



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

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CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 5, 2009, 6:30 p.m., North Park Main Street office
3076 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

Called to order: 6:34 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members: Sal Aréchiga (Co-Chair), René Vidales (Co-Chair), Elizabeth Studebaker, Kitty Callen, Lynn Elliot (arrived 6:39 p.m.)

Community Voting Member: Jeffrey Wergeles (arrived 6:58 p.m.)

Also in attendance: Ernie Bonn, Mike Arnold, Nestle Panganiban, Rebecca Cole, Joe de la Garza, Ryan Zollars, Larry Westfall, Maureen Westfall, Lorrie Moore

Approve February 5, 2009 Agenda.

Motion: Approve agenda. Aréchiga/Studebaker 4-0-0

Chair's Comments.

René stated that there are two new NPPC board members that were elected in the last meeting. Sal stated that he was appointed by the Mayor to the San Diego Historical Resources Board, pending Council approval as early as February 17 or as late as February 24.

Approve January 8, 2009 Minutes.

Motion: Approve minutes. Aréchiga/Vidales 2-0-2 (Studebaker and Callen abstained)

Announcements:

1. **MTS raises fees.** This includes all transit passes
2. **San Diego Region Economic Stimulus Proposal.**
SANDAG has published a list of projects that will include highway, transit, local transportation, local public works such as water, sewer, storm drain, utility projects, etc. The 1,043 projects in the list will be considered as part of the Economic Stimulus Proposal for the San Diego region. More information available at www.sandag.org
3. **New benefit for bicycle commuters available.**
This will allow employers to reimburse employees who commute to work by bicycle for certain bicycle expenses. Call 511 for more information

Non-Agenda Public Comment:

- Elizabeth Studebaker stated that North Park Main Street Historic Walking Tour will be held on March 21, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. Please register in advance by mail.
- The Home and Garden Green Home Award was given to the project "Point of Departure" located on 30th Street.
- Lynn Elliot stated that the North Park Community Association will be hosting the Summer Concert series, and the next coordinating meeting will be held on Saturday, February 7 at The Lafayette Hotel at 10 a.m.

Information Items:

The Parking Advisory Board recently passed the Parking Utilization Plan, which includes modification of

installation and removal of time limit parking zones and parking meter zones, performance based parking pricing, extended hours of operation, and modification of Parking Districts.

Old Business:

A. Grant for re-design of the intersection of Pershing Drive and Redwood Street. Mike Arnold is coordinating a team of consultants, which includes traffic engineers, and a public relations firm. Mr. Arnold stated the following:

- Previous grant money went to Upas Street projects a year ago
- The Community Plan calls for a T-intersection, but the community does not want this option and voted for a roundabout in the past
- City Transportation concluded that an all-way stop would not work and create more problems
- A study of the corridor including the intersection of Jacaranda might need to be included in the project
- Some improvements have been made by re-striping this intersection, including the left-turn from Redwood Street
- The proposed roundabout alternative would present grading challenges

A summary of options for the intersection were presented:

- All Way Stop
- Traffic Signal
- One-Lane Roundabout

The results:

- All-Way Stop: Does not improve traffic conditions
- Traffic Signal: This option shows mixed results but it improves intersection operations as traffic volumes increase in the future.
- Roundabout: This alternative shows an improvement in all studied scenarios. There were two alternatives for the roundabouts. One was a circle-shaped roundabout. The second was an oval-shaped roundabout. This second roundabout has less impact in the area.

Neighbor resident Larry Westfall brought up the following:

- 4 accidents per weekend were occurring before last year's temporary fix, and the number of accidents have decreased significantly ever since
- The traffic signal option would impose very bright lights to the neighbors. The neighbors would oppose this option
- He asked Mr. Arnold why the City raised the speed limit on Pershing Drive to 50 mph?
- A pedestrian bridge would be a better option

Subcommittee members expressed the following requests:

- To include the pedestrian and bicycle traffic counts in the Traffic Study
- To include lighting as part of the project
- To include several crosswalks, perhaps raised crosswalks
- Possible Entry Monument within the roundabout

Jessica Cole mentioned the following:

- A survey will be sent to neighbors in the vicinity of this intersection
- A minimum of 2 months will be necessary to collect the survey

(Note: Sal Aréchiga and Jeffrey Wergeles left 7:30 p.m.)

René suggested Mr. Arnold to come back to the Public Facilities subcommittee with the survey results for

further discussion

New Business:

- A. Proposal for Outsourcing City's Water and Wastewater Operation and Maintenance.**
Ms. Lopez contacted René and withdrew this item from the agenda.
- B. Speeding Traffic along Pershing Avenue between Upas Street and University Avenue**
Constituent Vince Bayard was not present at the time of this meeting.
- C. Speeding Traffic along North Park Way between Boundary Street and 32nd Street.** Constituent Francisco Quiroz was not present at the time of this meeting.

Liaison Reports:

- **North Park Parking Garage Art Selection Committee.** The City's Redevelopment Agency will make its final recommendation very soon
- **North Park Parking Management Working Group.** No update.

Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items:

- Ernie Bonn requested to add as a New Business item the recent motion from the Parking Advisory Board.
- Liz Studebaker requested to add "Potential Traffic Calming on 30th Street between Upas Street and University Avenue" as a new Business Item.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2009

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, René Vidales (Co-Chair) and Sal Aréchiga (Co-Chair)