, specifically about \$60m that was blocked for Plaza De Panama, and she would like to advocate for keeping those funds in D3. Chloe encouraged that advocacy, but will check to see what is possible for the use of those funds. She encouraged everyone to advocate for everything they'd like to see.

Caroline pointed out that Normal Heights is only listed 3 times in the city budget and that is only in regards to the Kensington library which wasn't funded anyway (and isn't in Normal Heights). She also noted that there are projects for Talmadge that are listed as District 3, but those are in District 9. That needs to be cleared up so that the city can't claim later that D3 was given funding/projects that we didn't get. Chloe will let the proper department know of that discrepancy so it's corrected.

Ralph had a question about street sweeping, and a petition that his block has submitted to get more street sweeping on the block. There aren't permanent signs, so it's a big deal when temporary signs have to come out. Additionally, the guy called in sick last month, so he'd like this addressed.

Nancy wants to remind everyone about going to budget meeting, about getting a store front built on the old police community building. (Wasn't the building condemned, and going to be torn down, and taken by the city, but now it's being used by the city?) Scott pointed out that there aren't even any windows in that building, so the police can't even see the park from there; that building was supposed to be taken down 20 years ago, as a matter of fact.

6. Reports from Community Groups:

- Community Association held an event at Antique Row, which, by all accounts, was a lot of fun.
- Rec Council: Dave reported that the removal of the benches and tables from Adams Ave. Park has deterred people; those benches moved them to North Park (and we're concerned about making sure we can get those back if/when we'd like them back). Also, there was an Easter Egg hunt around the city that was successful.
- Arts Association Meeting is tomorrow night.
- AABA: Scott reports that Adams Ave. Unplugged was a success, and there's Taste of Adams coming up, and the street fair 6/25 taste \$35 and 9/30-10/1 for Street Fair.

7. Non-agenda Public Comment (may be limited to 2 minutes each):

Tim reported graffiti tagging on his wall and electrical box, and has reported it, but he's encouraging people to report it and paint over graffiti when they see it. Jim suggested photographing it, and submitting that so it can be referenced to other case. A conversation about the Get It Done app ensued. Ralph

suggested taking a photo of utility boxes so that the city knows which utility to contact. Adam wondered if they have the paint colors available at the local paint shop on ECB.

8. Communications from Web/Social Media/Other sources: graffiti, homeless, and Sea World ending fireworks.

Action Items

9. Review and comments regarding 3250 Adams Ave. Mixed Use Development: The architect, Dick Bundy, and the building owner David Chow, is here to present the stacked-tandem parking in 3 of the parking bays, so 2 cars can fit in that one space. There are 24 spots for the retail and the 11 residential units (6 1bd/5 2bd). They presented the plan to the Project Review subcommittee prior to the meeting, who recommended the board approve of the project.

The architect answered some questions from the board and public.

Motion to recommend approve the stacked parking plan as meeting the parking space requirements, M/S: Joseph/Scott. The vote was unanimous.

10. Review and approval of outreach flier/distribution/funding, from Ralph: They're still in draft, and haven't finalized a flier yet. They're considering formats based on demographic usage. Rebecca volunteered to help with the formatting.

No action is being taken at this time (but see item #13).

11. Informing people about City Council Meeting regarding FY18 Proposed Budget, and our desire for more parks: Thomas made a flier (gave one to Chloe). Everyone agrees we should make it a priority to demand Ward Canyon Park be completed; Caroline points out that we already have that land and plan, and that's momentum we should run with. Chloe agrees.

Adam reminded the group that we already approved resolution language last month to be officially sent to Council Member Ward, but that was not sent. We might want to consider language to add to that to point out that Ward Canyon is already in progress, and we should add language to that.

Caroline and Adam offered to help design something. Caroline suggested it be 5.5 x 8.5, with only the pertinent information. Tim suggested we put it on social media, and pay a small fee to target it.

We can print 100 11x17 for \$150. The cost to promote online is about \$50. The motion is to allocate to not exceed \$250 for printing and digital promotion of the flier.

Caroline made the motion, Dan seconded. All approved.

12. Jim would like to designate an alternative for himself at the CPC meetings. M/S: Caroline/Tomas that the Vice Chair be an alternate at the CPC meetings, while Joseph accepted the duties as alternate, but abstained from the vote as the Vice Chair.
13. Use of City Funds (up to \$500) for the Planning Group: We have a list of eligible expenses to submit to the city by June 1st. The first year we had these funds, we got doggie bags at the rally for the Dog Park; the second year we used it as an outreach item, our event tent. We have to decide tonight how to use those funds.

Adam suggests we put the approved funds that were just voted on to be paid from these funds. Ralph anticipates \$150 for paper for the community brochure. Jim estimates \$40 for his own printing expenses over the year. Adam brought up \$60 for web hosting costs for 4 years.

Everyone will need to get receipts to Caroline ASAP.

Caroline moves to use the funds for those approved things; Joseph seconded. All approved.

14. Review/Potential Update of priorities for City Capital Improvement Program Projects: These are items that we submitted years ago, but we have an opportunity to change/update that. Jim wonders how we might gather feedback for this. Jim suggests the board review that list, and discuss it at the next meeting.

Adam read the list as it stands (and mentioned that he'd like a cap over the 805 from Meade to Adams, even though it would cost about \$500m). Jim explained that these ideas are submitted, then people in the city seek out funding to do those things.

This funding comes from the Mid-City Public Financing Fund. The board will review the list in the coming months.

Information/Discussion Items:

15. Roadway Conditions: We're trying to get a report from city staff from Chloe.
16. Adams Elementary & Wilson Middle School Improvements & Construction Progress: Caroline has an update: there is an outreach meeting at Adams Elementary on Thursday at 6:15pm. They're currently taking bids, so there is a lot of information on the State Architect's site. We'd like to preserve as much space as possible. At Wilson, they appear to be at the start of the project, according to Ralph.
17. Update on 37ECB: Gary learned, and communicated to Jim, that the spaces are temporary, and those parking spaces will be reverted back to space after construction is complete.
18. Update on homelessness/vagrancy in Normal Heights: Discussed earlier in the meeting. However, Chloe has added that Ward was in meeting last week with a number of entities, and the county is sitting on millions and millions of dollars, and isn't moving on how to spend it for this issue. Additionally, we're number 3 or 4 in homelessness, and number 24 on the list of federal funding. The city is hopefully approving the subcommittee in the coming weeks. They're doing everything they can,

but consider that there's a lot of misinformation being spread, but contact Chloe for details.

Rebecca pointed out that much of this conversation is focused on symptoms of this issue, rather than the root causes of chronic homelessness. She'd like to know what is being done and where we can learn more about how we're addressing the causes.

There's data on the regional task site: Thomas will send me that link.

19. Reminder about COW Training.

Committee and Ad Hoc Group Reports

20. Community Planners Committee: Accessory Dwelling Units. State has passed requirements for granny flats.
21. Properties reviewed for historical significance: 4875 Mansfield St. There's nothing to report on this property.
22. Project Review Committee: no new projects requiring review
23. Transportation/Traffic Calming, with Ryan: Nothing new.
24. NH Canyons, developing a Friends of group: Alberto Foglia &/or Eric Bowlby info of Canyon Enhancement Planning process to work with the community on some official access and/or resurrect the SD River Canyon Tributary Trail plan. The path along the 15 might also accommodate pedestrians.
25. NH Library: Ralph E: No news.

Joseph motioned to adjourn.

Meeting ended at: 7:58

Anticipated/Requested Future Agenda Items

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