



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 13, 2011, 6:00 p.m., North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center  
2719 Howard Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

#### Attendance:

**Seated Board Members:** Dionné Carlson (Chair), René Vidales (Vice-Chair), Vicki Granowitz, Peter Hill, Omar Passons, Roger Lewis

**Community Voting Members:** Ernie Bonn, Rob Steppke, Kitty Callen (arrived 6:20)

**Board members not seated:** None

**Also present:** Delor Yeoman, Samantha Aguinaldo, Luis Schaar, Eric Bowlby

#### Parliamentary Items:

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm

**Approve June 13, 2012 Agenda. Motion: Approve Agenda with the following changes: “Remove the approval of the March 14, 2012 meeting”. Granowitz/Hill. 8-0-0**

#### Chair’s Comments.

- None

#### Approval of Previous Minutes, April 11, 2012.

**Motion: Approve April 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes with the following revisions: Revise the date from March 14, 2011 to April 11, 2012 and change the word “cars” to “carts”. Granowitz/Bonn. 6-0-2 (Lewis and Steppke abstained)**

#### Announcements:

1. SANDAG announcements were listed at the back of the agenda
2. NPCA Bird Park Summer Concerts from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on June 16 and June 30
3. University Heights concerts at Trolley Barn Park sponsored by UHCDC on June 29 and July 6

#### Non Agenda Public Comment:

- A. Ernie Bonn: Possibility of placing a plaque in honor of John Davidson at Spreckels; this item will have to go to the Historical Resources Board for recommendation.
- B. Electronics recycling event at 3035 Ash Street at Albert Einstein Academies, Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- C. Beth Jaworski is the new chair of Uptown Planners and Don Liddell is the new Vice-Chair

#### Information Items:

**A. Water and Sewer Group Job 934: Replacement of approx. 5,122 LF of existing 16-inch cast iron water main and approx. 1,600 LF of existing 6-inch vitrified clay sewer main and appurtenances in the vicinity of Bancroft and Upas Streets.**

Luis Schaar and Samantha Aguinaldo from the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) presented the project.

The existing water main will be kept in service until the new water main is completely installed and accepted. An above ground high line will be temporarily placed to keep service running all the time. In the case of sewer, any locations that will have no service during the day will be noticed.

Construction will begin in March 2014. The estimated cost of the project is \$2,754,000

A traffic control plan (TCP) will not necessarily be in place, but diversion of traffic will be through shop drawings processed by the contractor and will be used instead of a TCP. This process is used for streets that have less than 10,000 average daily trips (ADT). In some cases only one lane will be available, but there will be some cases where both lanes will have to be shut down.

All cast iron pipes are being replaced in the city and they are being replaced with asbestos-cement (AC) pipe. Water lines will be installed with an open trench. Sewer will also be installed with an open trench, because some of the sewer alignments will be changing.

Answers to questions:

- This project is not different than other water main replacement projects in the area
- A suggestion was made for the Project Manager to meet with the Altadena Community Group
- The plans are currently in the 30% stage design stage; expecting to be at 75% soon and eventually in 100% design
- Bancroft Street has both water and sewer replacement, and in this case the deepest line (which is the sewer) gets replaced first, with metal plates being placed on top of the trench and the water line gets replaced afterwards. After both lines are replaced then crews proceed with backfilling the trenches.
- A request was made to protect historic sidewalk stamps.
- The project will be replacing curb ramps only when both water and sewer alignments are replaced at the same intersection.

Once the project reaches the 100% design stage the sub-committee will be notified to see if another presentation is desired.

**New Business**

**A. San Diego Canyonlands request for letter of support:**

Eric Bowlby, Executive Director of San Diego Canyonlands gave a presentation on the process of dedication of open space.

The dedication of roads trump Open Space dedications, but any Open Space dedication still has to go through the public process.

Easements for Utility lines also trump, as long as they don't interfere with the intention of open space.

There are 10,000 to 17,000 acres of open space that can be dedicated, and the Mayor supports this action, but it has to go thru the public process, which includes community planning groups.

