



# NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)

## Draft Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2019; 6:30 pm

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### I. Parliamentary Items

#### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Attendance Report

| Member     | Steve Billings | Steve Doster | Daniel Gebreselassie | Arash Kahvazadeh | Marc Gould | Sarah McAlear | Aria Pounaki | Jen Spencer | Chelsi Sparti | Melissa Stayner | Matt Stucky | Tim Taylor | Eduardo Velasquez | René Vidales | Randy Wilde |
|------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Attendance |                | 1            | 2                    | 3                |            | 4             | 5            | 6           |               |                 | 7           | 8          |                   | 9            | 10          |
| Late       |                |              |                      |                  |            |               | 1            |             |               |                 |             |            |                   |              |             |
| Absences   |                | 1            | 1                    | 1                | 2          | 1             |              |             | 2             | 2               | 1           | 2          | 1                 |              | 1           |

#### 2. NPPC Agenda

##### 1) Consent Agenda Items

- i. Public Facilities & Transportation. Members present: Steve Doster, Daniel Gebreselassie Peter Hill, Rob Steppke, René Vidales.

##### 1) Comments on the San Diego State University (SDSU) Mission Valley Campus Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

***Subcommittee MOTION:*** To send the following comments on the SDSU Mission Valley Campus Draft EIR:

1. *The City should grant authorization to implement improvements as outlined in the Draft EIR for the California State University (CSU)*
2. *The outdated methodology of Level of Service (LOS) should not be the only methodology used to determine transportation impacts and mitigation, and other methods should be used such as Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) that are consistent with the City General Plan and the Climate Action Plan.*
3. *The SDSU Mission Valley Campus Draft EIR shall match the Mission Valley Community Plan Update that was approved by City Council on 9/10/19 for traffic mitigation and fire safety*
4. *The following additional recommendations are made for Texas Street/Qualcomm Way:*
  - a. *Adding protected bike lanes on Texas Street/Qualcomm Way from Camino Del Rio South to Friars Road would improve bicycle utilization*
  - b. *Adding a northbound right turn lane at Texas St. and Camino Del Rio South would improve traffic flow*
5. *The following intersections should have synchronized traffic lights to improve traffic flow:*

- a. *Texas St. at Camino del Rio South and at I-8 Eastbound Off Ramp*
- b. *Qualcomm Way at Camino del Rio North and at Camino de la Reina*

*Doster/Hill 5-0-0*

2) **Review of the Public Facilities & Transportation Subcommittee Website**

**Description.** Update of the description to make it applicable to the subcommittee's current purpose.

***Subcommittee MOTION:*** *To revise the website description for PF&T as follows: PUBLIC FACILITIES identifies public facility needs and makes recommendations regarding parks and open spaces, libraries, law enforcement and fire stations, sewer and water lines, storm drains, power lines, joint use agreements, public artworks, Capital Improvement Program, public artworks, etc. Subcommittee also provides a forum for discussion about proposed changes to Balboa Park adjacent to North Park. TRANSPORTATION advises the Planning and Traffic Departments of the City of San Diego and the Third District City Council member on North Park traffic, parking, streets, bike lanes, signage and public transportation issues. The subcommittee identifies and prioritizes various traffic problems that need calming measures, including pedestrian crosswalks, and requests for stop signs at various locations. The subcommittee will help implement the Mobility Element of the North Park Community Plan.*

*Doster/Vidales 5-0-0*

**MOTION:** **To Approve Consent Agenda. McAlear/PF&T On Consent 8-0-2** (Kahvazadeh abstaining due to absence at subcommittee meeting, Pounaki abstaining due to arrival at time of voting)

- 3. **Minutes:** Approval of the August 20, 2019 Minutes. **MOTION: To approve August 20, 2019 Agenda as modified. McAlear/Doster 8-0-2** (Stucky & Wilde abstain due to absence at August meeting)
- 4. **Treasurer's Report:** Randy Wilde reported a balance of \$819.47 and provided the bank statement to Chair Vidales.

