

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

Thursday, May 7, 2009, 6:30 p.m., North Park Main Street office
3076 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

Called to order: 6:33 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members: René Vidales (Chair), Salvador Aréchiga (arrived 6:43), Elizabeth Studebaker, Lynn Elliott (arrived 6:45), Judi O'Boyle

Community Voting Member: Jeffrey Wergeles (arrived 8:15)

Also in attendance: Robert Barry, Ernie Bonn, Fernando Mesquita, David Grant, Ambrose Wong, Tony Raso, Miriam Kirchner, Dave Gatzke, Ann Wilson, Amber House, Jon Hoover, Stacey Shelby, Chawki Sahri

Approve May 7, 2009 Agenda.

Motion: Approve agenda. O'Boyle/Studebaker 3-0-0

Chair's Comments. None

Approve April 2, 2009 Minutes.

Due to lack of quorum at the time, April 2, 2009 Minutes were not approved.

Announcements:

1. Transit public opinion study released. SANDAG released numbers on usage of public transit.
2. Bike To Work Day, Friday, May 15, 2009
3. Compass Cards to replace monthly paper Bus & Trolley Passes. All monthly paper passes will be replaced by this card by July 2009
4. North Park Festival of the Arts and University Avenue closure on Sunday, May 17
5. Normal Street Median Improvements. Council approval for angle parking received in April. Open Bids for reconstruction of median to add parking spaces will begin on June.

Non-Agenda Public Comment:

1. Fresh and Easy groundbreaking. On May 18, hazardous materials removal will begin on the site.
2. Request For Proposals available for the JC Penney building on University Avenue.

Information Items:

1. **Community Plan Update subcommittee.** René mentioned that the Public Facilities subcommittee can receive updates regarding Transportation and Public Facilities discussions held in the Community Plan Update subcommittee. Liz Studebaker added that it probably will not be necessary, since there may be some overlap with members being part of both subcommittees.

Old Business:

1. **Proposal for Vacation of Gunn Street between Utah Street and 28th Street (Jefferson Elementary).** Fernando Mesquita (project architect), David Grant and Tony Raso (San Diego Unified School District) presented to the subcommittee this project which includes the vacation of Gunn Street as part of the Jefferson Elementary School expansion. The subcommittee brought to their attention the possibility to try to regain the approximately 13 parking spaces that would be lost due to the vacation of the street. Mr. Grant stated that the San Diego Unified School District would look into the issue with the City. After further discussion, the following motion was drawn:

Motion: To support the proposed plan of vacating Gunn Street with the condition that the School work with the City related to parking on the east side of 28th Street between Wightman and Landis. Elliott/O'Boyle 5-0-0.

New Business:

- A. **Mid-City Rapid Transit project overview and change in parking configuration along Park Boulevard.** Miriam Kirchner presented to the subcommittee handouts for the presentation of this project, which consists of the reconfiguration of existing bus stops along El Cajon Boulevard to meet the project's specific needs, and the addition of a median along Park Boulevard with 2 dedicated driving bus lanes between El Cajon Boulevard and University Avenue. The proposal includes displacement of parking along Park Boulevard and reconfiguration of pedestrian crossings as well as new re-allocation of traffic signals. This item will be heard at the full board meeting on May 19.

- B. **Potential traffic calming for Florida Street Apartments at 3783-3825 Florida Street (Community Housing Works).** René presented to the subcommittee the possible addition of a designated left-turn lane along Florida Street at Robinson Street as a solution to future delays at that intersection. David Gatzke and Community Housing Works are open to such idea, and are willing to work with the City. A community neighbor stated that she did not see a need to reconfigure or add traffic calming along Florida Street. This item may come back to this subcommittee when the need arises.

- C. **Request for Stop Sign on Madison Avenue at Alabama Street.** Jon Hoover stated the following:

- A rollover accident occurred recently at this intersection
- Traffic calming along Madison Avenue between Park Boulevard and Texas street has been requested at the City
- A Stop Sign at this intersection has also been requested at the City

After further discussion among the subcommittee members, Mr. Hoover was advised to wait until the traffic report was completed in order to take further action; René suggested Mr. Hoover to start the process of obtaining petition signatures from neighbors for a stop sign at this intersection in case the study does not grant enough points for a Stop Sign.

- D. **Request for 15 min Parking on the west side of 29th Street south of University Avenue.** Stacey Shelby from the North Park Theater and Chawki Sahri from Starbucks Coffee indicated that they would like to reconfigure the existing loading zone along 29th Street to add a few limited-time parking spaces. René stated that this process requires owner approval, and he will send Stacey the contact at the City to get the process started. After further discussion, the following motion was drawn:

Motion: To recommend the City to change the northwest portion of 29th Street between University Avenue and North Park Way from commercial loading to 15-minute parking, as determined by the applicant and the City to be most appropriate. Studebaker/Elliott 5-0-0.

- E. **Potential for segments of 30th Street south of University Avenue to install 2-Hour Parking curb striping and signage.** Liz Studebaker mentioned that she spoke with several property business owners

along this corridor and they expressed the concern about the lack of parking available for their clients. They suggested that a 2-Hour Parking limit will help business along this area. The subcommittee suggested that a survey should be conducted to define the amount of current parking spaces along this corridor. René will provide Liz a plot plan with aerial photographs, property lines and business owners for her to have the survey conducted.

Liaison Reports:

- **North Park Parking Garage Art Selection Committee.** No update
- **North Park Parking Management Working Group.** No update.

Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items:

- None

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2009

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:37 p.m.