The area in North Park that is already dedicated includes Switzer Canyon. A map was presented with the current dedicated open space and the proposed dedication areas in different canyons. All of the areas are publicly owned land.

Discussion on the item followed:

- A sewer line within Lilac Canyon was removed
- The proposed open space to be dedicated will be contiguous with existing open space
- District 3 has 67.99 acres left qualified for dedication, about 30 sites and it represents 0.59% of the City's entire acreage qualified for dedication; the handout shows 3.67 acres proposed to be dedicated for open space within the North Park planning area
- This proposed action is in line with the Community Plan Update
- The additional dedication will not impact the acreage of parks, since they are based on active use

After further discussion, the following motion was made

**MOTION: The NPPC expresses its strong support for the San Diego Canyonlands citywide open space dedication proposal and ardent support for the dedication of all parcels, including Lilac Canyon within the NPPC area.**

**Lewis/Passons. 9-0-0**

Motion carries.

**B. University Avenue Mobility Plan Draft EIR: discussion & comments.**

Links to the different portions of the Draft EIR were provided in the back of the Agenda. The links were pulled from the City's website and were put together in a more organized manner, because it is very hard to navigate in the City's CEQA Public Review page.

Vice-Chair Vidales made a quick overview of the project scope, including:

- Traffic Signals
- Median
- Curb pop-outs
- Pedestrian Crossings
- Re-striping
- Parking relocation

Delor Yeoman owns property at University Avenue and Alabama Street. With the implementation of the plan, his property will lose 7 parking spaces. People get hurt and some have been killed at that corner and he has placed numerous complaints to the City. An enhanced crosswalk is a positive improvement, and he would like to see a traffic signal installed.

Mr. Yeoman also mentioned that there is a property with a lot of overgrown vegetation between Florida St. and Alabama St. The alley ends at a private property, but if steps are added it will increase walkability,

Roger Lewis mentioned that the timeline on this project started 10 years ago, with an oversight steering committee chaired by Andy Hamilton with different representatives from different organizations, including non-profits and the first consultant was KTU&A. The committee worked for at least 10 months, the plan was ratified and then it went to the City. The city came back and said they would go ahead but using another consultant this time. More workshops were held. The first workshop handled replacing all displaced parking. The result of the second workshop was that the transit lanes were all contiguous, with a more walkable and functional corridor that minimized pedestrian/vehicular conflicts and reduced wait times by dedicating the outer lanes to transit- only without wait times for cars behind and by providing left-turn pockets. At that time

the Steering Committee recommended that the transit-only lanes to be contiguous through the corridor. However, this was not included in the alternatives of the current Draft EIR.

Ernie Bonn suggested that head-in parking should be implemented to make up for the deficit.

The current public review period ends on July 17, but Vice-Chair Vidales will request a 15-day extension of the public review period.

**C. Traffic Calming “best practices” for North Park CPUAC.**

City of San Diego Street Design Manual

Chair Carlson mentioned that are projects that have suddenly shown up in North Park that are not desirable; she has contacted Marlon Pangilinan who suggested that the Planning Committee can incorporate language into the North Park Community Plan Update for preferred traffic calming measures.

This item will be discussed further at a future meeting.

**Old Business**

**A. Texas Street Improvement Design.** Construction update on improvements to Texas Street from Madison Avenue to Camino Del Rio South, part of the mitigation improvements for the Quarry Falls (Civitas) Development in Mission Valley.

Chair Carlson mentioned that the project continues to be under construction and is looking very desirable.

**B. Plaza de Panama – Balboa Park (Project No. 233958).**

This item will be heard at City Council on July 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 2 p.m.

**C. North Park Entry/Gateway Monuments.** Ongoing discussion of potential improvements to entryways to North Park, including landscaping, signage and entry monuments/gateways.

No update.

**D. Utility Box Task Force: Update from LU&H 6/13/2012 @ 2pm**

This item will be presented at a future meeting.

**Next Meeting date:** To be Re-scheduled possibly to the first or third week in July, 2012.

Future Agenda items: None

**Adjournment. Motion: To adjourn meeting Callen/Granowitz. 9-0-0.** Meeting adjourned 7:54 p.m.