

# Normal Heights Community Planning Group

## Regular Meeting Location!

Normal Heights Community Center at 4649 Hawley Blvd

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 6:00 p.m.

## A G E N D A

**Welcome & Introductions** – (though not required, please sign-in on our attendance sheet)

**Donation Opportunity** – “above the norm – Normal Heights” buttons available for \$1 donation; supporting the Normal Heights web site at [www.normalheights.org](http://www.normalheights.org).

**Non-Agenda Public Comment** (non-agenda items only, limit of 3 minutes per speaker)

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**Acceptance of or Modifications to the Agenda**

**Reports from Government Representatives or others may be heard**

3<sup>rd</sup> City Council District Office – Steven Hill

City Planning and Community Investment Dept. – Victoria White

76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Office -- Melanie Cohn

Updates from other Normal Heights or Mid City organizations

Adams Ave. Business Association – Jim Schneider, Director

Adams Ave. Recreation Council –

Friends of Normal Heights Canyons – Kevin Johnston

## Information Items

1. Friends of Normal Heights Canyons have an upcoming planting (Dec. 15, 10am, end of Eugene Place). They'll also need volunteers for regular watering throughout the year.
2. At the November 24<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting the Council passed the Indemnification Ordinance proposal (“Alternative B”) supported by the Community Planners Committee (CPC). The vote was 6-1 in favor. This was a great victory for the integrity and independence of the community planning process. CPC Chair Leo Wilson thanked the 13 or more chairs who were able to attend the City Council meeting on short notice; and special thanks to John Fiske, the Indemnification Subcommittee chair, who spoke ably and effectively on behalf of the CPC.

## Action Items

### New Business

1. Project Review – none received
- 2.

### Old Business

- 3.

**Committee Reports** (All subcommittee meetings as scheduled are open to the public)

1. Housing – (Nancy Wolfing) – City Council action re: Mills Act
2. Community Needs – (Morris Dye)
3. Facilities – (inactive committee)
4. Transportation -- (Morris Dye, Jim Baross) - Report from SR-15 Mobility Committee public forum held November 25th.
5. Bylaws -- (Morris Dye, Susan Redelings) – Discussion regarding issue raised at Nov. meeting about proper conducting of meeting reports by Chair.
6. Canyons -- (Kevin Johnson)
7. Normal Heights Library – (inactive committee)
8. City Heights PAC – (vacant position)

**New Business/Agenda** Items for the next meeting, January 6, 2009.

**Adjournment - Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season!**

# Normal Heights Community Planning Group

## MINUTES

Tuesday November 4, 2008

6:00PM

Normal Heights Methodist Church

4650 Mansfield St.

Call to Order by Chair Jim Baross at 6:02

Members present: Richard Rios, Jeff Parsons, Larry Hofreiter, Dino Serafini, Earlene Thom, Art Harrison, Susan Redelings, Kevin Johnston, Holly Ritter and Jim Baross

Members absent: Morris Dye, Nancy Wolfing

Guests: None

Welcome and introductions

Approval of Minutes: Kevin moved Larry seconded; approved with Art and Holly abstaining.

Public Comments: None

Reports from Government Representatives: None present

Information Items (provided by Jim):

1. The Pedestrian Master Plan Workshop took place at the Community Center on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Jim attended saying there was still an opportunity for interested parties to submit comments on the Plan.
2. The Mid-City Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project has been renamed "Mid-City Mobility Project". The SANDAG Transportation Committee is hearing a report on the four alternatives proposed for the system planned along El Cajon Blvd.
3. Orange or Meade Avenues are being considered for a "special bike corridor" that would incorporate traffic calming measures to reduce traffic and/or traffic speeds along the corridor to make them bike-friendly.
4. The Mid-City Bike Route plan, which was adopted when SR-15 was put through, has been reduced in scope from Camino Del Rio South to Landis to Adams to Landis.

Point of Order raised by Art who questioned whether the NCPG meetings are conducted in accordance with parliamentary procedures (Robert's Rules of Order). Specifically, the Chairperson, if presenting information, should designate someone to take the chair. Jim wasn't sure what the procedures govern conduct of the meeting are, actually, and suggested that the By-laws committee might review the issue. Susan believed that the City's Administrative Guidelines speak

to the conduct of CPG meetings. Jim asked Susan and Morris to conduct a review and report and involve Art. As to the question of whether the chair should yield if and when given information items, Jim suggested that the meeting would proceed.

#### Updates from other Normal Heights/Mid-City Organizations:

Friends of the Normal Heights Canyons regular meetings are conducted at Café Cabaret 7:00 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. Bring a shovel and a gallon of water for planting party at the end of Eugene Place on Saturday, Nov. 15.

#### Other Member Comments

What became of our vote on Quarry Falls? We voted to hold our July vote “in abeyance” until a project proponent gives a presentation. Since the City Council has approved the project, the Group’s action in July is effectively moot.

Jim will be adding a “Changes to the Agenda” and suggested that adding an old or continuing business section might also be appropriate.

#### Action Items – None on Agenda

#### Committee Reports:

1. Housing – Holly is resigning as liaison to the Historical Preservation Coalition. Nancy Wolfing had expressed to Holly her interest in taking over. Holly summarized the function and activities of the Coalition as a way for City staff to get information from the neighborhoods on preservation issues, including potential violations of the historical resources preservation ordinance. Larry moved to accept Nancy as the new liaison to the Historical Preservation Coalition, Art seconded; motion passed unanimously.
2. Community Needs – nothing to report
3. Facilities – nothing to report
4. Transportation – see Information Items
5. Friends of Canyons – the non-profit San Diego Canyonlands initiative, the new umbrella organization for all neighborhood canyon groups, is conducting a walking tour of Rattlesnake Canyon this Saturday Nov. 8 at 9:00 am, [www.sdcanyonlands.org](http://www.sdcanyonlands.org).
6. City Heights PAC – Jim reminded the Group that there is still a vacancy for a representative from Normal Heights. Larry expressed an interest in learning more about the PAC.

#### Old Business

More Quarry Falls discussion....

Art related his recent COW experience, interesting. Jim asked if they discussed indemnification. The City Attorney’s office is still working on it.

#### Other Items:

Holly reported that the NH Recreation Council agreed to a 2-month trial of off-leash hours for Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park. Between 6 and 9 am, 7 days a week, dogs

will be allowed to run free. The Rec. Council will be informed of the date of the commencement of the trial period and other details, such as notification of the Police Department, the public, enforcement, signage etc.. Also, the Rec. Council discussed the Community Gardens proposal at WCNP.

At the next meeting, Jim will report on his efforts to get the City to initiate a program to acquire Mission Valley overlook parcels.

Next Meeting: back at the Community Center on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00`