



# North Park Planning Committee

## Urban Design and Project Review Subcommittee

Minutes: 6 PM, May 5th 2026

*In Person Location* North Park Christian Fellowship 2901 N Park Way

*Teleconference* <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89562222062?pwd=uOnD5aCt8jaUGuH1VtbmXlqE8LWiyx.1>

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

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - a. Call to Order: 6:04 PM
  - Roll Call: (see below)

NAME	Attending? (Inc. Zoom)	Voting?
JAY ROBINSON-DUFF (Chair)	✓	✓
KRISHNA HAMMOND	✓	✓
JOHANNA MALL	✓	x
MALACHI BIELECKI	✓	✓
EDGAR RAMIREZ	✓	✓
HOLDEN LESLIE-BOLE	✓	✓
MOLLY RYAN	✓	✓
MEGAN TRAINER	✓	✓
BARBARA FORSYTHE	✓	x

- B. Modifications & Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. No modifications.
  - b. *Approved, unanimous* (Malachi motions, Krishna seconded)**
- C. Approval of Previous Minutes: April 7th
  - a. *Approved, unanimous* (Malachi motions, Krishna seconded)**

## II. Non-Agenda Public Comment, Announcements, Event Notices

Limited to items not on Agenda; non-debatable. Two-minute maximum.

- Holden: North Park Planning Committee booth with the Uptown Planning Committee, tabling available; UHCA also looking for volunteers

## III. Action and Informational Items (6:15-6:45 p.m.)

### 1. 6:10 Discussion Item 1: Bird Park Improvements

- i. Summary: Bird Park has become a cultural hub of the Morley Field Neighborhood, need for a neighborhood open space. Deterioration of the park due to rusty swings, limited repairs to play structure, loss of trees. Petition for Improvements, with about 80 signatures (QR code link below)
- ii. Johanna: Parks and Rec is collaborating with some volunteer organizations; this could be the best way to get things moving
- iii. Malachi: funding may be an issue, because parks and rec has seen budget issues; starting a fundraiser may be an option as an additional sweetener for the city
- iv. **Motion: write a letter of support to be voted on before the full committee. Malachi motions, Krishna seconds. Unanimous**

### 2. 6:26 Discussion Item 2: Solutions for Triangular Traffic Islands: Monroe & Mission

- i. Holden: Triangular islands which divide Florida, Monroe, and Mission, which is essentially dead space and increases the complexity of navigating these intersections.
- ii. Traffic conditions on Mission Avenue have been a topic of concern for people living in the area for some time. A traffic service request has been put forward. Almost half an acre of wasted space that you can't park in!
- iii. This improvement was indicated in the North Park community plan.
  1. UHCA is interested, could pilot a street closure, gather community feedback
  2. Engage with Mystic Mocha, Pet Paradise, The Skin Care studio to see how they feel about a plaza
  3. Petition at Party on Park? Could be a next step. Could be an option for crowd funding
- iv. Johanna demonstrates how we could make wedge-shaped parks which actually may add parking. Put in as an action item for next month, use alongside a petition.
  1. Edgar: UHCA will be a key partner in determining how to close down the street for our study day
- v. Malachi: tabling could be a good idea.
- vi. **Holden: Motion to consider writing a letter of support contingent upon community support. Malachi seconds, Motion passes unanimously.**

### 3. Action Item 1: NP CPG Input on San Diego's Art Budget

- i. Jay's introduction: gathering feedback
- ii. Malachi: zeroing out grant programs. Impact grants, OSP, arts and culture for council members. Major cuts to local nonprofits (losses of 100k - 300k per org). Cutting down to 1% spending on arts.
- iii. Barbara: representatives were present at the budget meeting. Still fraught considering the atmosphere post Balboa parking fees. Another concern is that these funds are also crucial for supporting Pride, which is a neighborhood draw. Trickle down to businesses, hotels, music venues.
  - 1. Jay: This harms the tourism industry. e.g., the Lafayette Hotel. Multiplier effect of arts and culture => arts and economic prosperity
  - 2. Barbara: Theaters are organizing members to impress on council members. Arts spending makes cities safer as well (i.e., don't short change art spending for public safety)
- iv. Mark: development impact fees could be used for this => being diverted (?) => could be being used in different areas for equity considerations (Malachi) => but the issue is the money is not being spent. Could we ask for at least half of the funds to be earmarked for us?
- v. The NPPC full meeting is slated for two days after the Mayor's first revisions, so we will have updated numbers.
  - 1. **Malachi motions, and Krishna seconds for drafting a letter to be discussed at the main meeting, unanimous support.**
  - 2. Jay + Edgar will draft a letter

#### 4. Action Item 2: Input on SB 79 Adoption

- i. Due to limited time, this was put to a vote for further discussion at the main NPPC board meeting.
- ii. We are delaying implementation of SB79 because of fire zones, low resource areas, and historic areas. Write a letter of in support of adopting SB79 in a more broad and forward looking direction => barriers to housing raise rents, and these new homes could be safer
- iii. **Jay motions for writing a letter of support, Malachi motion, unanimous**

#### IV. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items: (7:00 p.m.)

#### V. Adjournment (7:01pm)

Future NPPC Meeting Date: 6 PM, July 7th 2026

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