



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

	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
Late															
Absences	1	1	1	1	2		3	3	1		1	1	1		

2. Modifications to the NPPC Agenda

a. **Consent Agenda Items:** Items were heard, voted on at an NPPC subcommittee are not considered controversial. *Items on the Consent Agenda can be moved to Action for full discussion by any member of the Board or Public.*

i. Public Facilities & Transportation. Members present: Velasquez, Doster, Bonn, Gebreselassie, Hill, Vidales, Wilde.

1) **Mission Valley Community Plan Update Draft PEIR.** The Mission Valley Community Plan update proposes widening Texas St. north of Madison Ave., as well as widening several intersections along Texas St. north of El Cajon Blvd. to mitigate traffic impacts. See pages 426 and 428 of the PDF file in the PEIR.
 PEIR: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/compiled_deir-compressed.pdf
 CEQA Notice: <https://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/notices>
SUBCOMMITTEE MOTION 1: *To support adding the following improvements on the east side of Texas St. from Camino Del Rio South to Madison Avenue: (1) Physically protected bike lane; (2) Sidewalk; (3) Acorn style lighting to match the west side of Texas St.; (4) Pedestrian guard rail. Vidales/Hill 7-0-0.* **SUBCOMMITTEE MOTION 2:** *To oppose widening Texas St. from Camino Del Rio South to El Cajon Boulevard. The segment Texas St. from El Cajon Blvd. to Madison Ave. has single family homes with driveways, and it includes the recently designated “Melhorn and Son” Historic District. The outdated methodology of Level of Service (LOS) should not be the only methodology used to determine transportation impacts, and other methods should be used such as Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). The following recommendations are made: (1) The synchronization of traffic lights north of Camino Del Rio South would*

improve traffic flow; (2) Adding protected bike lanes from Camino Del Rio South to Friars Road would improve bicycle utilization; (3) adding a northbound right turn lane at Texas St. and Camino Del Rio South would improve traffic flow. Vidales/Wilde. 7-0-0.

MOTION: To Adopt Consent Agenda. Velasquez/PF&T on Consent 11-0-0

3. **Minutes:** Approval of the January 15, 2019 Minutes. **MOTION: To approve January 15, 2019 Minutes. Nguyen/Gebreselassie 10-0-1 (Taylor abstained because of absence)**
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Chelsi Sparti/Randy Wilde. Balance is \$752.64. Check paid out to Brandon Hilpert for website refund: \$95.88. Check received as City reimbursement (to be deposited): \$274.50

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

1. Michael Bagnas. Housing with no parking requirements should not be allowed.
2. Kristen Ramirez, Target Corporation. Target North Park store opening day 3/17/19. Target will have 20 designated spaces on the west side of Grimm and 10 on east side of Grimm. Target employees will use parking garage, and won't use designated spaces. They will be selling alcohol, craft beers and wine, similar to South Park store. Local artist mural will be completed in early March. The store also features the work of a different local artist on the inside as well.

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. **SDSU Water Days.** Tuesday, April 23rd at San Diego State University. 1st annual all-day event. FREE event includes: presentation on the future of SDSU at Mission Valley; breakout groups to identify research priorities and visions for the Mission Valley campus; opportunities to meet and interact with researchers, stakeholders, and water professionals; boxed lunch. RSVP at <http://sdsuwaterdays.com/>
3. **Adams Avenue Unplugged.** Saturday, April 27 noon-10pm. Unplugged, formerly the Roots Festival, is a musical walk-about. Acoustic performances are held on 24 stages inside businesses on Adams Avenue. This is one of the best times to experience all that Adams Avenue has to offer
4. **2019 SDCCU Festival of Arts in North Park.** Saturday, May 11th from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM. This unique and vibrant neighborhood festival brings live music, art, crafts, food and Craft Beers. More info at: <https://www.explorenorthpark.com/festival-of-arts>
5. **SoNo Neighborhood Alliance** will hold its Spring 2019 Community Forum on Thursday, February 28, from 6:00 to 7:30 at Mazara's Trattoria, 30th and Juniper Streets, with a presentation by guest speaker Tom Mullaney of Uptown United.

