



# North Park Planning Committee

Full Board Meeting Draft Minutes: Nov 18, 2025 6:30PM

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

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. 13 present
- B. Agenda modifications
  - 1. Moving consent items B and C to be discussed
- C. Adoption of agenda
  - 1. Elliott-Bielecki motion to approve passes 11-0-0
- D. Adoption of previous month's minutes
  - 1. Bielecki-Elliott motion to approve passes 11-0-0
- E. Treasurer's Report
  - 1. \$860.68 balance, Zoom and Google payments + last month's \$12 reimbursement

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

- A. 30th and University - all four street lights are not working. Should prioritize this in the budget.
  - a. Ramirez-Manriquez will see if these lights are covered by the NP MAD
- B. Suggestion to have an "add to calendar" button to meetings on the website

- C. Becky Rapp comment - asking for greater transparency and oversight by the city of marijuana board. The city is proposing enforcement of illegal marijuana distributors and allowing out-of-town delivery services. Rapp states that the city is not providing transparency of enforcement and tax issues. Important to ensure that the current system is working properly before adding more operators.
- D. Kathleen comment - SDGE relationship with city is not working well for residents. Costs to customers and profits to shareholders are too high. City should revisit issue of contract.
  - a. Additionally, SANDAG has provided reports about people arrested for drug crimes. Many of those arrested don't believe marijuana is dangerous. The city is not recognizing the harm, especially of driving under the influence.
- E. Meeting tomorrow night, Wednesday Nov 19, at the rec center to discuss parks and rec.
- F. Trash fee will be put on property tax bills automatically. This increase will lead to an increase in escrow charges to mortgages or an increase in property tax bill if you don't have a mortgage.

### III. Elected Official & Planner Reports

- A. Randy Reyes, Hon. Todd Gloria, City of San Diego, [randyreyes@sanidiego.gov](mailto:randyreyes@sanidiego.gov)
  - 1. \$1.9M from parking meter funds have gone to the transportation dept to handle street light repairs. Across parking meter zones, the dept has fixed 348 lights, 126 in the parking district that includes North Park.
    - a) The city has different street light types across town. Some of these issues has to do with wiring, circuits, old infrastructure, etc. The city also just has 18 electricians. The parking meter money will be partly used for overtime for these electricians.
    - b) Get It Done reports, audits by community groups, and parking district feedback are used to track outages.
    - c) Transportation dept is budgeted to a certain number of employees so they are limited on hiring additional electricians.
  - 2. City is doing its annual review of ALPR technologies used by SDPD. This tech has led to 420 arrests, led to recovered property, used in kidnapping cases, etc. City Council will discuss this issue Dec 9 at 2PM.
  - 3. State office of traffic safety awarded SDPD with a grant to do more DUI checkpoints, enforcing phone use while driving, and bike/ped safety.
- B. Logan Braydis, Hon. Stephen Whitburn, City Council Dist. 3, (619) 236-6633 [LBraydis@sanidiego.gov](mailto:LBraydis@sanidiego.gov)
  - 1. Whitburn presented a proposal to public safety committee to update towing policy concerning expired registration. Would like to not tow vehicles for expired registration.
  - 2. Today at Council, they voted to implement paid parking passes in Balboa Park. Whitburn voted no on this due to issues of accessibility of the park for residents. New rates will be \$30/mo, \$60/quarter, or \$150/year for resident passes. Non-resident rates are higher and day passes will be available. This begins in January.
  - 3. Louisiana and Madison - crosswalk will be installed in the next 90 days.
  - 4. University Ave Mobility Project - striping will be completed before the project is closed out. No ETA on completion.
- C. Rachel Esguerra, Branch Manager of University Heights Library, 619-692-4912

1. Thanksgiving day and Friday, Christmas Eve and Day, NY Eve and Day the library will be closed. Dec 26-30, only 10 library locations will be open, but not NP and U Heights. This information will be posted to their social media. Please get a library card to support libraries and save money!

