



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

**Minutes for Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, 6:00pm until approximately 8:00pm**  
Board Attendance (X means “present”):

	Gary Weber (C)		Linda Case	X	Mark Lawler (in at 6:17)
X	Gautam Dey (in at 6:05)	X	Richard Valentine		Scott Kessler
X	Jim Baross		Alison Flynn	X	Marty Graham
X	Caroline McKeown (T)	X	Nancy Lawler		vacancy
X	Rose Newberry (VC)	X	Alberto Foglia	X	Adam Deutsch (S)

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

**6:00 Call to Order - Start of NHCPG Meeting**

1. Introduction of planning group members and audience
2. Agenda Setting/modifications (Note: items may be addressed out of listed order).
3. Approval of September meeting minutes – Adam Deutsch.  
M/S:Marty/Caroline, all approved.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Caroline McKeown \$2196.79.

**6:10 Public Comment**

5. Non-agenda public comment may be limited to two minutes per person
  - a. Melissa from the American Red Cross, here to talk about preparedness. They offer free smoke alarms and installation of those, and wild-fire prevention and preparation. She’s the local/regional rep, and handed out contact information. Find them at [www.preparesandiego.org](http://www.preparesandiego.org)
  - b. Adrian Kwiatkowski talked about his campaign for City Council District 3.
  - c. Jason, a resident, was asking about temporarily closing the iDog Park. There’s a meeting on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> by the Parks Advisory Committee, at Normal Heights Elementary at 6pm.
  - d. Caroline mentions that there’s confusion as to why the Parks Advisory group, who deals with programming at the Adams Ave. Rec Center, is making land use decisions. The city needs to clarify these things, and speak to various interested groups.
  - e. John Hartley wants to organize a walk of the terrace land along the 805 in November to evaluation if it should be converted to useable park land.
  - f. DJ Taylor, a landscape architect, wants to say hello and introduce himself.

**6:20 Reports**

6. Government Representatives: None present.
7. Community Groups

- a. Adams Avenue Business Association: Adam reported that the AABA decided to continue support for the CycloSDias event.
  - b. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: None present.
  - c. NH Community Association and NH Urban Arts: Norma from Urban Arts came to report. They meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at the Rec Center. They're also selling old holiday banners for you to own for a \$10 donation as a fund raiser.
  - d. Adams Rec. Advisory Group: Bob Kaiser reported that the iDog Park is going to be temporarily cut in half until March (they're using the north side/small dog area is now the whole park).
8. Social Media & other communications – Adam & Caroline
- a. There seems to be shoe/fetishist named Esteban, who is offering money to women to buy or take pictures of their shoes.
  - b. People notify about lost pets, and Jim reported that there was a coyote who came up from the canyon last week. As it happens, Coyotes don't eat skunks.

#### **6:25 (Vice) Chair Report**

- 9. Street Fair: The street fair was very well attended, and we collected data on a large map. We have a discussion item a bit later.
- 10. Housing Element: there's a survey online to make updates to housing policies, and that can be found here: [FIND LINK](#).

#### **6:30 Action Items**

- 11. Reimbursement for photo poster and stickers: Caroline got a big poster made for the fair for \$61.41 and \$27.97 in stickers, and wants to be reimbursed for the total. M/S:Jim/Gautam. All approved.
- 12. Reimbursement for chairs: someone stole her folding chairs over night. She's seeking reimbursement of \$111. All approved.
- 13. Undergrounding, committee on street lights, decorative lights, and potential maintenance assessment district: Jim gave an update on asking for decorative lighting installed as part of undergrounding project. We'd need a Maintenance Assessment District to do that (people get taxed and pay for them). We need for form a committee to do the project with the city to assess cost. Caroline wants to know if we only need a MAD for decorative lights, but perhaps not for just more cobra lights. Extra/additional lights would need a MAD. M/S:Jim/Mary: Create a formal committee to guide the MAD for additional street lights. All approved. Jim, Gary, and DJ, at least, will be on this committee.
- 14. Meade Bikeway Project (letter): M/S:Jim/Caroline: Hone notes from the minutes of last month to craft a letter about our concerns of the program to be approved by the executive board before sending. All approved, except Gautam, who abstains because he's not aware of the letters.
- 15. CicloSDias Event (letter): M/S:Jim/Marty :Send a letter to city officials in support of CicloSDias on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. Melissa from Red Cross volunteered to do preparedness demos during the event.
- 16. Home start (letter): We got a presentation about the Home Start store purchasing a new property for their support services. M/S:Adam/Marty: Write a letter of support for their property acquisition. All approved.

17. Board vacancy: Caroline suggested we table this until next month, as proper notification to eligible candidates was not sent.

### **7:30 Discussion Items**

18. Street Fair outreach review: Caroline reported on the poster/map, and how it inspired discussion and ideas. She will create an organized list of what people requested and where. Jim wants an official thank you from the board to Caroline. There's overwhelming support for a new farmers' market.
19. Stadium site EIR, comment letters are due October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jim talked about this item. We've tried to advocate for them to include a path from Normal Heights down to the river park. We can resend that letter. [Missionvalley.sdsu.edu](mailto:Missionvalley.sdsu.edu)  
[mvcomments@sdsu.edu](mailto:mvcomments@sdsu.edu) to find the EIR.

### **7:15 Information Items**

20. Permits generating age 45 review: No properties were found in the lousy system that the city has created in the last year.

The following topics are candidates for further discussion:

#### Community character contributors

1. Streets - pavement, curbs, gutters, drainage
2. Lighting – public and private
3. Parking – on street & off street
4. Shade – amount, intensity and location
5. Upkeep – condition of public ROW & visible privately held property

#### History & Preservation

1. Archive responsibility and location
2. Content – please email photos and info to [normalheightshistory@gmail.com](mailto:normalheightshistory@gmail.com)
3. 70 year NH demographic trend lines

#### Intersection enhancements

1. Crosswalks
2. Crossing signals
3. Pop-outs
4. Bollards

#### Bicycle lanes and markings

1. Early action – painting lanes?
2. Storage issues

#### Arts & Culture

1. Gateway structures design theme
2. Statuary, sculptures & murals

### **7:20 Adjournment**

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