IV. Elected Officials & Planner Reports

1. **Jawad Albaghdadi, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congress Dist. 53,** 619-280-5353, jawad.albaghdadi@mail.house.gov. (1) Susan is leading the Subcommittee of Higher Education and Workforce Investment. As such, a primary goal will be to promote apprenticeships for small and mid-sized businesses. (2) She is cosponsoring HR 95, a bill to ensure that children of homeless veterans are included in the calculation of the amounts of certain per diem grants. (3) She is looking for interns for the summer.
2. **Michaela Valk, Hon. Todd Gloria, State Assembly Dist. 78,** 619-645-3090, Michaela.Valk@asm.ca.gov. Not present.
3. **Toni Duran, Hon. Toni Atkins, State Senate Dist. 39,** 619-645-3133, Toni.Duran@sen.ca.gov. (1) Because of SB 2 (sponsored by TA), \$2.5 million came to SD to fight homelessness. (2) Newsom was here in January to discuss old courthouse for asylum seekers. \$5M immediately available for assistance. \$20M will be added to fight homeless and human trafficking.
4. **Tyler Renner, Hon. Chris Ward, City Council Dist. 3,** 619-236-6633 TRenner@sandiego.gov. (1) There is now a dedicated homeless outreach worker for D3 who will connect homeless with aid. (2) 30th Street pipeline replacement will allow Class 2 or Class 4 bike lanes. (3) Mini Park is still being designed. (4) Park curfews for NP Minipark, Cedar Ridge, NP Community Park, and Monclair Park-Midnight to 6am. (5) Proposed scooter regulations being heard tomorrow at council subcommittee, including staging and speed limits. (6) Q: With all the new growth from the rain,

what will be done about brush abatement around canyons? A: Limited budget available for brush abatement around canyons, and with the budget deficit, it may be difficult to find funds to use for that purpose.

5. **Elizabeth Ocampo Vivero, Planner for North Park**, 619-236-6301, EOcampo@san Diego.gov. Not Present

V. **NPPC Reports**

(7:07 p.m.)

1. **Chair's Report**
 - a. Administrative. NPPC Board Secretary Marc Gould's wife had a baby girl born on February 16 at 7 pm weighing 8.1 lbs. Board member Kate Callen is dealing with family emergency and therefore missing tonight and may not be here next month.
 - b. Community Planners Committee (CPC). Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 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. 12th Land Development Code Update. This item is being heard at CPC in February.
 - ii. Mixed Use Zoning regulations. This item is coming to CPC in March.
 - iii. Canyon Enhancement Plan. This item is likely coming to CPC in April.
 - iv. CIP Prioritization. This item is likely coming to CPC in April, and it is likely to be heard at NPPC in June.
 - c. Curfew on Parks in the North Park area to be voted by Park and Recreation Board, Thursday, February 21 at 2 pm, War Memorial Building Auditorium, 3325 Zoo Dr. Balboa Park.
 - d. Training for CPG Members. "What to Know When Reviewing Projects/Public Projects and CEQA". Thursday, February 28, 6 to 8 pm, 9485 Aero Drive. RSVP to:
SDPlanningGroups@san Diego.gov
 - e. Transit Priority Area (TPA) Parking Regulations. City Council hearing, Monday, March 4, 2 pm.
 - f. Georgia Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit and Rehabilitation. Press Event to be announced.
 - g. Target North Park store opening on March 17.
2. **Social Media**. Chelsi Sparti/Randy Wilde. Posted about the Feb 21 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting discussing the park curfews.
3. **NPPC Website**. Chelsi Sparti/Randy Wilde. Will be posting candidate bios. Requirements for NPPC candidacy already posted on the website.
4. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - a. Urban Design/Project Review (UDPR): Peter Hill Chair, Melissa Stayner Vice Chair – NP Rec Center Crafts Room, 6:00 pm. No February Meeting. Next meeting March 4, 2019.
 - b. Public Facilities & Transportation (PF&T): Eduardo Velasquez Chair, Steve Doster Vice Chair – NP Adult Center, 6:00 pm, 2nd Wednesday. See consent agenda for motions from last meeting. Next meeting March 13, 2019 will be hearing informational item about adding bike infrastructure on 30th Street.
5. **Liaisons Reports**
 - a. Balboa Park Committee. Vicki Granowitz. BPC approved "Walk in Remembrance with Hope" suicide prevention walk, September 8, 2019, 7 am to 1 pm, Marsten Loop with no bridge closure. Suicide Prevention walk. Information items presented were:
 - (1) Bud Kearns Pool Upgrade, to include meeting ADA Requirements; Environmental Health Systems i.e. steam boilers, mechanical & water; showers, toilets, locker rooms, fencing, & gates at \$3 million, 6 months construction, starting October 19, 2019
 - (2) International Cottages Expansion Update: 3 cottages with 6 countries on the South Side with 2 cottages and 3 countries on the North side. BID's going out soon. Plan to start construction in May 2019
 - (3) Work on CA Tower will require closing, to start soon
 - (4) BPCP – To conduct study on where park visitors come from
 - (5) BP Conservancy: Reviewed numerous projects including tree planting. Alcazar Gardens, Case del Prado, Rose Gardens & Botanical Building.

