



North Park Planning Committee

Full Board Meeting Draft Minutes: June 17, 2025 6:30PM

Meeting Location: North Park Christian Fellowship 2901 N Park Way San Diego, CA 92104

In attendance:

Board Member	Present (online)	Absent (excused)
Malachi Bielecki	X	
Cody Cocanig	X	
Jay Robinson Duff	X	
Lynn Elliott	X	
Krishna Hammond	X	
Neil Heacox	X	
Bob LaRose	X	
Holden Leslie-Bole	X	
Barton Lynch	X	
Johanna Mall	X	
Edgar Ramirez Manriquez	X	
Roger McClish	X	
Doug Schueler	X	
Mark Spitzer	X	
Jason Vance	X	

I. Parliamentary Items

- A. Call to order, roll call, and attendance report
 - 1. Called to order at 6:36PM
 - 2. All 15 present
- B. Agenda modifications
 - 1. Pulling item A from consent agenda because draft wasn't shared with board
 - 2. Pulling item C (Upas) from consent agenda for further modifications
- C. Adoption of agenda
 - 1. Elliott-LaRose motion passes 15-0-0
- D. Adoption of previous month's minutes
 - 1. 5F latter should be changed to letter
 - 2. Elliott-Bielecki motion passes 13-0-2
- E. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Balance at \$842.05
 - 2. Submitted city request for reimbursement before last Saturday's deadline

3. Motion to reimburse McClish \$53.43 for election expenses
 - a) Lynch-LaRose motion passes 14-0-1
4. Motion to reimburse \$290.60 to Vance for Zoom and projector
 - a) Cocanig-McClish 14-0-1

II. Non-agenda public comment, announcements, event notices

- A. Thanks to board for acknowledging South Park ICE raid while acknowledging the scope of NPPC's business

III. Elected Official & Planner Reports

- A. Joshua Dunn, Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe, San Diego County District 3, (858)325-7178 Joshua.Dunn@sdcounty.ca.gov
 1. Revised county budget is available for viewing online. Hoping it will be voted on on June 24.
 2. Election ending July 1st for south county seat.
 3. Office open for community reimbursement grant funds. \$3 million available to grant out.
 4. Juneteenth flag raising open to the public at county admin building 8-9AM June 20th.
 5. June 19th, office will be here with NPMS for Juneteenth block party
 6. Fr Joe's Villages Homeless Resource Fair on June 27th.
 - a) Suggestion to talk to Chad at NPMS
 - b) Suggestion to work with the city on the tent cities run by the city.
 7. July 10th grants workshop to help nonprofits submit strong applications 6PM-7PM at Cuyamaca College.
 - a) Question about neighborhood reinvestment grant. Any nonprofit in county is eligible to submit by Oct 1.
- B. Randy Reyes, Hon. Todd Gloria, City of San Diego, randyreyes@sandiego.gov
 1. City is developing the next FY budget. Council adopted a budget last week. Mayor is supporting the restoration of hours at certain public facilities including rec center hours and some reservoir hours.
 2. He will line item veto funding the CPPS funding, Arts Culture and community festival funding, COO position, two management positions in the office of race and equity, stormwater contingency fund, brush management enforcement positions, multidisciplinary outreach team, rec programming at lakes except Murry and Miramar, short term rental occupancy nexus study, and restore 5 positions that were eliminated by the council
 3. Council has 5 days to override with 6 votes.
- C. Logan Braydis, Hon. Stephen Whitburn, City Council Dist. 3, (619) 236-6633 LBraydis@sandiego.gov
 1. Feasibility study at Park/Normal/EI Cajon intersection is included in the budget.
 2. Council voted to approve parking reforms last month to adjust rates and hours based on demand. Nothing was automatically changed by the vote, but staff will be able to adjust the prices. Signage will be updated before anything changes.

Dynamic pricing will allow the city to reduce rates during low demand and raise them during high demand as well as charge for parking on Sundays.

- a) Major changes will have to go back to council. Parking districts will be involved in the decisions and there's no consultant expected.
 3. Lucky Lane honorary renaming is moving forward. Will be unveiled Sat June 28th at 10AM in front of Lucky's Golden Phoenix.
 4. University Ave mobility project is done. Reach out to the office if any issues come up.
 5. Question: NPPC asked for numbers about affordable housing and ADUs. NPPC will forward letter to Logan again.
 6. Public comment: Cleaning trucks need to get debris that's made more difficult to reach by the traffic calming measures.
- D. Zar Shain, Head Librarian, NP Library (619) 533-3972 SDhain@sandiego.gov
1. Summer reading program is continuing. Rewards for reading books.
 2. Thursdays at 10AM there are special reading programs. Check it out on website.
- E. Jenny Hall, SD Police Community Relations Officer, jmason@pd.sandiego.gov
1. Incident at NP library on May 27th at 4:30PM with some kids throwing rocks. It was on video and officers arrested the kids and charged them with assault with a deadly weapon.
 2. Cedar Ridge Park June 16th at 7PM somebody called in about tagging. Helicopter flew in and caught the people with guns and narcotics. Gang detectives are following up.
 3. Question: Heard about issue of people drilling into gas tanks. Is that happening in NP?
 - a) Jenny looking into it.
- F. Lynn Elliott, CPC Chair
1. Elected a new chair, vice chair, and secretary.
 2. They're working on meetings over Zoom.

