



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 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: Dionné Carlson (Chair), René Vidales (Vice-Chair), Rob Steppke, Steve Chipp, Vicki Granowitz, Lucky Morrison, Lynn Elliott (6:39)

Community

Voting Members: None

Also present:

James Horne, Lew Dominy, Jon Dominy, David Pfeifer, Ed Hearn, Alexander Walter, Jessica Porter

Approve June 8, 2010 Agenda.

Motion: Approve Agenda with the following change: move Announcements, Non-Agenda Public Comment, and Information Items after the Action Items. Steppke/Granowitz 6-0-0

Chair's Comments. None

Approve April 14, 2010 Minutes.

Motion: Approve April 14, 2010 minutes. Granowitz/Steppke 6-0-0

New Business:

- A. **Request for Design and Parking revisions as part of the CUP Modification for St. Augustine High School (CUP8110 and PDP3445).** The project consists of updated design for gymnasium and multipurpose facility and parking/event management information. The school will be submitting design to the City as part of the substantial conformance review (SCR) of modifications to the previously approved project.

Ed Hearn, president of St. Augustine High School introduced the project. Saint Augustine High School has been in NP since 1923. The process started in 2004 when the CUP was updated for the project.

The Parking Management Plan consists of the following:

- Underground parking is mostly used by junior/senior high school students
- Faculty has a lot with 40 spaces
- Junior /sophomore high school students use street parking
- Neighbors are notified of the semester activities ahead of time
- Guests are encouraged to use the school's parking lot
- During larger events, school has shuttled people to NP Parking Garage
- eNewsletter available for neighbors
- Received only one neighbor complaint regarding parking within the last year

A question and answer period followed, and the following answers were given:

- Auxiliary parking is used during events in gymnasium
- Uses are not being changed from the original CUP
- During the school session construction personnel will be shuttled to a parking lot; outside of school session some on-site parking is available. Neighbors praised construction team in 2006.
- Regarding education changes, any programming that has been added has had positive impact in regards to parking.
- Most construction trucks were going through 32nd St. back in 2006
- Regarding consequences for violators, for parent violators the Principal has talks with parents; for students there are different consequences after 3rd or 4th occurrence speeding out of the parking lot.

A suggestion was made to address Handicap accessibility

Another suggestion was made to redesign the placard with a specific number for calls to go to in order for people more prompt to report things and students to behave.

After further discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: To approve the St. Augustine design for the substantial conformance review of modifications to the previously approved project. Granowitz/Elliott 6-0-0 (Chipp recused)

B. Request for pedestrian safety study for the southeast corner of 30th Street and Upas Street.

Alexander Walter presented the project. There is a very tight turning radius at that intersection and northbound traffic that makes eastbound turns onto Upas Street often drive up on the sidewalk which will be the main entrance for Alexander's Restaurant.

Photographs were shown of the intersection. Pedestrian activity during the day has quadrupled in the four years since Alexander's Restaurant has opened. People have been watched to be almost run over in that corner. Alexander's Restaurant will be changing the entrance from the adjacent lot to the corner with a very tight turning radius. Existing entrance will remain as an exit only

The following issues were discussed:

- This is a very confusing area with several intersections. The 30th Street intersections are staggered, with the Jack-in-the-Box driveway at one of the T-intersections and close proximity to the Dale Street intersection. In addition, Ray Street is a one-way southbound street
- People back out of the liquor store into the intersection
- Drivers have been observed making eastbound right turns from the through lane and not the right-turn lane
- Upas Street east of Ray/30th has sidewalk only on the south side due to a narrow right-of-way
- Study will probably include both Upas/30th Street intersections

After further discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: To request a pedestrian safety study and a traffic calming study at the intersection of Upas Street and 30th Street, to include evaluation of southeast corner for compliance of handicap ramp, turning radius, in addition to distance between adjacent intersections and signing/stripping to both pedestrians and drivers. Vidales/Morrison 6-1-0

- C. **Request for traffic calming on 33rd Street between Upas Street and Thorn Street.** Jessica Porter presented the project.

Cars speeding along 33rd Street make pedestrian crossing dangerous. 33rd Street is a very narrow street where cars are regularly parked on the sidewalk. The yield sign along Upas Street for eastbound right turns is regularly ignored. In addition, McKinley Elementary has also increased enrollment.

The Upas/33rd Street intersection is not a 90 degree intersection, and it has a yield sign that drivers are not obeying. Photographs were presented showing the width of 33rd street compared with the two driving lanes and parking on both sides. People park on the sidewalk due to fear of damage. Sidewalk parking tends to obstruct pedestrians. This area is dangerous for families with children and there is fear of crossing the street.

The following issues were discussed:

- There was an attempt to make Upas Street from 30th to Bancroft a one-way street a few years ago, but neighbors east of Bancroft were concerned with additional traffic impacts and the petition did not get enough signatures
- Not all houses have driveways
- There are a few apartment buildings behind single family homes
- The yield sign probably needs to be replaced in the future
- The City is currently conducting a study for traffic calming.

Vicki Granowitz left at 8:00 p.m.

After further discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: To follow up with the City in regards to the previously requested Traffic Calming Study for 33rd Street between Upas Street and Thorn Street, and to also request a pedestrian safety study due to the narrow width of the street, cars constantly parked on the sidewalk, and the street intersection configuration at Upas Street and 33rd Street. Vidales/Elliott 6-0-0

Non-Agenda Public Comment: None

Information Items: None

Old Business: None

Announcements:

1. June 17th is “Dump the Pump” Green Commute day. www.iCommuteSD.com
2. Regional Beach Sand Project II (RBSP II) public Scoping Meetings held June 3 & 8th , beachsand@sandag.org
3. New Regional Bike map is available from SANDAG. www.icommutesd.com.
4. NP Historical Resources Survey Open House, Monday, June 28 at the Santa Fe Room, Balboa Park, 6 p.m., informal discussion to update everyone on the historical requests. jhirsch@sandiego.gov

Future Agenda Items: Urban Area Transit Strategy (UATS)

Next meeting date: Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn meeting. Vidales/Carlson 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned 8:18 p.m.