II. **Non-Agenda Public Comment**

- 1. Gene Polly. Spoke in opposition to 30<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Lane project
- 2. Fernando Lasaga. Spoke against the management at the City
- 3. Judy Aboud. Asked the board to reconsider re-hearing the 30<sup>th</sup> Street decision
- 4. Pablo Rosa. Made comments about children safety on 30th Street
- 5. Matthew Segal. Invited the public to come to North Park Main Street meetings

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 Mission Valley Campus Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and Public Workshops.** The DEIR is available for public review and comment ending October 3, 2019. Link to the DEIR: <http://missionvalley.sdsu.edu>  
Send comments to: Laura Shinn, Director, Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction;  
San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182-1624  
or via email to [mvcomments@sdsu.edu](mailto:mvcomments@sdsu.edu)  
Public Workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 5:30 to 7 pm at the Mission Valley Marriott, 8757 Rio San Diego Dr.
- 3. **General Plan Housing Element Update Workshops.** Upcoming workshops to help identify and prioritize policies for the next 8 years.
  - 1) Tuesday, September 17, 6-8 pm, Cesar Chavez Community Center, 445 Sycamore Rd.
  - 2) Thursday, September 19, 6-8 pm, Dolores Magdaleno Memorial Rec Ctr, 2902 Marcy Ave.
  - 3) Tuesday, September 24, 6-8 pm, Gil Johnson Mira Mesa Rec Ctr, 8575 New Salem St.
  - 4) Thursday, September 26, 6-8 pm, Colina Del Sol Rec Ctr City Heights, 5319 Orange Ave.
  - 5) Tuesday, October 1, 6-8 pm, Crown Point Elem Auditorium, 4033 Ingraham St.

4. **Adams Avenue Street Fair.** Saturday, September 21, 10 am to 10 pm, and Sunday, September 22, 10 am to 6 pm. Adams Avenue from 32<sup>nd</sup> St. to 35<sup>th</sup> St. More info at: <https://www.adamsavenuebusiness.com/event-info/adams-avenue-street-fair/>
  5. **Taste of North Park.** Saturday, October 12 from 11 am to 3 pm. Tickets at: [https://events.com/r/en\\_US/tickets/taste-of-north-park-2019-san-diego-october-762887](https://events.com/r/en_US/tickets/taste-of-north-park-2019-san-diego-october-762887)
  6. **Collabapalooza.** Indie beer collaboration celebration. Saturday, October 19, 1 pm to 5 pm, North Park Way between Granada Ave. and 29<sup>th</sup> St., and 29<sup>th</sup> St. between University Ave. and North Park Way. More info at: <https://www.karlstrauss.com/events/collabapalooza/>
  7. **North Park Day of the Dead Festival 2019.** Saturday, October 26, 11 am to 5 pm. Ray St. between University Ave. and Gunn St., and 3024-3030 North Park Way. More info at: <https://artelexia.com/pages/day-of-the-dead-festival-san-diego-hosted-by-artelexia>
  8. **CiclosDias.** Sunday, October 27, 8 am to 4:30 pm. Community event to include biking, jogging, strolling, roller blading along closed streets within North Park, Normal Heights, and Kensington-Talmadge. For North Park, the following streets would be closed: Adams Ave. between Hamilton St. and I-805 and 30<sup>th</sup> St. between Adams Ave. and Lincoln Ave. More info at: <https://www.facebook.com/ciclosdias/>
  9. **Adams Avenue Spirit Stroll.** Saturday, November 30, 2 pm to 5 pm. 20 participating Adams Avenue retail locations. More info at: <https://www.adamsavenuebusiness.com/event-info/adams-avenue-spirit-stroll/>
  10. **SoNo Fest & Chili Cook-off.** Sunday, December 1, 11 am to 5 pm. Thorn St. between 31<sup>st</sup> St. & Bancroft St., and 32<sup>nd</sup> St. between Upas St. and Thorn St. More info at: <https://www.sonofestchilicookoff.com>
  11. **North Park Toyland Parade.** Sunday, December 8, 11 am to 1 pm. The parade route will include University Ave. from 28<sup>th</sup> St. to 32<sup>nd</sup> St., 30<sup>th</sup> St. between Lincoln Ave. and North Park Way, as well as other adjacent side streets. More info at: <https://northparkmainstreet.com/events/north-park-toyland-parade/>
- No further announcements were made