IV. Consent Items

- A. UDPR: Approve letter requesting a pilot program for alternative use of daylighted zone
 1. Pushed to next section
- B. PFT: Approve letter requesting an all-way stop at Louisiana and Madison
 1. McClish-Lynch motion passes 15-0-0
- C. PFT: Approve letter requesting an all-way stop at Upas and Utah
 1. Pushed to next section

V. Action/Informational Items

- A. Action Item 1: Edgar Ramirez Manriquez will be vacating his current role as the Vice Chair of the Urban Design and Project Review Subcommittee and a new Vice Chair must be voted on to replace him.
 1. Bilecki will be vice chair
- B. Action Item 2: Election of NPPC Representative to the North Park Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Advisory Committee.
 1. Meetings on second Monday at 6PM
 2. Ramirez Manriquez, will rep NPPC and Mall will also attend meetings

- C. Information Item 1: This item serves as a notice to the community regarding the ICE raids that occurred on May 30, 2025, at Buona Forchetta in South Park. While the North Park Planning Committee cannot take direct action on this matter as it falls outside our scope of land use and housing policy, we recognize the concern it has raised locally. Community members are encouraged to reach out directly to the Mayor's Office and Councilmember Whitburn's office to express their views.
 1. Suggestion to write the councilman and other representatives.
 2. Conversation about whether or not we can comment as a group on more than land use issues.
 3. Business associations are putting together lists of advice for businesses concerning this issue. NPPC can post on website.
 4. Question to Braydis: Can the city provide people with information about their rights?
 - a) Office has responded to several businesses and constituents with this information. The city's jurisdiction is very limited on this Federal issue, but can make this information available. They have discussed holding informational town halls.
 - b) The councilmember shares these concerns and supports the congressional investigation into this raid. He will keep doing what he can do within the limits of local government.
 5. Question to Braydis and Reyes: What is the role of SDPD in these raids?
 - a) According to state law, local law enforcement can't coordinate with or assist ICE. While SDPD was called in during the raid, this was for support to control the crowd after ICE lost control.
 - b) Mayor is the incoming VP on the US council of mayors. The organization will suggest recommendations for national- and local-level policies. Suggestion to reach out to federal representatives.
 6. Question to Braydis and Reyes: Can the mayor or NPPC say that the undocumented workers are valued members of our community?
 - a) Specifics of this can be discussed after the meeting. According to the city, community planning groups are focused on land use.
 7. Question to Braydis and Reyes: How can SDPD respond to calls about these ICE raids as they happen?
 - a) Can provide answers over emails.
 - b) Could be covered in possible town hall.
- D. Information Item 2: Follow-up discussion with Logan Braydis from Councilmember Stephen Whitburn's office regarding the potential use of the existing North Park MADs for streetlight repair.
 1. Parks & rec MAD and NPMS MAD cover NP.
 2. The NP special enhancement district has not budgeted for this since it was formed in 2023 nor in FY 2025 or 2026 budgets.
 3. MAD law requires that each property owner gets benefits proportional to what is paid. There would need to be an audit to ensure everywhere is covered fairly.
 4. MADs do not service street lights but they do submit engineering reports. Last annual report submitted in April.
 5. MADs do some decorative lights, but street lights are a city responsibility.
 6. Can be pursued next year.
- E. UDPR: Approve letter requesting a pilot program for alternative use of daylighted zone
 1. Comment that this is a great idea to use small spaces. Other cities have done this effectively.
 2. Comment that these have to be maintainable.
 3. Comment wondering if other California cities have done this.
 4. Committee discussion covered that delivery drivers often use this space, defeating the purpose of the safety standard.

5. Comment that University Heights community association is painting the utility boxes on sidewalks without going through a lengthy city process. NPPC should consider similar actions.
 - a) NPMS paints these boxes but there are issues of insurance.
 - b) Can Braydis check the rules on this?
 - (1) Hillcrest BID hired artists to do a similar thing. Suggestion to work with NPMS on this.
6. McClish-Bilecki motion to approve letter passes 15-0-0
- F. PFT: Approve letter requesting an all-way stop at Upas and Utah
 1. City has an alternative process to appeal a denial of the stop signs, which were denied at this intersection.
 2. Braids will begin the alternative process through PFT.
 3. Council policy 200-08 covers this process.
 4. Lynch-Hammond motion to add language in the letter saying that NPPC supports the alternative process passes 15-0-0
 5. Lynch-Bilecki motion to send letter as amended passes 15-0-0

VI. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Urban Design & Project Review: Chair Jay Robinson Duff
 1. Met to discuss the letter approved in previous section, 5E.
- B. Public Facilities & Transportation: Chair Doug Schueler
 1. Met to discuss letters approved above, 4B and 5F
 2. Discussed Mission Ave intersections and explore certain areas that need further recommendations.
 3. Discussed SD mobility master plan and how NPPC can use it to bolster the support for problems identified.
- C. Communications: Edgar Ramirez Manriquez
 1. Meetings will be held after UDPR, looking for an earlier time
 2. Discussed community participation plan
 3. Working on updating NPPC city documents that have out-of-date information, will continue this work in next meeting
 4. Working on a flyer to boost community participation in NPPC
 5. Discussed bringing back NPPC social media
 6. Thanks to Hammond for taking over Mail Chimp

VII. Liaison Reports

- A. North Park Main Street
 1. Need someone to go to these meetings
 2. LaRose will go
- B. Adams Avenue Business Association: Roger McClish
 1. June 29th Taste of Adams, this is ticketed
 2. Sept 20-21 Adams Ave street fair
 3. Also discussed ICE raid in South Park.
- C. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: Lynn Elliott
 1. Did not meet in May
- D. University Heights Community Association: Holden Leslie-Bole
 1. Teach-in about land use and planning. Useful to educate community about how city planning works, especially regarding zoning. Could be done by NPPC as well to educate people.
 2. Discussed utility box painting.

VIII. New Business

- A. Demographic survey

IX. Adjournment: adjourned 8:14PM

A. Next meeting: July 15, 2025, 6:30PM