- b. Maintenance Assessment District. Peter Hill. Voted to support concept of bike lane on 30th St between Redwood and Juniper Streets. Next meeting March 11, 2019.
- c. North Park Main Street. Tim Taylor. (1). The Board heard an informational presentation on the new 30th Street Pipeline Project, which is underway. Tyler Renner of CM Ward's Office interjected that a bike path is being considered in conjunction with the project. (2). The Board heard an informational presentation from SD Fire Dept. on keeping businesses safe between annual fire inspections. (3). The Board moved to approve the name of the proposed North Park Business & Neighborhood Foundation. The next NPMS meeting is March 14th.
- d. Adams Avenue Business Association. Chelsi Sparti. This morning's meeting was canceled.
- e. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Assoc. Randy Wilde. The Blvd 20/20 plan was presented at the BIA's annual meeting on Jan. 24. A summary and presentation slides are available here: <http://theboulevard.org/blvd-2020-a-vision-for-el-cajon-boulevard/>. The next board meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, February 21.
- f. San Diego Canyonlands Florida Canyon Group. Chelsi Sparti. Two Meetings so far, discussing enhancements to the Florida Canyon. At next meeting take a walk along that canyon.

VI. Information Item

1. March 19, 2019 Election

- a. Call for Candidates. There are eight open seats with four incumbents running. Chair Vidales asked for names of candidates from the public who are running in the March 19 election. The following individuals are running:
 - i. Aria Pounaki
 - ii. Matt Stucky
 - iii. Arash Kahvazadeh
 - iv. Brer Marsh
 - v. Jen Spencer

In addition, the following four individuals are running as incumbents:

- vi. Steve Billings
- vii. Tim Taylor
- viii. Eduardo Velasquez
- ix. René Vidales

The deadline for any new candidates to declare their candidacy is March 5 in order to make it into the ballot; any candidate names received after that date will be write-in candidates on March 19.

- b. Candidates Bios. A few candidates have submitted their bios, but we still need the rest of the candidates. Please submit your bio to the char by March 5 in order to be included on the NPPC website.
- c. Review ID requirements to receive a ballot. Chair Vidales went over the requirements for the different categories: (1) Resident; (2) Non-Resident Property Owner; (3) Non-Resident Business Owner or Designee; (4) Non-Resident Non-Profit Representative or Designee.
- d. Megan Kucharski is Election Subcommittee Chair. Election will be held in the first part of the meeting, then the meeting will resume as usual. Election winners will be announced during the meeting, and new members will be seated in the April meeting. Current board members Daniel Gebreselassie and Sarah McAlear have volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Board members Peter Hill and Dang Nguyen will also help with the election as well as two other community members.

VII. **Action Item**

1. **Observatory North Park Neighborhood Use Permit (NUP).** Proposed application for a NUP for a Previously Conforming Use. The scope of the project includes the issuance of a Neighborhood Use Permit for a previously conforming use and renovations to the existing 2nd story including the interior remodel of the mezzanine space and adjacent wardrobe storage room. The property is located at the southwest corner of University Avenue and 29th Street. Presentation by Paris Landen, Manager of the Observatory North Park, and Ryan Blank, Director of Observatory Operations.

Paris and Ryan presented a slideshow as they previously did at last NPPC meeting. Comments from the January meeting were addressed, such as the storage location of the original theater seats, and plans for the mezzanine were presented.

Board comments:

Hill: this is a step forward from years past. Shows community progress.

Taylor: Any deviations to code? A: not that they are aware of.

After board members reiterated sentiments made in last month's meeting regarding their appreciation of the business reaching out to the planning group, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: To approve the Observatory North Park Neighborhood Use Permit (NUP).
Nguyen/Taylor 11-0-0**

VIII. **Future NPPC Meeting Dates & Agenda Items:** Next meeting is Tuesday, March 19, 2019

IX. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm