



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)
URBAN DESIGN/ PROJECT REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: Monday, January 7, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.
North Park Recreational Center/Adult Center, 2719 Howard Ave.

I. Parliamentary Items

A. Call to order/Roll call: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.*

Seated Board Members: Robert Barry (Chair), Cheryl Dye (Vice-Chair), Vicki Granowitz, Rene Vidales, Roger Lewis, Carl Moczydlowsky (6)

Seated Community Voting Members: **Rob Steppke, Kitty Callen (2)

Non-Seated Board Members: Omar Passons; Dang Nguyen

B. Approval of agenda

Motion: Approve agenda. Callen/Bonn 8-0-0

C. Approval of previous minutes

Minutes of the October and November meetings will be on the February agenda.

D. Announcements

None

II. Non-agenda Public Comment (2 minutes each)

Passons shared his first exposure to Mayor Filner's open governance style, calling it "magical and wonderful." He cited an example of previously spending 14 months attempting to obtain data from the City and noted that the Mayor's office is now much more responsive.

III. Information Items

None

IV. Action Items

A. North Park Main Street Proposed Bicycle Corrals

North Park Main Street Executive Director Angela Landsberg provided an overview of the project and requested that the Subcommittee approve it in concept with project specifics to be brought back for our review prior to taking it to the full NPPC board. She noted that NPMS obtained a County grant one year ago that allowed the BID to install a bicycle corral outside of The Linkery on North Park Way. NPMS is now proposed to install 2 additional corrals - one at 3417 30th Street, across from Mosaic Wine Bar, just north of Upas, and one at 4026 30th St in front of Toronado Bar on 30th Street. Both business owners are very supportive of the proposed project. Landsberg noted that the existing corral has received great support from the community.

Barry asked about parking impacts. Landsberg confirmed that 2 parking spots were lost at the Linkery to the corral, but indicated she has received no parking related complaints. Each corral has 6 racks (designed like bicycles) and accommodate up to 12 bikes each. Passons asked if the existing ugly blue bike rack in front of Toronado will be removed. The answer was yes. An audience member asked if we will be mapping the corrals in the Community Plan. The answer was yes. Lewis indicated the corrals cost \$2500 apiece and confirmed that they are totally funded by the County grant. Landsberg noted that the funds are also being used to purchase "fix-its" - short structures housing tools for bike repairs that will be installed at each corral and be accessible to the public. These have been very popular in Hillcrest. These structures as well as the corrals themselves are maintained by the correlating property/business owner, including ongoing trash abatement.

Vidales asked about incorporating a North Park logo. Landsberg said this was desired but after

purchasing 8 recycling receptacles there were no funds left. And even more importantly there was a timing issue. Dye asked if the new installations could avoid the addition of the unsightly orange bollards that were required by the City at the Linkery site, noting that this worked against the efforts to install aesthetically attractive bicycle amenities. Landsberg stated that the City created the pilot design for the Linkery corral which included the bollards as a safety precaution. She said that NPMS will look at different style bollards in other cities as models to present to the City.

Steppeke wants to ensure that the corrals do not impede tree trimming efforts. He also expressed concerns about the impacts to parking outside of the building known as Pat's Corner at 30th and Upas, which has changed hands and is proposed for a mixed-use development of that block. Landsberg stated the new owner is in favor of the corral and that the tenants will be leaving. A discussion followed regarding the precise address of the corral, its exact distance from the existing driveway, and future development parking needs.

Motion: Approve the proposed corrals at 3417 and 4026 30th Street, with the design to be consistent with the existing corral at the Linkery. Granowitz/Dye 7-0-1 (Steppeke abstains pending parking clarifications).

B. North Park Main Street Proposed Parklet

NPMS Executive Director Landsberg provided a project overview of the parklet proposed for 3933 30th Street, in front of Caffe Calabria. Parklets are being implemented in other cities with much success. The proposed space will provide outdoor seating and a small gathering spot for both customers and the general public. Parklets support increased pedestrian activity. The proposed space is currently being designed by the city but will not require any city funds. The on-street parking space impacted by the parklet is currently painted green and used for loading and unloading. Granowitz noted that it is also used by the handicapped. Caffe Calabria supports the project. North Park Main Street will come back with design and parking related specifics. She indicated that the City wants the Subcommittee's approval in concept.

Nikky Berdy asked about the impact on existing Caffe Calabria outdoor seating. Landsberg stated that Calabria will be able to accommodate their seating as well as the parklet's pedestrian use. It is located in the street. Moczydlowsky thinks it's an amazing concept. An audience member affiliated with Bike San Diego cited several successes in other cities, saying that business loves them and they generate more traffic and more hiring. Parsons cited success in San Francisco and Montreal. Steppeke asked about the impacts to the two 15 min spaces; will there be future requests for new 15 min spaces? Landsberg clarified that this will be a Temporary Use - three years with the ability to extend - which can be removed by the City at any time if not maintained or other issues. The structures will be unattached. Callen asked about handicapped input. Landsberg said that the project was informally submitted the City Department dealing with ADA and received no concerns. Moczydlowsky noted there are 3 disabled spots on that block now. The project will still allow stormwater to drain.

Barry said that adjacent business support is key and his main concern is related to parking impacts. Dye said it's the type of project North Park should support to bolster its image as an innovative and creative community and that she will be watching for the design details. Vidales asked about who will design the furniture; those details will come later. Adjacent businesses will agree to maintain the improvements. Lewis said he is a big supporter and reiterated that lots of communities are doing this. He is working with the Mid-City board to develop standards for other innovative pedestrian oriented improvements such as sidewalk extensions. Landsberg responded to question about any negative perceptions stating that Long Beach caused a problem by allowing parklet public space to be restricted for private space. This is not being proposed here.

Motion: NPPC approve the proposed parklet at 3933 30th Street in concept. Lewis/Granowitz 8-0-0

C. North Park Community Plan Update - Land Use Plan

Subcommittee members discussed the City's "Proposed Land Use Map" for the Greater North Park Draft Community Plan. The draft map was discussed in comparison to the existing North Park Community Plan with specific emphasis on: the residential areas identified in the Housing Element; the commercial areas identified in the Commercial Element; and the urban design areas identified in the Urban Design Element. The next steps will be to examine the existing plan's designated commercial and urban design areas for consistency with current North Park Community

development and vision.

VI. Unfinished, New Business and Future Agenda Items

VII. Next scheduled meeting date: Monday, February 4, 2013

VIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Stepke/Lewis 8-0-0

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