



NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

4649 Hawley Boulevard San Diego, CA. 92116 (Conducted via Zoom)

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DRAFT Minutes for Tuesday, April 6th, 2021, 6:00pm until about 8:00pm

Board Attendance (X means “present”):

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| | Gary Weber | X | Linda Case | X | Mark Lawler |
| X | Gautam Dey | | Richard Valentine | | Scott Kessler |
| X | Jim Baross (VC) | | (C) | X | Christian D’Emilia |
| X | Dan Soderberg | X | Alberto Foglia (T) | X | Adam Deutsch (S) |
| | Eric Tamayo | X | Nancy Lawler | X | Vickie Everich |

C=Chair; VC= Vice Chair; T= Treasurer; S=Secretary

6:00 Call to Order - Start of NHCPG Meeting

1. Introduction of planning group members and audience
2. Officer Elections: Action item to add members to fill vacancies M/S:Linda/Gautam to vacate the two members who have been absent in excess of 4 months. All voted in favor.
Eric Tamayo & Richard Valentine’s seats are open.
M/S:Gautam/Linda: Fill seats with those interested: John Veneklasen, Jessica Ricciuti, and Taylor Everich. All voted in favor.

Nominations for Treasurer are Linda Case and Vickie Everich: The vote is 2 to 8. Vickie is the new Treasurer.

Nominations for Secretary is John Veneklasen: All voted in favor.

Nominations for Chair are: Jim Baross: All voted in favor.

Nominations for Vice Chair are: Christian D’Emilia: All voted in favor.

3. Agenda Setting/modifications (*Note: items may be addressed out of listed order*): Agreed to proceed with existing agenda
4. Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer: \$2,085.99 balance in the account. \$475 in city funds, only \$25 of the city fund has been spent in this accounting year.
5. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Secretary. M/S: Gautam/Linda: approve minutes. All approved, except Gautam who abstained because he didn’t read them.

6:10 Public Comment

6. Non-agenda public comment may be limited to two minutes per person
 - a. Vickie: There was a Pedal With YourPeeps event this past week, and it was fun and well attended.
7. Social Media & other communications:
 - a. Linda: Meeting this Thursday with El Cajon Business Association regarding changes to the road
 - b. People were complaining about having to slow down around the roundabouts on Meade,

though that's what they're designed to do.

6:20 Reports

8. Government Representatives

- a. Christopher Gris from Assemblymember Chris Ward: Discussed AB 311 which would prevent "ghost guns" from being sold at gun shows. Also discussed AB 218 which would allow transgender persons to amend their marriage certificates and their children's birth certificates to reflect the proper gender. Gris also noted that his assistance can assist residents with EDD filings and other State matters. Christopher.Gris@asm.ca.gov
- b. Jayme Anderson from Supervisor Nathan Fletcher's office: Vaccinations are up, over 39% with one shot, and about 22% with full vaccinations. There's broader openings going into effect for tomorrow.
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September_2020.pdf
- c. Representation from the Councilmember Whitburn is not present

9. Community Groups

- a. Adams Avenue Business Association: Scott isn't present.
- b. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: They've been having regular meetings. Adam conveyed that there's an annual process to request changes to the Municipal Code, that closed on March 31st, and we should be aware of that process next year.
- c. NH Community Association and NH Urban Arts: Nobody present.
- d. Adams Rec. Advisory Group: Vickie: They are revising their bylaws, no major updates. Jim: Proposed that a representative of the Parks Department come to the NH CPG and explain the proposed changes to the Parks Plan.
- e. Community Planners Committee: Jim: Councilmember Joe LaCava is critical of the lack of diverse representation that CPAs have in land use plans. Other points of discussion were the library masterplan. Further noted that Development Services is now offering forms, submissions, and processing, and scheduling through the department's online platform.

6:50. Chair Report: No report from The Chair

6:55 Working Group Reports

10. Transportation Group: No comment from Transportation Group
11. Parks: No update, Jim will ask for an update regarding citywide plans
12. Undergrounding: No updates, Jim noted that undergrounding work is being done on N. Mountain View Drive

7:10 Action Items

13. Vacant Seat Election: Completed at start of meeting
14. Bridgedeck Project (El Cajon Blvd. and 40th St.): Alison: representatives from the project wanted to present to the community. They did not attend this meeting. Jim will put it on the agenda for the next meeting so the community may voice concerns.
15. A Seat At The Table: Proposal adopted by Linda Vista Planning Group. Jim will leave this on the agenda for the next meeting since we need more information.
16. City Operating Expenses: Adam: suggests we pay Jim \$4-\$5 per month as reimbursement for the Zoom

costs until September (\$45 or nine months of Zoom).

- a. M/S: Adam/Gautam: expend from the Treasurer Zoom fees to reimburse Jim for Zoom fees accumulating until September, 2021. Then, invoice the city for final reimbursement.
 - b. Alberto: Treasurer has already reimbursed Jim for 2020's Zoom fees, \$25
17. Ward Canyon Park: Linda: wants to know the status of the Environmental Impact Report. This report pertains to the Community Garden and Dog Park. Vickie: Dog park Volunteer placed the mulch samples at the Dog Park to do an informal survey that can be reported to Park Department. General consensus was that residents did not like the mulch. Vickie: Our ultimate goal is to earn a grant that will lead to the completion of the new dog park. Vickie: Parks Advisory Board is still in support of the current Park Plan.
18. 40th st Barricade: Jim: *shared images of 30th street barricade. He advocates replacing the 40th street barricade at Madison Avenue, allowing North-South travel by bike, not cars
- a. M/S:Jim/Adam: We request that the City modify the wooden barriers on 40th Street at Monroe and Madison to allow people bicycling, skating, scooting, etc. to travel north and south on 40th Street. The Motion Passes
 - b. Nancy and Adam noted the additional importance of making the curb in this vicinity ADA compliant.
 - c. Jim: Will add ADA compliant curb cutouts as discussion item for next agenda
 - d. Adam: The city is in the planning phase of updating the park
19. Bylaw Update - Diversity and Inclusion: Jim notes that the board's demographics are not representative of the community's diversity. Adam recommends that there be language to not just have diversity on the board, but also clear guidance and mandates for equity in the decisions we make and clear anti-racist policies. Jim is open to recommendations for proposed language on such a bylaw and will investigate with the City Planners Committee. Alison notes the need to have professional expertise involved with the creation of such policy. Linda requested this be put on the agenda for next month to discuss with Benny.

7:40 Discussion Items

20. COVID Relief Programs Knowledge Share

7:50 Information Items

21. Development Services Dept – Electronic Services: Jim noted again that the Development Services Dept has a functional website again
22. Library Master Plan Survey: Jim will ask representatives from the library to present details on the library plan

7:52 Adjournment