#### IV. Elected Officials & Planning Department Reports

1. **Robert (Bobby) Case, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congress Dist. 53,** 619-208-5353, [robert.case@mail.house.gov](mailto:robert.case@mail.house.gov) – Bobby shared the importance of the impending Census and of potential employment therein; also shared Susan Davis’ decision to retire.
2. **Mathew Gordon, Hon. Todd Gloria, State Assembly Dist. 78,** 619-645-3090, [Mathew.Gordon@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Mathew.Gordon@asm.ca.gov) – Matthew shared that Assembly member Gloria is working on legislation related to responses to communicable diseases in the wake of the Hep A crisis in San Diego, legislation regarding air quality (AB 423), and legislation that would ban the Gun Show from taking place at the Del Mar fairgrounds. Pat Sexton suggested action on air quality issues born from vehicles coming from Mexico and neighboring states.
3. **Chevelle Newell-Tate, Hon. Toni Atkins, State Senate Dist. 39,** 619-645-3133, [Chevelle.Tate@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Chevelle.Tate@sen.ca.gov)
4. **Brett Weise, Hon. Chris Ward, City Council Dist. 3,** 619-236-6633 [BWeise@sandiego.gov](mailto:BWeise@sandiego.gov) – Brett shared that the second hearing on Inclusionary Housing was approved 5-4 by the Council, new news on Community Choice Energy being considered by Council, and other events where there would be outreach by Councilmember Ward. Brett fielded questions from residents regarding: the lack of an e-newsletter from the councilmember’s office, follow up questions on inclusionary policy, the councilmember’s position on Sonder. The next Coffee/Drinks event with the Councilmember will be on October 17 from 5:30 to 7 pm at Original 40 Brewing Company.
5. **Bernie Turgeon, Planning Department,** 619-533-6575, [BTurgeon@sandiego.gov](mailto:BTurgeon@sandiego.gov) – Bernie introduced himself to the planning committee and answered board member Kahvazadeh’s question regarding governance processes.

#### V. Information Items

1. **Construction Update on SANDAG’s Georgia – Meade and Landis Bikeways.** Brief construction update on the Georgia – Meade and Landis Bikeway projects, including information on estimated

construction schedule, key project features, parking impacts summary and construction information resources. Alison Moss, SANDAG Project Manager, (619) 595-5354, [alison.moss@sandag.org](mailto:alison.moss@sandag.org)

1) Landis Bikeway:

<https://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/LandisBikeway.aspx>

2) Georgia - Meade Bikeway:

<https://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/georgiameadebikeway.aspx>

More info on the Mid-City Bikeways at:

[https://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/northparkmidcity\\_intro.aspx](https://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/northparkmidcity_intro.aspx)

A number of community questions were posed to SANDAG staff regarding the project including concerns on parking, the availability of information online, funding source, use of design survey in final design, integration with the 30<sup>th</sup> street bike lane project, speed goals, total project cost, and project planning

2. **Pilot Program for Bus-Only Lane on El Cajon Blvd.** Creation of a pilot program for a bus-only lane on El Cajon Blvd. from Park Blvd. to Fairmont Ave. spanning approximately 2.7 miles. Everett Hauser, Mobility Program Manager, City of San Diego Transportation & Storm Water, 619-533-3012, [erhauser@sandiego.gov](mailto:erhauser@sandiego.gov). More info at:

[https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/20190508\\_pilotprogrambusonlylaneelcajonblvd.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/20190508_pilotprogrambusonlylaneelcajonblvd.pdf)

