



North Park Planning Committee

Full Board Meeting Minutes: Aug 19, 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. 12 present
- B. Agenda modifications
 1. Request to pull the Utah St item from the consent agenda
 2. Ramirez Manriquez-Elliott motion to add the approval of CIP list to the consent agenda passes 12-0-0
 3. Lynch-Bilecki motion to approve passes 12-0-0
- C. Adoption of agenda
- D. Adoption of previous month's minutes
 1. Both June and July
 - a) Amend July to strike approval of June minutes
 - b) Change August meeting date on July minutes
 - c) Elliott-McClish motion to approve June and July minutes passes 12-0-0
- E. Treasurer's Report
 1. Vance was reimbursed

2. Zoom charges, Google charges
3. Got \$500 from the city

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

- A. Request to hear about new streetcar line
 1. They presented here last month, they're fundraising for a town hall
- B. Becky Rapp - Hemp-derived Delta 8 and Delta 10 THC is being sold in gas stations, smoke shops, and convenience stores in neighborhood without oversight that weed and alcohol has. The state has issued a warning. SDUT reported that the city shut down a hookah lounge in City Heights after many complaints. Rapp would like NPPC to support a ban on these products by the city and to support stronger zoning protections.
- C. NP Rec Council next Monday at 6PM 8/25 at the rec center.

III. Elected Official & Planner Reports

- A. Randy Reyes, Hon. Todd Gloria, City of San Diego, randyreyes@sandiego.gov
 1. Development services dept is open in Mission Valley. Anything that has to be done in person can be done there. Planning Commission meetings will be held here moving forward. 7650 Mission Valley Rd
 2. Official wildfire season is coming up. There is a city website that covers preparedness.
 3. Question - some homeless encampments that have been removed in conjunction with CDOT have come back.
 - a) 16 abatements in the last 3 weeks, focusing on entrances and exits to freeways
 - b) This work is done by SDPD, environmental services dept, and outreach workers from PATH
 - c) Rosecrans shelter has been closed and everyone has been moved to another shelter
 4. Question - state property in canyons - what will be done about fires there?
 - a) 1-year agreement with the state to show that the city can do the work clearing encampments. After the year is over, hoping to expand and extend the agreement to other areas.
 - b) Canyons should be covered under the Unsafe Camping Ordinance. Brush management team is doing the work of abating the brush - any specific concerns about canyons can be shared.
- B. Logan Braydis, Hon. Stephen Whitburn, City Council Dist. 3, (619) 236-6633 LBraydis@sandiego.gov
 1. Jay here in Logan's place
 2. City council supported a state law to tighten gun laws
 3. New parking district approved in Balboa Park - fees have not been approved. Whitburn opposes charging for parking without substantial free parking for city residents, workers, and volunteers.
 4. Reach out to office if having trouble transitioning from city trash.
- C. Zar Shain, Head Librarian, NP Library (619) 533-3972 SDhain@sandiego.gov
 1. Reading program with rewards goes through end of this month
 2. Preschool arts and storytime starting up again in September

- D. Jenny Hall, SD Police Community Relations Officer, jmason@pd.sandiego.gov
 - 1. Arson on July 25th at 6:30AM. Someone saw a person using a torch and pulling wires from an AT&T phone box. Officers found the suspect and arrested him.
 - 2. SDPD investigating another arson on the 3700 block of Arnold on the east side. Illegal tenants were living there and committing crime. There was a fire on July 27th. The squatters have since been evicted and house boarded up.
 - a) A stolen car from a few days before was found in the alley behind this house.
 - 3. Question - did they catch people setting fires off of Dwight St canyon on NP side last month?
 - a) Jenny will look this up
- E. Lynn Elliott, CPC Chair
 - 1. Airport people talked about opening up phase one of the new T1 expansion. New road to get there is now open and T1 will be open in September. Second phase will be opening early 2028.

IV. Consent Items

- A. None

V. Action/Informational Items

- A. **Approval of 2025 CIP Prioritization List:** Approve the ad-hoc subcommittee's 2025 Capital Improvement Project prioritization list, ranked by community need and benefit, for submission to the City.
 - 1. Ad hoc committee created and consolidated list based on community survey responses. Three meetings were held. Survey + last year's list were incorporated and list was prioritized. Safety, feasibility, budgetary concerns, and frequency of ask were prioritized.
 - 2. Committee didn't create statistics about the survey responses, but there were 194 submissions.
 - 3. The most common submissions were about pedestrian safety concerns related to The Lafayette hotel as well as parking around there and bike infrastructure requests to move from painted to protected lanes.
 - 4. There were some submissions, like planting trees, that would be handled by maintenance or other departments, not CIP. NPPC will submit these requests to the appropriate department.
 - 5. Comment: Excellent job by the subcommittee capturing opinions and making this list.
 - 6. Comment: Thanks to those who submitted concerns so the subcommittee could put together a strong list.
 - 7. Lynch-Cocanig motion to approve passes 12-0-1
- B. **Request to Reduce Speed Limit and improve safety of Utah Street:** Approve PFT Subcommittee recommendation to ask the City to lower the speed limit on Utah Street (Adams Ave. to Upas St.) from 25 to 20 mph under AB 43, and modify travel lane width to the appropriate NACTO residential standards. Improve the bike lane buffer to provide protection from the door zone.
 - 1. Comment: Reservations on the support for this item due to possible unintended consequences. In the agenda, the design is listed as a standard but it is actually a guide. While data shows that reducing lane width can lower speeds, but at a 10

foot width. The letter asks for 9-10 feet which is excessive. A class 2 bike lane isn't needed there. There shouldn't be sharrows. Commenter doesn't want Utah to become like 30th St. Ask to follow the recommendations of AB43 - needing a study to show the 85th percentile of drivers. Bollards should not be here.

a) Question: Which urban design guide?

