

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

MINUTES

Tuesday Aug 4, 2009

6:00PM

Normal Heights Community Center

Call to Order by Vice chair Susan Redelings at 6:05, declared a lack of minimum number of members for a quorum.

Members present: Susan Redelings, Kevin Johnston, Nancy Wolfing, Earlene Thom and Holly Ritter.

Members absent: Jim Baross Dino Serafini, Morris Dye and Bank Dawson Richard Rios Rosanna Harrison, Larry Hofreiter Art Harrison

Community Members/Guests: Suzanne Ledeboer, Lindsey Masukawa, Bob Keyser, Conni Musser, Jim Schneider

Welcome and introductions

Minutes of June meeting: No quorum, minutes will be approved at the September meeting

Modifications to Agenda - None

Information from Community Members:

Suzanne Ledeboer gave an update on the establishment of a Community Garden at 40th Street. They have been given the ok and Lisa Baron is waiting on paperwork from the City. For more information on availability of plots, etc., contact Lisa Baron.

Jim Schneider with the Adams Avenue Business Association discussed the upcoming events, including the Street Fair in September and a new Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market will be held on 40th Street, adjacent to the Ward Canyon Park, every Wednesday from 3-7pm, starting September 9.

Reports from Representatives of Elective Officials:

Lindsey Masukawa from Assemblywoman Lori Saldana's office gave an update on the budget. There have been some severe cuts to several programs, including family health care programs. 100 of 279 state parks are likely to be closed by Labor Day. On August 29, Assemblywoman Saldana is sponsoring a Car Seat Safety Day at the Burlington Coat Factory in Clairemont Mesa. There will be an inspector there to check cars and car seats to maximize safety.

Non-Agenda Information Items from Members:

Kevin updated the group on the Friends of Normal Heights Canyons. On Wednesday, July 29, group members joined Todd Gloria and other City leaders for the opening of the Friars Road Pedestrian Tunnel, near Costco in Fenton Marketplace. This is an

important link in the movement for a safe city/canyon pedestrian connection between Normal Heights, the SD River/Mission Valley, and Serra Mesa/Ruffin Canyon. The Coastal Clean Up Day in Normal Heights Canyons is Sat., September 19, 9-noon, meet at the end of Eugene Place. We need a lot more volunteers for the phase 3 native plant restoration in the Eugene Place Canyon this fall. Meetings – every second Wednesday, 7pm, Café Cabaret (next meeting August 12). For more info, email kevin@sdcanonlands.org.

Nancy suggested having a future presentation on grey water systems and other water conservation techniques.

Agenda Information Items

Susan went over the informational items on the agenda.

There was a discussion on libraries. Bob went to a meeting in Kensington, discussing expansion plans. Some of the trees around the Kensington Library have been declared historic, which could hinder expansion plans. It was suggested that Normal Heights residents need to be more active in this, as North Park is very organized in their efforts.

Nancy told the group about National Night Out (used to be called “Light the Night”), which occurred the evening of the meeting. This is a night when residents are supposed to have outdoor evening activities, light their porches, and show an evening presence. They were having an ice cream social on Swift Ave. for this. As this is to occur on the first Tuesday of August every year, Nancy suggested moving the August meeting date, in addition to the November meeting date, to accommodate election workers.

Action Items: No discussion on new or continuing business due to lack of quorum.

Next meeting: September 1 in the Community Center

Adjourned at 7:30