

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

Normal Heights Community Center at 4649 Hawley Blvd

Tuesday, March 3, 2009 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 are available for \$1 donation; supporting the Normal Heights web site at 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

3rd City Council District Office – Dion Akers

City Planning and Community Investment Dept. – Victoria White

76th Assembly District Office -- Melanie Cohn

San Diego Police Dept. Community Relations – Officer Dean Thomas

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. Community Planners Committee activities and information – Chair report
 - a. Amateur Radio operator antennae height permit process
 - b. Community Gardens permit process
 - c. Bylaws to be posted on City web site
 - d. Brown Act requirements re: Planning Groups being reviewed, especially the issue of serial meeting decisions.
 - e. Historic Resources Appeal Process
2. Mid-City Mobility Coalition community bike ride Feb. 14th rode through Normal Heights, Ward Canyon Park. Next ride to feature Cherokee Park neighborhood, March 14.
3. Mid-City Mobility Coalition received an update on progress on MidCity “Urban Trails” from City project manager Mark Giandoni – Cherokee at Madison; along Central Ave between Meade and Madison; and the SR-15 Bike Route.
4. Neighborhood-Meeting-Neighbor Dinner was a success, Feb. 18th.
5. Metropolitan Transit System is likely to reduce/cut routes and/or raise fares. Public hearings were held. Members of the public were invited to talk to MTS staff and provide their input on service adjustments at the public open houses. Information received at these events will assist MTS staff in making final recommendations to the MTS Board of Directors at the public hearings scheduled for March. **For more information, call (619) 595-4912.**

6. **Date: May 2, 2009 - Community Orientation Workshop (COW) Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend**
Attendance by all elected planning group members at a COW session is required by City Council Policy 600-24, "Standard Operating Procedures and Responsibilities of Recognized Community Planning Committees." It is also a great opportunity to hear dialogue about operations of community planning groups, and the generally required procedures. This is a 4-hour workshop that includes breakout sessions with speakers from a variety of City departments.

Action Items

New Business

1. Project Review – none received/requested
2. Proposal that the NHCPG ask other neighborhood groups if they, along with the NHCPG, would take turns once a year each sponsoring a Community Dinner held periodically. Depending on the level of interest there could possibly be up to six dinners each year.
3. NHCPG Board member elections.
 - a. Certification of community members eligible to vote
 - b. Introduction of qualified candidates for Board membership
 - c. Review of Board positions up for election and vacant seats:
 - i. Jeff Parsons – to be submitting his resignation
 - ii. Richard Rios
 - iii. Holly Ritter
 - iv. Dino Serafini
 - v. Earlene Thom
 - vi. Art Harrison
 - d. Casting of secret ballots for Board positions.
 - e. Elected Board members will be seated in April
 - f. Board officer positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) will be elected by the new Board and take "office" at the April meeting.
4. Potential ByLaw revision to reduce from three the number of meetings required to have been attended before a qualified community member could be elected as a Board member.

Old Business

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

1. Housing – (Nancy Wolfing) –
2. Community Needs – (Morris Dye)
3. Facilities – (inactive committee)
4. Transportation -- (Morris Dye, Jim Baross) If time remains a short presentation will be made regarding NH & Mid City Transportation elements of the Community Plan.
5. Bylaws -- (Morris Dye, Susan Redelings)
6. Canyons -- (Kevin Johnston)
7. Normal Heights Library – (inactive committee)

8. City Heights PAC – (Larry Hofreiter)

New Business/Agenda Items for the next meeting, April 7, 2009.

Agenda times are approximations. Items may be heard before, on, or after listed times. This information is available in alternative formats. To request an alternative format (sign language, oral interpreter or an Assistive Listening Device) for the meeting call 619-533-3650 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting. If you have questions concerning the NHCPG please express them at the meeting or contact the NHCPG Chair Jim Baross at jimbaross@cox.net or City of San Diego Community Planner Vickie White at 619-533-5967 or at vwhite@saniego.gov.