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NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

4649 Hawley Boulevard San Diego, CA. 21116

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, November 1, 2011 6:00 p.m.
&
Normal Heights Community Project Review Committee, 5:30 PM
Project scheduled for review – 3296 El Cajon Blvd.

Planning Group Meeting Agenda

Welcome & Introductions - though not required, please sign-in on our attendance sheet

Non-Agenda Public Comment – for non-agenda items only, 3 minute limit per speaker

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – reviewing previous meeting draft minutes. Efforts are underway to get our past minutes posted on the City's web site at

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/normalheights/agendas.shtml#minutes>

Requests for modifications to the agenda -

Reports from Government Representatives & other NH groups may be heard

76th Assembly District Office, Toni Atkins – Linsey Masukawa (619)645-3090

4th District County Supervisor, Ron Roberts – Lauren Prescott, (619)531-5544

3rd City Council District Councilmember, Todd Gloria – Dion Akers, (619)236-6633

City Planning and Community Investment Dept. – Michael Prinz, (619)533-5931

San Diego PD Comm Relations – Ofc Jenny Hall and Sgt. Chris Knighton, (619)516-3009 or 3000, jhall@pd.sandiego.gov

Updates from other Normal Heights or Mid City organizations

Adams Ave. Business Association – Judy Elliot, Executive Director (619)282-9329

Adams Ave. Recreation Council – (619)235-1149 Ted Ewing / Mark Rowland

Friends of Normal Heights Canyons – If you have not yet the joined the new Friends of Normal Heights Canyons (Google Groups) e-mail list you may do so by visiting:

<http://groups.google.com/group/FriendsNHCanyons/boxsubscribe>

City Heights PAC – Aaron Allen

Safe Neighborhoods, Citizen's Patrol - Oscar Padilla

Information Items

1. Report from Community Planners Committee: Urban Agriculture issue for Planning Group recommendations – chickens, goats, bees and sales operations; North Embarcadero Visionary Plan – accepted; 2010 Building Code Update – info only; Foreclosure issue to alleviate abandoned property issues.
2. Mid City Bus Rapid Transit project Public Workshop Oct 29th 9:30 AM to 1 PM at 3910 University Ave. Information for the Mid-City BRT Planning Study is available at <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/cityheights/brtstudy.shtml>
3. Reminder and opportunity available to all - The online or in-person Community Orientation Workshop (COW) session is required for Planning Group members within 12 months of being

elected or appointed to a planning group. The online training is available to anyone. The COW Training online (E-Cow) is available at the following link:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/ecow/index.shtml> .

Action Items – taken in a sequence to be decided during the meeting

1. Addition of new members as eligible NHCPG general members as appropriate, and nomination, election, and potential acceptance of additional Board member(s)- filling vacated terms and/or expanding membership to the official “normal” 15 members (minimum 12). Candidates are encouraged to contact Chair Jim Baross (619-280-6908) before the meeting to affirm interest.
2. Shall the NHCPG support (1) the dedication of [specific sites in the Normal Heights community planning area](#) from Open Space to Dedicated Park Space (2) support of the concept of dedicating ~10,000 acres of City-owned open space City-wide? The proposal is from Canyon Enhancement Planning Committee, Executive Director Eric Bowlby and Senior Landscape Architect Dick Rol. The San Diego Canyonlands organization’s effort is to dedicate as parkland approximately 10,000 acres of City-owned open space to preserve as open space parkland as the city grows into the future. Over the next several months, they are meeting with over forty (40) planning groups to gain input and support of sites proposed for dedication in their planning areas."
3. Shall the NHCPG decide to support Urban Agriculture changes in Regulatory and General Plan Amendments to allow and/or modify restrictions on raising chickens, goats and bees; and the sales of produce?
4. Discussion of ideas for uses and procedures for authorized expenditures for funds (approximately \$700) earned thanks to the Adams Ave. Business Association (AABA) and volunteer staffing for two T-Shirt/Information booths at the Street Fair organized by Suzanne Ledebor.
5. Project Review –
 - a. Project for Review and Decision:
 - i. 3296 El Cajon Blvd. Applicant cannot meet all the requirements of the landscape regulations due to the small nature of the site and existing conditions. Staff is now requiring a Variance in addition to the CUP. They are only deficit in the following areas: They have provided 3 street trees where 4 are required along 33rd Street. They have provided 3 street trees where 4 are required along El Cajon Blvd. The planting area requires 1,615 square feet and they are providing 1,050 square feet. The plant point requires 323 points and the applicant is proposing 236 points.
 - b. Current Historical Reviews:
 - ii. 4565 Iowa Street - PROJECT SCOPE: Combo Permit for repairs to an single-family residence, replaced sewer waste lines, water supply lines, new insulation to exterior walls and ceiling, all new drywall, replace in kind of an existing damage beam between living and kitchen, replaced window for a new Sliding Glass Door, stucco patch to an existing single-story SFR. 11/9
 - iii. 4490 Cherokee Avenue - PROJECT SCOPE: Combination Building Permit to demo previous addition in rear and remodel existing single-dwelling unit. 11/8.
 - c. Future, pending, on-going projects - FYI:
 - iv. Mid City Bus Rapid Transit - Public Workshop Oct 29th
 - v. Kenmore Terrace – street vacation request – no recent action.
 - vi. T-mobile antennae to Methodist Church – no recent action.

- vii. ATT antennae and new lights on Adams Ave ball field – progressing
 - viii. Cherokee traffic calming project – is there interest in alternative community beneficial uses of the newly available spaces for – car parking? – playground? – passive park benches? – community garden? – or just trees and ground cover as planned?
 - ix. Normal Heights Elementary School – continue concern about access to joint use school/park space per Joint Use Agreement.
6. Updates, as available, for discussion and potential assignments for further research:
- a. Community Gardens issued raised about how priorities for space allocation are established. Art Harrison.
 - b. Landscaping - when a project is "approved" by the city's Development Services, typically some plan for landscaping is required. Is there a system in place to verify the required landscaping is maintained in place? Mark Rowland.
 - c. Assessment districts (DIF and FBA, etc.) how these work, what might be appropriate actions for NHCPG. Dino Serafini.

Committee and continuing issue reports (All subcommittee meetings, if held, are to be publicly scheduled and open to the public)

- 1. Historical Housing Designations – (Nancy Wolfing)
- 2. Project Review – (Art Harrison, Mark Rowland, Bob Forsythe)
- 3. Community Dinner organization – (inactive committee)
- 4. Community Needs Wish List & Prioritization Listing & CIP Plan – (Art Harrison)
- 5. Transportation -- (Jim Baross) Following i-15 corridor enhancements for bicycling and walking.
- 6. Bylaws – ()
- 7. Canyons preservation & access -- ()
- 8. Normal Heights Library – (inactive committee)
- 9. Community Planners Committee – (Jim Baross)
- 10. City Heights PAC (includes part of Normal Heights) – (Aaron Allen)
- 11. NH Website revitalization – (Nancy Wolfing)
- 12. Housing Moratorium Issue – (Aaron Allen)
- 13. NHC Plan update/revisions – (Jim Baross)
- 14. Overhead utility undergrounding project – (Mark Rowland) –
- 15. Community Garden development – (Art Harrison)

New Business/Agenda Items for the next meeting December 6, 2011.

Agenda order is approximate. Items may be heard before, on, or after listed order. 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 619-280-6908 or jimbaross@cox.net, or City of San Diego Community Planner Michael Prinz, at 619-533-5931.