(1) NACTO: Ad hoc committee of urban design professionals put this guide together

b) Question: How should we refer to the bike lane change in the letter?

(1) Should know exactly what NPPC is asking for with the bike lane change

2. Comment: Opposition due to good alternatives to Utah
3. Comment: Issues of people driving too fast due to roundabouts and not stopping at stop signs. Support for this for safety reasons, especially for reducing speed limit.
4. Comment: Utah is safe to ride on due to stop signs on cross streets.
5. Comment: NACTO guide says that 85th percentile speed of 10 foot lanes is 40mph.
6. Comment: Speed limits were mostly established with smaller, lighter cars in mind. Today's cars are heavier and larger so that should be factored in.
7. Comment: 30th st is much safer for biking now that it's protected.
8. Comment: NACTO also says for every 1 foot decrease in lane width there will be a 9.4mph decrease in speed.
9. LaRose-McClish motion to approve passes 12-1-0

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. Urban Design & Project Review: Chair Jay Robinson Duff

1. Postponed discussing daylighting until next month to get more information.
2. Didn't have anyone from Una Mas (on Adams) regarding the ABC license they're trying to get.
3. Discussed a public art project on 32nd and Thorne that a business nearby wants to have done as a CIP project. Reaching out to Whitburn to figure out next steps and how to connect this person to the solution they're looking for.

B. Public Facilities & Transportation: Chair Doug Schueler

1. Recommendation to beautify the NP water tower. The person who recommended that couldn't attend the meeting, so will cover next time.
2. Utah St bikeway proposal - covered above.
3. MTS survey where community members could submit thoughts on the transit system.
4. On Arnold St there were some near misses and a child biking hit by a car. There are issues of cars around there. This will be covered in a future meeting.

C. Communications: Chair Edgar Ramirez Manriquez

1. Community Participation Plan outlines the way NPPC does outreach to the community. The subcommittee found with the city that the subcommittee can update and NPPC can approve changes to this plan. The subcommittee has updated this plan.
 - a) Elliott-Lynch motion to approve changes passes 12-0-1
2. Petition effort around the daylighting law. Urban Design is spearheading that.
3. Discussed lessons learned with flyer distribution for CIP survey.

VII. Liaison Reports

A. Maintenance Assessment District: Edgar Ramirez Manriquez

1. Aug 11 meeting was cancelled
- B. North Park Main Street: Bob LaRose
 1. Cleanup on Sept 13th starting at mini park.
 2. Taste of NP on Oct 4
 3. Mobility committee is meeting Aug 26th at 10AM on mobility improvements
 4. Pet adoption event Oct 23rd
 5. Renewal of the toyland parade in 2026
 6. Collaboration between NPMS and the group that manages the mini park
- C. Balboa Park Committee: Bob LaRose
 1. Meeting cancelled, but Forever Balboa Park reviewed the parking plan
 2. "Core" parking lots will be \$12-15 for the day. City residents will get half price here. Volunteers can't get reduced pricing in core lots.
 - a) Other lots will be half this price. Inspiration Point will be lower.
 3. Zoo isn't decided yet
 4. Discussion of removing bus/bike lanes on Park to open more paid parking spaces
 5. They have laid off 9 Balboa Park maintenance workers as part of budget cuts
 6. Comment: Issues of parking around the maritime museum have caused attrition of volunteers.
 7. Comment: Can NPPC write a letter asking about these changes and how to manage this better?
 - a) No, but NPPC could send a petition.
- D. Adams Avenue Business Association: Roger McClish
 1. Discussed Una Mas ABC license. It's unclear what AABA can do. Neighbor complaints about possible noise and hours are slowing this approval, but unclear why.
 2. AABA generally would like paid parking to increase turnover on Adams. City is easing the process of putting in new meters.
- E. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: Lynn Elliott
 1. Met in July and agreed to write letters about improving traffic markings on El Cajon. Agreement that the paint needs to be redone, but they don't like red for the bus lane.
 2. Question: Whitburn announced funding for a traffic study for the El Cajon/Park/Normal St intersection.
 - a) Jay: The study has begun but there's not a substantive update yet.
- F. University Heights Community Association: Holden Leslie-Bole
 1. No meeting until Sept
 2. [Sat Aug 23 8AM-noon garage sale](#)

VIII. New Business

- A. None

IX. Adjournment: McClish-Elliott 7:56PM

- A. Next meeting: Sept 16, 2026, 6:30PM