



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)

Draft Meeting Minutes

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I. Parliamentary Action Items

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Attendance Report

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| | Steve Billings | Kate Callen | Steve Doster | Daniel Gebreselassie | Marc Gould | Peter Hill | Megan Kucharski | Sarah McAlear | Dang Nguyen | Chelsi Sparti | Melissa Stayner | Tim Taylor | Eduardo Velasquez | René Vidales | Randy Wilde |
| Member | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attendance | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | | 11 | 12 |
| Late | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Absences | | | | | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | |

2. Modifications to the NPPC Agenda

a. Consent Agenda

- i. Urban Design/Project Review. Members present: Hill, Stayner, Vidales, Gebreselassie, Bonn, Steppke
 - 1) **1935 Polk Avenue Map Waiver.** Map Waiver to create six (6) residential condominiums on a single lot at 1935 Polk Ave. the 0.18-acre site is located in the RM-3-7 zone in the North Park Community Plan area. ***SUBCOMMITTEE MOTION:** To approve the Map Waiver for 1935 Polk Ave. due to desirability of home ownership within the community for stability. The NPPC disagrees strongly with the practice of "Dual Tracking" which allows projects to initially be permitted as apartments and then be entitled as condominiums. This is a loss of opportunity for the input from the Community at a time when it could have made a difference. Vidales/Hill 4-2-0 (Gebreselassie and Bonn)*

MOTION: To approve Consent Agenda. Stayner/On Consent 11-1-0. (Callen)

3. **Minutes:** Approval of the August 21, 2018 Minutes. **MOTION: To approve August 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Taylor/Nguyen 12-0-0**
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Chelsi Sparti/Randy Wilde. Balance is \$752.64 in NPPC Checking Account. City reimbursements for recent expenses are pending.

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

1. Manuel Write – Grim and Thorn Concerned Citizens for Safety. There have been many recent accidents at this corner due to what some believe to be an unsafe intersection. They would like to recommend a four way stop sign, additional posted speed limit signs and an additional crosswalk.

2. Pat Sexton – Ministerial Projects. Brought concerns about design ascetics, parking regulations, and density. She is worried about not having input on the design and the impact of the new development coming into North Park.

III. Announcements & Event Notices

1. **North Park Thursday Market (Farmers Market).** Every Thursday 3pm-7:30pm year-round. More info at: <https://northparkmainstreet.com/events/farmers-market/>
2. **Adams Avenue Street Fair.** Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 am to 10 pm, and Sunday, Sept. 30 from 10 am to 6 pm. Featuring 80 musical acts on six stages. More info at: <https://www.adamsavenuebusiness.com/event-info/adams-avenue-street-fair/>
3. **First Friday Market.** Every first Friday of the month at Anthem Vegan, 2611 El Cajon Blvd. from 6 to 10 pm. Next event is October 5. More info at: <https://www.veganinsandiego.com/first-friday-night-market/>
4. **Taste of North Park.** Saturday, October 13 from 11 am to 3 pm. 40+ Restaurants and 16+ Beer Tastes. More info at: <https://northparkmainstreet.com/events/taste-north-park/>
5. **Ray at Night.** San Diego’s largest and longest-running monthly art walk. Second Saturday of every month from 6-10pm. Next event is October 13. More info at: <https://rayatnight.com>
6. **North Park Day of the Dead Festival 2018.** Saturday, October 27 from 11 am to 5 pm. More info at: <https://www.dayofthedeadfestivalnorthpark.com>
7. **Target North Park Opening Date.** Construction delays have pushed the previous November 2018 opening date to March 2019.
8. **Mission Valley Community Plan Update.** Working Draft is available for review. Comments are due by November 13 to MAGarcia@sandiego.gov.
MV Community Plan Update Web Page: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpu/missionvalley>
Working Draft for Community Review: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/complete_plan_for_web.pdf

