

North Park Planning Committee (NPPC)
Urban Design-Project Review Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes: August 5, 2025 – 6:00 pm

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Attendance: Jay Robinson-Duff, Jason Vance, Lynn Elliott, Mark Spitzer, Malachi Bielecki, Roger McClish, Holden Leslie-Bole, Bob LaRose (non-voting), Edgar Ramirez Manriquez (non-voting), Johanna Mall (non-voting)

Members of community, in-person: Joshua Logsdon

Members of community, on Zoom: 1

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

Meeting called to order: 6:01

Agenda approved (Vance/Elliott/7-0-0).

July minutes approved (Bielecki/McClish/7-0-0).

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment, Announcements, Event Notices (6:05-6:15 pm)

Holden: MTS is hosting “On Track” community forum about people’s vision of the future of MTS. Will be sent out to board and community if not already.

Roger: Not much new from Adams Avenue Business Association, other than mention of Una Mas’s license.

III. Action and Informational Items (6:15-6:45 pm)

A. Item 1: Discuss process for pilot locations based upon previous daylighting letter
Department of Transportation will need to be point of contact related to this, given that it would be in the roadway. La Jolla community group was able to get painted scooter corrals in daylighted zones over the past few years on a case-by-case basis. Buy-in should be further sought especially to justify this to the city, will be mentioned to Communications Subcommittee. Petition could be circulated to this end. Some streets in North Park and around San Diego already have scooter parking zones.

Reminder that the ideas should be more general than just scooter parking, that there are other possibilities. Should be pitched to community as making use of the space, with options as to what the space could be. Sponsorships and support by businesses could also be helpful. Still questions about specifics that will be researched in the future.

B. Item 2: Letter of Support for Una Mas’ ABC License Request

Overview of restaurant, redevelopment of the lot. Business has not been able to get a liquor license. Residents nearby have voiced concerns about the granting of the license, which according to the business is what is holding up the license. There is no amplified music, building walls have noise-reduction.

Discussion about inviting business owners and residents to a meeting, how to go about doing so. Discussion about how ABC board works—a state entity, a few residents wouldn't generally (or historically) have veto power over a license. Question about how long the licenses usually take—is usually several months. Question about how far residents need to be notified as part of process—within a 500 foot radius. License request has been discussed by Adams Avenue Business Association, but specifics had not been discussed—will be followed up on. Discussion about whether planning group should weigh in on this—have not in the past, but it is a land use issue of sorts. Will be revisited later when business owners, residents can attend, more information is gathered.

C. Item 3: Public Art Project on 32nd Street and Thorn Street

Board members had met with owners of Expressive Arts, the art studio suggesting this about a year ago. Mural would be on the pavement in the middle of the intersection and would be intended to slow down traffic and improve safety for pedestrians. Would of course have to not interfere with stop sign pavement markings currently at the intersection. Concept has been done at an intersection downtown in San Diego. Nearby businesses have been talked with and seem interested—support should be formalized as part of this process.

Expressive Arts will be invited to a future meeting, will be encouraged to bring potential designs. Currently they don't have specifics on the plan either, so it needs to be clarified with them. Outlining a general process for this sort of project would be helpful to get the process going in this case, provide a framework for other intersections and businesses in the future.

IV. Unfinished, New Business and Future Agenda Items (6:45-6:55 pm)

None.

V. Adjournment (7:00 pm)

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 (Vance/Leslie-Bole).

Next Urban Design-Project Review Subcommittee meeting date: September 2, 2025

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