D. Jenny Hall, SD Police Community Relations Officer, [jmason@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:jmason@pd.sandiego.gov)

1. SDPD will be doing distracted driving and bike/ped safety enforcement dates with a state grant. This will be posted to their website and socials.
2. Last Wednesday, detectives did an undercover shoplifting operation at the NP Target. Arrested 5 adults. 4 were jailed and 1 was cited.
3. Robbery at AutoZone on 30th st at 6PM. Stole items and kicked the employee. Employee got the license plate. Officers saw the vehicle at the 7/11 and detained the suspects. They were positively identified there.
4. On Sunday the 9th on the 3700 block of Alabama, there was a dispute that led to a fight. This led to a SWAT team being brought in as a suspect barricaded themselves inside.
  - a) Public comment: incidents with e-bike groups of about 8 teenagers riding dangerously.
    - (1) Officer Hall: If they are riding at specific times or places, please report that. Otherwise report it on Get It Done.

E. Lynn Elliott, CPC Chair

1. Update on working with the city on correcting maps, preserving homes, and the ongoing development with the City of La Jolla vote

#### IV. Consent Items

- A. UDPR: The subcommittee recommends that the NPPC approve a vacation of a sewer easement at 3729 30th Street.
  1. Passes 13-0-0

#### V. Action/Informational Items

- A. **Information: Proposed Residential Permit Program.** The City of San Diego Transportation Department will present an overview of a proposed Residential Permit Program for metered parking on Sundays. This presentation is intended to gather feedback from the North Park community and answer questions about the program's potential [implementation.northparkplanning.org](http://implementation.northparkplanning.org)
  1. There is a need for residential parking permits before rolling out Sunday enforcement.
  2. This would allow for Sunday parking passes for residents within 2 blocks of the meters without paying.
  3. Cost proposed is \$150/year
  4. Parking revenues have to be spent within the parking district.
  5. Permits will only cover this district
  6. Question about surveying NP residents for feedback.
  7. Question about more signage alerting people to Sunday enforcement and ability of local residents to get the parking pass.
    - a) Mailers will go out to those eligible.
  8. Question about zones for Balboa Park parking.
    - a) Departments are working together to develop signage that is aligned
  9. Question about future expansion of meters

- a) Department will share plans as they are developed
- 10. Question about confusion between parking district lines
  - a) Department will work to make this as clear as possible to include district names on signage
- 11. Question about need for parking for residents
- 12. Question about logistical challenges of qualifying who's entitled to these permits and managing the database of those with permits.
- 13. Hoping to roll this out by Q2 of 2026.
- B. **Informational:** Manny Rodriguez from RideSD to present on the pros and cons of Residential Parking Permits in the neighborhood.
  - 1. Permits reserve on-street parking to residents. Designed to reduce congestion by non-residents, manage curbside space, and preserve access for residents.
  - 2. Existing programs are mostly designed to keep people from parking there, not to manage parking.
  - 3. Parking management is necessary to avoid a tragedy of the commons.
  - 4. More homes are being built without off-street parking. This is leading to increased parking conflicts.
  - 5. Need to increase non-car mode share with improved transit access, create parking certainty for residents, and mitigate the impact of new housing with no parking.
  - 6. Proposed solution is priority residential parking program. Cap the number of permits to the number of spots that exist - there needs to be no more than 1 permit per space available. Issue permits first to priority groups based on greatest need then to individuals on a first come, first served basis.
  - 7. Intended impact is to create certainty and peace of mind for residents. Newcomers will go on the wait list and not be entitled to parking. Increase transit ridership and non-car mode share.
  - 8. City should mark spaces on the street to improve use of existing parking, allow residents to park in front of their driveway, and allow self-enforcement to allow residents to call a tow truck.
  - 9. Residents should petition their councilmembers to roll out these programs.
  - 10. Some issues: Visitor parking - could have guest passes. Easing into this policy - start on certain streets or transit priority areas or having one side be resident-only and other side open.
  - 11. Question: What about business areas?
    - a) This is meant for just residential areas. Would ideally have some blocks of buffer between business streets and residential streets.
  - 12. Question: Would this be similar to the parking districts where funding is locked within the district, or would it go to general fund of the city?
    - a) Rates would ideally be set as low as possible to just cover administrative costs.
  - 13. Question: How is utilization of parking/need tracked?
    - a) RideSD does not do this tracking
  - 14. Question: Who's in the priority groups?
    - a) Those without existing parking, those who depend on the parking, etc. Depends on what is decided if this is rolled out.
  - 15. Question: What's the view of the transportation dept on this?
    - a) Municipal code talks about these kinds of programs.
    - b) Proposal to modify the municipal code to enable this program.