IV. Elected Officials’ & Planner’s Reports

1. **Jessica Reed, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congress Dist. 53,** 619-208-5353, Jessica.Reed@mail.house.gov. Short term spending bill put forth today in the House. For the full report of the September update, refer to susandavis.house.gov for “The Davis Dispatch”.
2. **Michaela Valk, Hon. Todd Gloria, State Assembly Dist. 78,** 619-645-3090, Michaela.Valk@asm.ca.gov. Assembly member Gloria is the co-author of AB 2989 which would do essentially three things: (1) Require minors to wear helmets when operating a motorized scooter; (2) Authorize motorized scooters to operate in Class IV bikeways and on roads—in the absence of a bikeway—with speeds less than 35mph; (3) Reestablish the 15 miles per hour speed limit for motorized scooters on all highways and bikeways. In addition, existing law prohibits motorized scooters to be ridden on a sidewalk and to be left lying on its side on any sidewalk that would create no adequate path for pedestrian traffic. Assemblymember Gloria became a coauthor on this piece of legislation because in order to provide clarity for riders, law enforcement, and city governments, it is essential for motorized scooter regulations to be updated and reinforced to reflect new motorized technology. AB 2989 was passed by both legislatures and is currently awaiting the Governor’s signature.
3. **Toni Duran, Hon. Toni Atkins, State Senate Dist. 39,** 619-645-3133, Toni.Duran@sen.ca.gov August 31st was the end of a 2 year session and there are many legislative accomplishments to highlight. (1) We passed the nation’s strongest net neutrality law to ensure Californians continue to benefit from a free & open internet & also give consumers control over their online data; (2) We passed nation-leading workplace harassment & sexual misconduct reforms; (3) California became the first major economy to commit to 100% clean energy by the year 2045; (4) We also passed legislation to prevent new offshore oil drilling. The Governor has until September 30th to sign or veto the bills currently on his desk.

4. **Tyler Renner, Hon. Chris Ward, City Council Dist. 3**, 619-236-6633 TRenner@sandiego.gov
Discussed the September 2018 News letter from Councilmember Chris Ward. PSA flight 182 Memorial Day is Sept 25th. Homeless shelters to stay up for now. For more info and in depth details please refer to the e-newsletter, visit www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/ or email Tyler Renner at TRenner@sandiego.gov
5. **Planner's Report:** Elizabeth Ocampo Vivero, 619-236-6301, EOcampo@sandiego.gov
Not in attendance.

V. NPPC Reports

1. **Chair's Report**
 - a. **APA Award on Opportunity and Empowerment for the North Park Seniors project by Community Housing Works (CHW).** The American Planning Association (APA) California Chapter will give the Award of Opportunity and Empowerment to the CHW Arizona Street Development & North Park Seniors project by CHW at the APA State Annual Conference to be held in San Diego on October 8 at 5 pm at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina.
 - b. **Melhorn & Son Proposed Residential Historic District.** The proposed district is shown on the Community Plan as Shirley Ann Expansion, and it includes the west side of Texas St. from Monroe Ave. to Adams Ave. and the east side of Louisiana St. from Monroe Ave. to Adams Ave. More info at:
<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/historicpreservationplanning/historicdistricts>
 - c. **Community Planners Committee (CPC).** Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 7-9 pm. 202 C St Civic Concourse. Terrace Level Silver Room. For more info:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpc/agendas/index.shtml>
 - i. **Planning Director Mike Hansen.** Answered questions about the Planning Department procedures and policies.
 - d. **Upcoming Workshops for CPGs.** (1) What to Know When Reviewing Projects/Public Projects. Thursday, September 20; (2) Advanced CEQA Training. Thursday, October 25
Both workshops are from 6 to 8 pm at 202 C St. City Concourse Silver Room. RSVP at SDPlanningGroups@sandiego.gov
2. **Social Media.** Chelsi Sparti/Randy Wilde. There was one post for September, regarding presentation made at community meeting hosted by North Park Main Street
3. **NPPC Website.** Chelsi Sparti/Randy Wilde. Updated the headers on the website, making it easier to navigate; also added a map of the NPPC district boundary on the front page
4. **Subcommittee Reports:** Limited to Items Not on the Agenda & 5 Min. Max. each)
 - a. **Urban Design/Project Review (UDPR):** Peter Hill Chair, Melissa Stayner Vice Chair – NP Rec Center Crafts Room, 6:00 pm. Next meeting October 1, 2018. 12th LDC Update, continued work on relevant proposed changes; no pending projects for October.
 - b. **Public Facilities & Transportation (PF&T):** Eduardo Velasquez Chair, Steve Doster Vice Chair – NP Adult Center, 6:00 pm, 2nd Wednesday. Next meeting October 10, 2018. **30th Street Pipeline Replacement Project:** Replaces 5.7 miles of water pipeline along 30th Street from Polk to Commercial Street; construction started 4 months ago. Will continue for 2+ more years; water outages will have notifications in advance to those impacted. Notifications will include door hangers and posted signs that will include contact info; more information and updates can be found at www.sandiego.gov/30thstreetpipeline. **Howard Ave Bikeway:** Final design extends through 2019 with complete plans to SD Development Services Dept in 2019. Utilities undergrounding project on Howard Ave will end in August/September of 2019. Howard Ave Bikeway construction begins sometime in 2020. Utilities undergrounding project does not involve repaving entire street. They will repair street to good condition. Howard Ave will only be repaved once during completion of the bikeway project.
5. **Liaisons Reports**
 - a. **Balboa Park Committee.** Vicki Granowitz. Balboa Park Committee Report
Planning for the Plaza de Panama is moving ahead. Bike & Pedestrian Improvement to Golf Course Drive between the intersections of Golf Course Drive/26th St & Date/28th Streets were approved. AECOM presented an update to the City's Parks Master Planning efforts and asked for

