



North Park Planning Committee

Full Board Meeting Draft Minutes: July 21 6:30PM

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

Board Member	Present (online)	Absent (excused)
Edgar Ramirez Manriquez	X	
Jason Vance	X	
Rachel Murray	X	
Cody Cocanig	X	
Holden Leslie-Bole		X
Jay Robinson-Duff	X	
Krishna Hammond	X	
Johanna Mall	X	
Barbara Forsyth	X	
Malachi Bielecki	X	
Douglas Schueler		X
Roger McClish	X	
Meghan Traynor	X	
Molly Ryan	X	
Steph Rojas	X	

I. Parliamentary Items

- A. Call to Order. Roll Call.
 1. 6:35
- B. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - Anyone from the public or board can request to pull an item from the Consent Agenda and it will be added to the Action/Informational Items
- C. Modifications to the NPPC Agenda
 1. None
- D. Approve Today's Agenda
 1. Cody, Malachai - all approve
- E. Approve Last Meeting's Minutes
 - May 19, 2026
 - June 16, 2026
 - Roger - minutes in May 19 - remove " It will be like an unwatered garden."
 - Approval May Malachai, Krishna second, with change to May
 - Approval June as is - Malachai, Jay second , Barbara abstain, everyone else approve
- F. Treasurer's Report
 1. \$331.16 - reimbursement coming, waiting for check

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

- A. Becky - new city ordinance at city council stronger regulations marijuana - this is a positive move. Helps protect neighborhoods and gives people tools to deal with issues. 1. City delivery permit needed for delivery services 2. Additional ways for people to take action when businesses aren't operating with a license 3. Businesses can be fined much more significantly. She would suggest this revenue be put right back into the community, such as fully funding parks and rec centers. Request to share with residents.
- B. Matt - Requests fewer technical issues. Concerns about agenda being incorrect, but website is correct.
- C. Kathleen - few concerns on city council - last week, shortsighted proposals - increase tax fees and closing restrooms, deferring maintenance, less law enforcement. Concerns about lack of concern around accountability on less violent crimes, will lead to assumptions that this is acceptable. Referencing Pacific Beach late night activities that aren't enforced. 13 of 28 restrooms were closed, not their own bathrooms. Services Shrink article worth noting.
- D. Paul - NP resident, 5 years. Lives near Smart & Final, concerns about increasing homeless population, growing from occasional individuals who are spending some time there to a few different groups that are consistently set up as camps in different locations in the area. It's a challenging and much wider location, and has been raising this issue with others in the city. The individuals leave a significant amount of trash. He's been picking trash up for the past couple of months. During that time, they're cooking with an open flame (dangerous with fires), needles, alcohol containers, near aggressive domestic behavior. Working with a nonprofit, Clean Up San Diego, doing a cleanup, Monday the 27th at 3pm and someone from Smart & Final will be there. <https://www.localcleanup.org/?event=jul-2026-cleanup> Meeting at Whightman and Louisiana. Raising this to keep this issue at this location on the radar. If he knows someone to talk with. He's got it on Get It Done, North Park Main Street, the police. Would love to invite someone from Smart & Final to see what they're doing. It's public and private, it's pointing fingers and no accountability. Corporate relations answers from S&F, would be better if someone from there could do it. It's getting worse. Has a new son, looking for help.
 - 1. Erin from NPMS responding - there's a nonprofit called PATH they come to the NPMS meetings. Trying to move them toward housing. Erin can get that information to Paul.
 - 2. Paul said they've turned down services.
 - 3. Another person seconded this, and would love to come to the cleanup.
- E. Malachai - fire safe practices, county of SD - AlertSanDiego.org also has an app, if anyone is impacted by fire hazards, Normal Heights has a fire safe council.

