





NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 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), Peter Hill, Vicki Granowitz (arrived 6:25)

**Community Voting Members:** Ernie Bonn, Rob Steppke, Kitty Callen (arrived 6:15)

**Board member not seated:** None

**Also present:** Matti Asgarian (community voting member not seated), Bernie Horan, Carol Nidenbyerg, Bridget Enderle (SANDAG), Michael Flores

#### **Parliamentary Items:**

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm

**Approve July 10, 2013 Agenda. Motion: Approve Agenda Vidales/Bonn. 5-0-0**

**Chair's Comments.** None

**Approval of Previous Minutes, April 10, 2013.**

**Motion: Approve April 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Bonn/Steppke (4-0-1) (Hill abstained)**

**Approval of Previous Minutes, May 8, 2013.**

**Motion: Approve May 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Hill/Bonn (5-0-0)**

#### **Announcements & Non-Agenda Public Comment:**

Links to events are listed in the agenda

- Adams Avenue Business Association Meet & Greet, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. with Council President Todd Gloria
- Trolley Barn Concert, July 12, 6:00 p.m. Concert series continue every Friday night until August 2
- Open House Fundraiser for UH Historical Society at Log cabin House in North Avenue, August 18
- University Heights Library Friends book sale, August 17

#### **Non-Agenda Public Comment:**

- Mid-City Rapid Bus update: Restriping to implement angle parking on the west side of Park Blvd. will commence next Friday.

**Information Items:**

A. None

**New Business:**

**A. SANDAG Regional Bike Corridor Mid-City & Uptown:** Presentation by Bridget Enderle

Mid-City & Uptown are the first two major bike lane projects that are currently in the planning stages to be implemented on City of San Diego streets. SANDAG is working with the City on this project. Adopted Regional Bike Plan routes are the starting points for the proposed bike corridors. The community advisory group has analyzed options on an ongoing basis. Three east-west alignments have been expanded for study. Looking for feasibility, low stress routes, potential bike facilities, consistency with community planning documents, directness, topography, etc.

Maps were presented with the top 6 routes, including the top 2 routes for the northern alignment, the top 2 routes for the central alignment, and the top 2 routes for the southern alignment.

Notes on the Stat. boxes on the maps: “Level of stress” is related to traffic encountered; i.e. low traffic routes are less stressful than high traffic routes. “Energy use” is related to topography and length; i.e. long hills require more energy use. The number of dollar signs shown for cost is relative to other alternative routes; routes requiring the building of bridges and other major infrastructure cost more than routes which mostly require re-striping.

Meade Ave. & Monroe Ave. Corridor:

Meade Avenue: Alignment proposes buffered bike lanes

Monroe Avenue: Alignment proposes ‘bike boulevard’ plus traffic calming. Possibly 9 parking spaces removed on Monroe Avenue that could be relocated to the side streets

El Cajon Blvd.: Proposes potential cycle track. Possibly losing 32 parking spaces removed on El Cajon Blvd. that could be relocated to the side streets. Working on determining how viable it is to include the cycle track along the route of the Mid-City rapid bus project. Working on what we can do that would not preclude the cycle track in the future.

Howard Ave. & Orange Ave. Corridor:

Option 1:

Howard Avenue: Proposes potential back-in angled parking, bike boulevard and traffic calming

Orange Avenue: Proposes potential buffered bike lanes and traffic calming

Possibly zero net loss of parking spaces

Option 2:

Howard Avenue: Proposes potential back-in angled parking, bike boulevard and traffic calming

Orange Avenue: Proposes potential buffered bike lanes and traffic calming

Possibility of loss of 25 parking spaces

Lincoln Ave. & University Ave. Corridor:

Lincoln Ave: Potential buffered bike lanes and traffic calming

University Ave: Potential cycle track

Possibility of loss of 208 parking spaces

Robinson St. & Landis St. Corridor:

Proposed Landis at I-805 overpass

Landis Street: Proposes potential bike blvd. and traffic calming

Landis Street: Proposes potential back-in angled parking and bike boulevard and traffic calming

Possibility of loss of 23 parking spaces

Comments:

