

North Park Planning Committee (NPPC)
Urban Design-Project Review Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes: June 3, 2025 – 6:00 pm

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Attendance: Jay Robinson-Duff, Mark Spitzer, Jason Vance, Cody Cocanig, Edgar Ramirez Manriquez, Roger McClish, Lynn Elliott (on Zoom), Malachi Bielecki (non-voting), Krishna Hammond (non-voting)

I. Parliamentary Items (6:00-6:05 pm)

Meeting Called to order: 6:05

Agenda should be modified to list July 1st as the next meeting. Agenda approved as amended (Cocanig/Vance/7-0-0).

May 6, 2025 minutes approved (Cocanig/McClish/7-0-0).

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment (6:05-6:15 pm)

Mention of ICE raid at Buona Forchetta. Stated to not be within the committee's purview.

Lynn: North Park Music Fest is going on this weekend. Streets will not be closed, different businesses will be hosting bands. Tickets need to be purchased in advance.

Malachi: IBA released report indicating council support for El Cajon Blvd/Normal St/Park Blvd intersection changes.

III. Action and Informational Items (6:15-6:30 pm)

- A. Action Item 1: Request a pilot program for alternative use of daylighted zone

Daylighting has gone into effect with AB 413, but the space involved has not been allocated to anything else. Letter has been drafted to go to Whitburn.

Proposal brought up to use space for a right-turn space to ease congestion at the intersection. Discussion of impact this would have on safety - on one hand, easing driver frustration would potentially help safety, but making the crossing zone longer than it otherwise would have been (or not reducing it) would be a potential negative on pedestrian safety.

What is put into these spaces depends on how close one would want to site activities to the car traffic. Brought up that anything put in should not impact the visibility, as the purpose of the law was expressly to improve visibility. Any structure built would have to be low enough to not impact visibility. This can be affirmed in the letter.

Provisions for green space/pocket parks in these kinds of spaces may be mentioned in the North Park Community Plan. Installations could include asphalt murals that would not impede visibility, would calm traffic without restricting it.

Pilot program would be for intersections where there was public interest.

Specifics need to be ironed out, Main Street could be involved in this as they have experience with this sort of thing. Main Street could also be asked if they have any projects they would like to do in these spaces.

Question about where the 20 ft. involved in daylighting law starts: is it as if there was a 90 degree intersection between the streets? Answer: it applies to the crosswalk if there is one painted, and from the curb cut if one is not painted. Seems to read that it does not start at the right angle of the intersecting streets. Pointed out that proposing a standard quick-build format (with paint and flex-posts) that could be filled in later would be beneficial in terms of getting projects started. Could help to avoid situations where city wouldn't want to start projects without having everything ready right away. With the budget concerns the city is having this would be especially pertinent. Will be added to the letter. Examples from elsewhere, details acknowledging AB 413 specifically being about safety will be added to letter. Letter will reference Community Plan if possible. Will also mention that the project possibilities should not be limited to just the street, can encroach on sidewalk if appropriate. Motion to advance letter to full board with mentioned modifications passes (McClish/Ramirez Manriquez/7-0-0).

IV. New Business [or - 0] (6:30-6:55 pm)

Krishna: In the future, the committee could propose quick build traffic calming, like speed bumps, that could be installed on a budget. Can be taken up by PFT.

V. Adjournment (7:00 pm)

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 (Cocanig/McClish)

Next Urban Design-Project Review Subcommittee meeting date: July 1, 2025

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Letter from Action Item 1:

To Councilmember Whitburn's Office:

The North Park Community Group would like to implement a pilot program for utilizing the space created from the recent daylighting law (AB 413) as the community sees fit per location.

Space is at a premium in San Diego, and that premium is only growing within North Park. With the recent law AB 413 being implemented, we would like to better utilize the newly available space within our community to serve our community. We want to start a pilot program to encourage the transformation of the daylighted zone to a variety of options, or even requests that we have not thought of initially that can benefit the community. Some of the ideas that we would like to have a plan to implement would be:

- Community Gardens
- Dining Areas
- Benches
- Bike Racks
- Art Installations
- Information Boards
- Bike Repair Stations
- Pop-up Spaces/Kiosks
- Community Libraries

We want to work with the city to create a process for citizens to utilize this space on their local streets for their local needs. We believe there should be restrictions within the utilization of these implementations in density to still achieve the goal of a increased visibility at intersections, and believe we will utilize this pilot process to workout the details within the process.

Sincerely,

Jay