III. Elected Official & Planner Reports

- A. **State Senate Dist. 39:** Dr. Akelia Weber, (619) 688-6700 - Not present
Liaison: Sam Gonzalez
- B. **State Legislator Dist. 78:** Chris Ward, (619) 280-7801 - Not present
Liaison: Christopher Gris, Christopher.Gris@asm.ca.gov
- C. **County Board of Supervisors Dist. 3:** Monica Montgomery-Steppe, (619) - Not present
- D. 325-7178
Liaison: Joshua Dunn, Joshua.Dunn@sdcounty.ca.gov
- E. **Mayor of San Diego:** Hon. Todd Gloria - forward comments, as they're lengthy

Liaison: Randy Reyes, randyreyes@saniego.gov - Not here

F. **City Council Dist. 3:** Hon. Stephen Whitburn, (619) 236-6633 - Not here

Liaison: Logan Braydis, LBraydis@saniego.gov

G. **Planning Department:** Sam Solis, soliss@saniego.gov, (619) 235-5221 - Not here

H. **NP Library:** Zar Shain, SDhain@saniego.gov, (619) 533-3972 - Not here

I. **UH Library:** Rachel Esguerra, resguerra@saniego.gov, (619) 692-4912

1. Library hours are going to change, UH will move to Tues-Sat schedule, but North Park will remain open Mon-Sat and some other libraries will change areas. Downtown library moving to partial Saturdays.

2. July - free library card replacements - two special edition cards, Pride library card and a UH patron won the contest. Comic Con card.

3. Check calendars and socials, still here.

J. **SD Police Community Relations Officer:** Jenny Hall, jmason@pd.saniego.gov - Not present

K. **North Park Main Street:** Erin Minelli -

1. NPMS has assumed landscaping responsibility from medians in north park while operating on a limited budget

2. No control over tree replacement, there are dying trees that need attention

3. Next big event - Puttober is in September, working with Historical Society for some walking tours and promotional events. Goals moving forward involve beautification and emphasizing and foster arts & culture scene.

a) Roger - does NPMS get money from the city? Erin - it depends, double check with Chad with what we get money for. They sustained a lot of budget cuts. Recently partnered with BANF 501c3 to fundraise on behalf of the organization. NPMS pays dues, but doesn't fundraise since they're a 501c6. Revenue raising through local community events and property taxes.

4. Edgar - overgrown roundabouts - is that included? Erin will take info back to Freddie and Chad. Edgar will provide location information.

5. Erin suggested funding questions go to Chad and Erin can provide information about budgeting to the committee in future.

6. Johanna - medians - why was maintenance transferred to NPMS? MAD - previous contractor didn't perform - budget to perform is \$2500 which is much lower than previous contractors - NPMS can do it for less.

IV. Consent Items

A. NA

V. Action/Informational Items

A. Informational Item: City-provided Residential Solid Waste Management

Services Program Update - Cook + Schmid will provide an update on the City's waste collection services, including existing financial assistance programs to help eligible homeowners reduce out-of-pocket costs for their trash and recycling fees.

1. Leah Jackson from the City of San Diego - will share slides

2. Weekly recycling and bulky item pickup is no longer part of the program because of the reduced fees

3. Working with MAAC - financial assistance program
sdswassistance@maacproject.org

4. Why the fees? New bins are more durable, equipped with scannable tags, most were old and out of warranty

5. Contact wasteportal.sandiego.gov for additional support and bin overflow issues. CleanGreenSD.org for all materials with cost information.
6. Question: Matt - large item removal status? Leah confirms not available any longer with reduced fees for now. May revisit in future but unsure.
7. Question: Marc - we took away seemingly perfectly good bins - these new bins were more durable, but durability doesn't seem to be their strong suit. The material seems actually thinner and seems a little more cheap construction size. We're paying a premium for this service and it seems as though we're getting a reduced service.
8. Question: Cody - replacing the bins - that's still free, yes? Leah confirms that it's still free.
9. Question: Jay - Property owners can change the size and quantity - only for property owners - fees are charged to property owners so only owners can make the changes. Renters though can reach out to the city. Landlord can undersize the bins, but the owner will be fined if they're overflowing.
10. Question: Jay - What has the city learned from this rollout? Can't speak for what the city has learned, but maybe the director would be better suited for this question. Learned from planning committees and open houses. Shot too far to get the best possible service, and having to retract made things harder. But if the lower fee is the better option, then that's what people decided.
11. Question: Malachai - what's happening to the old bins? Leah said they're recycling the bins to make other bins.
12. Question: Rachel. Transparency on recycling the bins? Collection services tag on processing of the tags. SD environmental services.