- Asgarian: Greenhouse Gas emissions matrix should be incorporated into the table that already includes level of stress, energy use and cost. Perhaps losing a number of parking spaces is beneficial if the reduction of greenhouse gases is substantial. Referenced SB375 & AB32.
- Bonn: A Bike Sharing program was recently approved by the City and would like to see efforts being coordinated. Would like to have Safe Route to Schools incorporated.
- Steppke: I-15 should be part a future project. Does not like the El Cajon Boulevard proposal since the UA Mobility Plan is supposed to be a traffic-calmer. Lincoln Avenue curvilinear alignment west of Florida Street should not preclude other uses.
- Hill: Attended a SD Urbanist meeting, where it was presented that back-in angle parking is safe for bikers. Reminder that “paper” streets are sometimes more than 100 years old and may no longer be owned by the City (When researched by City staff for potential park sites, it was found that some in North Park have reverted to ownership of adjacent property owners), and thus may not be available for use as possible bike routes.
- Steppke: Reminder that at Texas and Lincoln a median was installed to prevent through-traffic. Vidales explained that the median has openings for pedestrians, wheelchairs and bicycles at intersections.
- Vidales: Today’s SANDAG presentation at Uptown Planners took all the bike riders that regularly attend the Public Facilities Sub-Committee meeting, so their voices were not heard tonight.

Next Bike Corridor meeting will be a workshop in August.

**B. University Heights Street Signs.** Presentation by Bernie Horan, President of the University Heights Community Association (UHCA)

Mr. Horan shared the proposal to replace signs already in place. On August 10, a University Heights anniversary event will take place. In conjunction with the event, UHCA came up with the proposal to get the signs replaced. The City came up with the idea of adding the established date to avoid replacing signs in the future. The words “Established 1888” will be part of the sign.

Two signs are being replaced within the NP planning area

- Adams Avenue & Texas Street
- El Cajon Boulevard & Texas Street

A third sign will be replaced within the median on Park Boulevard and Lincoln Avenue, but it is likely to get removed with the Mid-City Rapid bus project.

Comments:

- Granowitz: Would like to see signs in other areas of the community
- Vidales: Would support the signs as presented with the wording “Established 1888” as long as it doesn’t preclude installing more signs within the entire 1888 historic map area
- Steppke: A bigger discussion is needed for UHCA boundaries vs. historic map boundaries
- Carlson: Adams Avenue Business Association (AABA) is interested in branding their business corridor with University Heights instead of North Park. AABA would like to replace an existing sign on Adams; neighbors east of Texas would like to have UH neighborhood identification signs installed in that area too. Requests for these signs will be handled separately from this request. No cost associated for the signs from the City as long as they are supported and desired in the areas where they are going to be placed. Mr. Horan responded that the UHCA cannot accept funds from outside of their boundaries and call those donors members. UHCA Bylaws are very clear.

After further discussion the following motion was made:

**Motion: To approve the replacement of the University Heights sign at the northwest corner of Texas Street and El Cajon Boulevard and the northwest corner of Texas Street and Adams Avenue. Steppke/Callen (7-0-0)**

(Granowitz left at 7:35 p.m.)

**C. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project List.**

Begin discussion & prioritization

A CIP Workshop will be held in the future. A list of the Top 10 projects from last year's effort will be sent to the subcommittee, as well as a link to the unfunded needs list. In addition, an overall list of projects will also be sent. Suggestion from CPC to "engage your communities in what they want". NPPC will reach out to businesses via liaisons with all the North Park BIDs , and out to wider community via social media (Facebook/Twitter/blogs, etc.) and email.

Peter Hill mentioned updates on two CIP projects:

- Park Blvd & Essex Street recently implemented CIP project enhanced crosswalk may get removed with the Mid-City Rapid bus project.
- Park Blvd & Cypress Avenue enhanced crosswalk currently in design may be impacted by the pipeline project.

**D. I-94 Project:**

Discussion of City Heights & SESD votes & input. See letters from CPG Chair & member to SANDAG. They will likely attend next month's meeting requesting a vote of support.

**Ongoing Business**

**A. Angle Parking Policy:** No new information

**B. Utility Box Task Force.** No new information.

**C. Regional Bike Corridor Project, Mid-City & Uptown.** No new information.

**Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items.** None

**Next Meeting date:** Wednesday, August 14, 2013

**Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn meeting Steppke/Callen. 6-0-0.** Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.