Everett Hauser & Peter Casellini presented on the pilot program and fielded questions from community members including: the ability for MTS to achieve better frequency than every 10 minutes, how monitoring would be achieved, bus conflicts with traffic on Texas, the addition of pedestrian improvements, expected speed improvements, whether data will be open to the public, use of technology for real time bus information, what criteria would be used for determining project success, concerns regarding bicycle interactions with buses in shared lanes, how queueing in right turns would affect busses, whether bus bays would be impacted, the availability of signal prioritization, & success metrics

## VI. Action Items

1. **Accept Chelsi Sparti's resignation.** Special Election proposed for October 15, 2019, and NPPC Board vote to fill vacancy (Per NPPC Bylaws). Today is the last chance to establish eligibility to run for one (1) vacant seat. To be eligible to run for the NPPC Board Special Election to fill one (1) vacant seat, candidates must have a valid eligibility form on file and have signed-in at one NPPC Board meeting from March 2019 through September 2019. The Chair asked if anyone was interested and the following people shared an interest:

1) Marissa Tucker

2) Gene Polly

**MOTION: To accept Chelsi Sparti's resignation and to hold a Special Election on October 15, 2019. McAlear/Gebreselassie 10-0-0**

2. **Appointment of NPPC Board Treasurer.** Chair Vidales then asked the committee if there was anyone willing or interested in becoming the new Treasurer. Sarah McAlear expressed interest in the position.

**MOTION: To appoint Sarah McAlear as NPPC Board Treasurer. Kahvazadeh/Stucky 10-0-0**

## VII. NPPC Reports

1. **Chair's Report**

a. **Community Planners Committee (CPC).** Tuesday, September 24, 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. **Housing Element of the General Plan & upcoming Workshops.** The Committee heard an informational item, presented by the Planning Department, on the Housing Element of the General Plan for the period of 2021-2029. The Department is beginning the process of updating the Housing Element, which includes a series of public workshops in Sept./Oct.

ii. **Regulation of Sidewalk Vending.** The Committee heard an informational item, presented by the Mayor's Office, on a proposed ordinance to regulate sidewalk vending. This is a follow up item to the repeal of the push-cart regulations as a result of SB 946.

- iii. **Data from Dockless Mobility Providers.** The Committee approved an action item, presented by Steve Pruitt of the Pacific Beach Planning Group, to request that all Dockless Mobility Providers be required to provide detailed usage data to the City and Community Planning Groups.

The next CPC meeting will be Sept 24th.

- 2. **Social Media.** Randy Wilde. - nothing to report
- 3. **NPPC Website Update.** Randy Wilde. - nothing to report
- 4. **Subcommittee Reports**
  - a. Urban Design/Project Review (UDPR): Melissa Stayner Chair, Aria Pounaki Vice Chair – NP Adult Center, 6:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Monday. Nothing to report as there was no recent meeting. Next meeting October 7, 2019
  - b. Public Facilities & Transportation (PF&T): Steve Doster Chair, Arash Kahvazadeh Vice Chair – NP Adult Center, 6:00 pm, 2nd Wednesday. Items heard were on the Consent Agenda. The next meeting October 9, 2019
- 5. **Liaisons Reports**
  - a. Balboa Park Committee. Vicki Granowitz. There was no meeting in September
  - b. Maintenance Assessment District. Matt Stucky. Met on Sep 9 to discuss story boards and the parking garage enhancements. Announced that the Morley Field historic streetlights meeting will be September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Lafayette Hotel. October 14<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting of the MAD.
  - c. North Park Main Street. Inauguration this weekend of the improvements to the parking garage.
  - d. Adams Avenue Business Association. Nothing to report.
  - e. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Assoc. Randy Wilde reported that the next meeting was rescheduled to next Thursday. At the previous meeting the Vision 2020 plan was shared.
  - f. North Park Community Association. Peter Hill reported that the summer concert series was a success and that the Association will be holding a mixer at Original 40 Brewing Company on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - g. University Heights Community Association. Randy Wilde shared that the next meeting will be on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Birney Elementary School and will be looking at visioning exercises for redevelopment of the school property.

II. **Future NPPC Meeting Dates & Agenda Items:** Next meeting is Tuesday, October 15, 2019

III. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Aria Pounaki*