B. Action Item: Approval of the NPPC's FY 2027 Capital Improvements Program

(CIP) Prioritization - The City Planning Department has invited planning groups to submit priorities for infrastructure projects and improvements for the City's CIP. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee will present the prioritized infrastructure projects based on the neighborhood responses provided on the NPPC's infrastructure survey. The deadline to provide the CIP Prioritization to the City is August 1, 2026.

1. Meghan - Survey sent out, Ad hoc went through the list, identified themes and past feedback. List will be included on the website.
2. Question from the audience: How does this work?
 - a) First step to get any new infrastructure is to have it on the CIP list
 - b) Once it makes it to the list, then advocating for the funding, which is the larger effort, the community would provide the political push
 - c) It's basically Parks and Rec, engineering capital department - choose based on pressure - this is why it matters so much for us to push
 - d) Rec center has been on there for several years and we want to keep it on there
 - e) They take it into every public comment
 - f) Which ones of these isn't the first year? How many years for each? Unfortunately the city doesn't want this info - but we can still internally track that. We can make this information available on the website.
 - g) Large structure was shut down; the adult center is the small building, the rec center which everyone uses. These should be separate items.
 - h) Remove stop sign - all approve
 - i) Permanent structures
 - j) Remove bus stop structure
 - k) Motion to remove 30th bike lanes
 - l) 18 Replace adult center with community space
 - m) 19 - focus on water tower property - revise to remove reference to senior center

- n) 24 - add per community plan
- o) 26 - add per community plan
- p) 27 - remove
- q) 32 - add per community plan
- r) 35 - add per community plan
- s) 36 - strike idea because we think water fountain already exists
- t) 37 - send to mobility and target all-way stop
- u) Malachai makes a motion to modify 18 to request a community garden within the NPCP and to modify 19 to include the property adjacent to the water toward, Barbara second - all approve
- v) Motion to approve - Roger, Krishna second, all in favor

VI. Move to extend 10 minutes, Roger and Krishna, all approve

VII. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Urban Design & Project Facilities: Jay Robinson-Duff, Chair
 - 1. Community garden conversation
 - 2. CIP list
- B. Mobility: Holden Leslie-Bole, Chair
 - 1. Jason - no action items, but looking through Polk & 30th - owner showed video of cars crashing. Enlist the other businesses on the blog.
- C. Communications: Johanna Mall, Chair
 - 1. New voting member, Mark Spitzer has voting power
 - 2. CIP
 - 3. Intro board members on socials
 - 4. Putting together a list of needs/items for tabling
 - 5. Ongoing active website updates
- D. Ad Hoc: Meghan Traynor, Chair

VIII. Liaison Reports

- A. *Maintenance Assessment District*: Rachel Murray
 - 1. Bringing MAD under this committee
- B. *Balboa Park Committee*: Howard Blackson
 - 1. Nothing
- C. *Adams Avenue Business Association*: Roger McClish / Edgar Ramirez Manriquez
 - 1. Budget
- D. *El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association*: Roger McClish
 - 1. Discussing traffic safety (Holden attended); interested in coming with us
- E. *University Heights Community Association*: Holden Leslie-Bole / Edgar Ramirez M.
 - 1. Didn't have mtg, struggle to find a location, mtg cancelled
- F. *MTS Advisory Board*: Holden Leslie-Bole
 - 1. Nothing
- G. *CPC Liaison*: Roger McClish
 - 1. Mid-city updating their community plan
 - 2. Kate Callen works for OB Rag and CPGs could be featured, where each installment would be a different community
 - 3. Normal Heights discussed their work to discuss a community garden - got funding and donations - there's a lot of work
 - 4. Post zoom meeting recordings onto YouTube. Maybe something they want to do. Let people know they're being recorded.
 - 5. CPC doesn't want noise ordinance to be changed, but they are
- H. *Other Liaison*: Molly Ryan

1. ParkTalk SD - every other month meetings - Sept 2 is next meeting - community rec groups encourage

IX. New Business

- A. Rachel -
 1. MAD under this committee and reballoting to make it happen
 2. NPMS - Rachel liason
 3. Move to NPMS space?
- B. Malachai - enforce time for public comment on Zoom

X. Adjournment: 8:45PM

- A. Cody motion
- B. Next meeting: August 18, 2026, 6:30PM