



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

Minutes for Tuesday, November 5th, 2019, 6:013pm until approximately 8:00pm

Board Attendance (X means “present”):

X	Gary Weber (C)	X	Linda Case	X	Mark Lawler
	Gautam Dey	X	Richard Valentine		Scott Kessler
X	Jim Baross		Alison Flynn		Marty Graham
X	Caroline McKeown (T)	X	Nancy Lawler		vacancy
	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; the people went around the courtyard, as we were locked out of the building.
2. Agenda Setting/modifications (*Note: items may be addressed out of listed order*).
3. Approval of October meeting minutes – Adam Deutsch. M/S:Caroline/Jim. Linda, Gary, and Alberto abstained as they were either not there, or didn’t read the minutes.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Caroline McKeown. We had reimbursements next month. \$1996.61, not including the operating expenses money we get from the city.

6:10 Public Comment

5. Non-agenda public comment may be limited to two minutes per person:
 - a) Diane Pierson is concerned about the inclusion of acorn lights in undergrounding project, based on costs she learned from SDG&E.
 - b) Gerald has details about undergrounding to share.
 - c) Richard Valentine noticed a difference in the traffic light pattern on Cherokee & Adams.
 - d) A resident concerned about the idog park is here, and is concerned about the plans being proposed.
 - e) Jim asked about CycloSDias, and gave a summary of it. Gary followed up that the same kind of thing happens in Lima, Peru every Sunday.

6:20 Reports

6. Government Representatives
 - a) Mathew Gordon from Assemblymember Todd Gloria’s office: the state legislature is out of session. The Gov. signed a bunch of bills (and vetoed others). There are also state funding opportunities for arts organizations (find a link).
Caroline asked about the idog park, and reminded people that Gloria was responsible for funding that. She wants to know what he intends to do about these problems in the event he becomes mayor.
 - b) Brett Weiss from Councilmember Chris Ward’s office: they’re working on some ballot measures, including would that create a Citizen’s Review Board on the SDPD. Also, there’s a Convention Center Tax proposal. The

SDSU West deal seems to be progressing, with State offering more money than before (about \$89m). 11/20 is an Underground Meeting, and 11/12 for the next meeting about the NHE Joint Use Agreement (the locks on the gates) and the idog park (remember: the "I" is for interim).

7. Community Groups
 - a) Adams Avenue Business Association: Nobody present.
 - b) El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: Nobody present.
 - c) NH Community Association and NH Urban Arts: Norma updated the group on holiday banners, available for a donation to the NHUA.
 - d) Adams Rec. Advisory Group: Saving this for the Discussion Item.
8. Social Media & other communications – Adam & Caroline

6:30 Chair Report

9. Grand Jury report: Gary's concerned that the report says it wants to know demographics of the group, and regulate that. They also suggest we each do a form 700, and Gary think's it's all part of an attempt to do away with community planning groups.

We do not have a rep on the CPC at the moment. We need a representative to that. Jim volunteered to fill that spot. M/S: Caroline/Linda to allow Jim to fill that spot. All approved. Caroline suggest we ask out VC to be the alternate.

6:50 Action Items

None put on the agenda for this month.

6:45 Discussion Items

10. Undergrounding and MAD update: Gerald gave an update and provided maps with some details about placement of transformers and other equipment. They estimate that some acorn lights with cobras with be \$200 per year per residence for the first 5 years, then \$30-50 per year after that in perpetuity for maintenance.

Jim outline options for lights. Next meeting, we'll have an action to decide on an option (all cobras, all acorns, or a mix of the two types). The city is offering to give us a list of residents impacted, so we can get a poll, and make a decision.

We need to design a notice for the poll, with information on costs for each option. There is a work-group to put this together. If it's post cards, we can estimate it costing around \$300.

11. Park Access: This is a conversation about the joint use agreement and future of the idog park in Ward Canyon Park. Our position is has always been to finish Ward Canyon Park. Parks & Rec wants *another interim* solution, rather than the final plan, which places the finish Dog Park more north in the park; that land, however, has not been acquired yet.

There are lots of problems related to this, including the configuration of the on/off ramps, the rotting Mock Building that needs to be demolished, the school district who wants to put giant fences and lock communities out of the park, and a little league that doesn't have enough field space, among other things.

Long range planning should come from us, and the short term management of established parks is for the Rec. Advisory Group, but we don't seem to have meaningful representation in the school district or Parks and Recreation. We have not been included in any meetings or input on the planning phase (Phase 2) in progress.

Gary suggests we talk to the super intendent about the fact that we don't have a representative on the school board at the moment.

Gary is curious about what an "equivalency" to park space. He wonders if that could include staff (police or private security) to mitigate the valid concerns people have about safety at nights.

12. SDSU EIR: We submitted our comments, and still want a canyon trail/path/stairway.
13. Potential alley activation: Rose had an idea for this, but isn't here so we'll take this up again next week. Some students in the SDSU program.

7:45 Information Items

14. Permits generating age 45 review
 - a) Because of the change in the notification system (that is, no notification from the city) we have no properties to review.

7:48 Adjournment

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