- C. **Action: Appointment PF&T Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair.** With Doug stepping down from subcommittee leadership, the Committee will consider nominations and appoint a new PF&T Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the remainder of the term.
  - 1. Leslie-Bole volunteers to run for Chair
    - a) 12-0-1 vote to install him as chair
  - 2. McClish is interested in Vice Chair
    - a) 13-0-0 vote to install him as Vice Chair
- D. **Action: Appointment of Elections Subcommittee Chair.** The Committee will consider nominations and appoint a Chair for the Elections Subcommittee to lead preparation and coordination of the upcoming NPPC board elections.
  - 1. Cocanig volunteers to run for Chair
    - a) 12-0-0 vote to install him as Chair
- E. The subcommittee recommends that the NPPC approve a letter requesting that the City and Uptown Parking District fund a study evaluating options for high-quality, frequent circulator service connecting Uptown, North Park, South Park, Bankers Hill, and Balboa Park. The study would remain mode-neutral, assessing streetcar, rapid bus, or similar transit options.
  - 1. Letter emphasizes that it's vital that this new solution has dedicated right of way.
  - 2. Letter is just proposing a study, not a final solution.
  - 3. Letter proposes a funding source, is addressed to multiple stakeholders, and is multi-modal.
  - 4. Question about the subject including the word Streetcar.
  - 5. Question about MTS' capability of doing this now without an outside consultant.
    - a) SANDAG would be involved in this planning, so need to go to them and not to MTS.
  - 6. LaRose motion to amend subject to change Streetcar to "Uptown North Park Transit Circulator" passes
  - 7. Elliott-Bielecki motion to approve passes 13-0-0
- F. Ad-hoc subcommittee: The subcommittee recommends that the NPPC approve a letter of support urging Councilmember Whitburn to introduce and champion the San Diego Community Wealth Building Coalition's proposed Community Wealth Building Resolution before the City Council.
  - 1. These housing models serve as anti-displacement strategies. This has been done in Barrio Logan for 10 longtime residents.
    - a) Because the buildings are administered by a non-profit, the housing is affordable as long as the non-profit exists.
  - 2. These housing models are already in the city's housing element and identified in SANDAG's best practices.
  - 3. Question about funding for these land trusts.
    - a) Letter is hoping to start a conversation.
  - 4. Question about how the funding is gathered
    - a) 2-3 months ago, the city established a new fund from the Complete Communities program for the city to purchase naturally occurring affordable housing to avoid an increase in rents. Hope is that this fund could be used for programs like these.
  - 5. Question about the surplus land being used for this
    - a) Public land should be used for the greatest public good
  - 6. Motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes passes 13-0-0

7. Suggestion by Logan to meet with the Land Use & Housing Committee to push for this at council
8. Elliott-LaRose motion to approve the letter passes 12-0-1

**VI. Subcommittee Reports**

- A. Urban Design & Project Review: Chair Jay Robinson Duff
  1. Vote to approve T-Mobile antenna and Lincoln Ave will be discussed again in Jan meeting
- B. Public Facilities & Transportation: Chair Doug Schueler
  1. MTS representative spoke and had a very productive conversation
  2. Hamilton St and Collier petitioned for a stop sign. City will put that in.
- C. Communications: Chair Edgar Ramirez Manriquez
  1. Discussed NPPC website updates including a dedicated page for our approved letters.
  2. Discussed outreach to local newspapers.
  3. Discussed ideas to increase in-person and virtual meeting experience for attendees. Higher quality mic is coming soon.

**VII. Liaison Reports**

- A. Maintenance Assessment District: Edgar Ramirez Manriquez
  1. Meeting was cancelled. Next meeting Dec 8 will discuss budget.
- B. North Park Main Street: Bob LaRose
  1. Erin Minelli: Bump out between Ray St and NP Way - partnering with AARP and CD3 office to work on engineering issues, but project is moving forward. No deadline yet, but working through the process. Need a stamped engineering project design.
  2. Small Biz Saturday sip and stroll. If you spend \$10 at any of the participating stores you can get a voucher for a coffee drink at another local participating coffee shop.
  3. 2 new murals at Jefferson School and NP Optical coming
  4. If needed due to SNAP funding issues, there will be a program funded to get fruit and veg to school-age children
- C. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: Lynn Elliott
  1. Holiday activities will be on their website

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Holden will be joining the MTC citizens' advisory committee

**IX. Adjournment: Elliott motion to adjourn passes, 8:35PM**

- A. Next meeting: January 20, 2026, 6:30PM