input. The cultural Partnership's sustainability Program presented an App that collects data on the location of trash they are proposing for use in the park.

- b. **Maintenance Assessment District.** Peter Hill. Progress report on solving 30th & University red sidewalk issues: peeling varnish, scooter tracks, and dirt build-up. October - Vote on Fall planting phase: filling empty tree wells
- c. **North Park Main Street.** Tim Taylor. (1) NPMS has taken over Ray at Night. They report that Ray Street is dark, attendance is way down, and the vendors are not profiting. They are evaluating its long-term viability. (2) The organization is working on a pilot program for Homeless Outreach, for which it would provide \$10,000 in funding from Taste of North Park. The program is in conjunction with Councilmembers Ward and Gomez, City Heights CDC, and Price Charities. A position would be created to reach out to homeless persons in North Park and City Heights and attempt to get them services. There are County workers who do this work, but they are stretched too thin to be effective in our community. (3) NPMS is beginning a project to bring landscaping, and possibly other design features, to 30th and Lincoln. The next NPMS meeting is Oct 11th.
- d. **Adams Avenue Business Association.** Chelsi Sparti. No Meeting this month.
- e. **El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association.** Randy Wilde. No meeting this past month.

VI. **Information Item**

- 1. **North Park Wayfinding Kiosk and Wayfinding Signs.** Project by North Park Main Street (NPMS). Angela Landsberg, Executive Director and Jake Romero, Assistant Director of NPMS. North Park Main Street received a grant to provide North Park Wayfinding signs. Kiosk is planned to go on the corner of Ray and University. For more info please visit www.northparkmainstreet.com

VII. **Action Items**

- 1. **North Park Parking Garage Project.** Request for Letter of Support. Replacement artwork for the North Park Parking Garage. The selection was overseen by North Park Main Street (NPMS) with a volunteer committee consisting of North Park and San Diego community, with 19 submissions received and 6 finalists chosen. Of those six, the committee chose two artists to refer to Civic San Diego for final consideration and approval of their proposed design concepts for the garage. Angela Landsberg, Executive Director and Jake Romero, Assistant Director of NPMS. Because of wear and tear, funds were raised to have the art replaced. NPMS sent out an RFP to the local art community.

Board comment:

Q: Which art goes on which side? A: The artist and committee will decide.

Q: What has been the input from the rest of the community? A: Very positive feedback.

MOTION: To approve the "Letter of support for North Park Parking Garage Art Project" as presented. Gould/Stayner 10-2-0 (Callen, Sparti)

- 2. **Proposed Ordinance Banning the Sale and Distribution of Polystyrene Foam (Styrofoam) Products and Place Restrictions on Single Use Plastics.** Request for Letter of Support. The proposal calls for the ban of polystyrene foam food service ware, fish and meat trays, egg cartons, and coolers in the City of San Diego. The proposal also includes a provision for to-go utensils and straws to be given only upon request. Tyler Renner, rep. for Hon. Chris Ward, City Council Dist. 3

Board comment: The board is concerned about the fines associated with this ban and how it can affect small businesses.

Response: The goal is not to hinder businesses, and as long as there is a good faith effort to put this in practice they will be within the code.

The NPPC would like to see the City help in the efforts to change the habits of the public and the businesses by putting forth more education on this proposal.

MOTION: To Approve the letter of support as presented. Taylor/Callen 12-0-0

VIII. **Future NPPC Meeting Dates & Agenda Items:** Next meeting is Tuesday, October 16, 2018

IX. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm