

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

APPROVED MINUTES

November 4, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

Normal Heights Community Center

***Note:** As the secretary was absent from this meeting, the minutes were prepared based on notes provided by Ryan.*

Board Members present: Joseph Fombon, Marianne Green, John Hartley, Scott Kessler, Suzanne Ledebor, Caroline McKeown, Mark Rowland, Dan Soderberg, Ryan Zellers

Absent: Jean-Louis Coquereau, Joe Kissell, Phil Kramer, Mark Lawler, Nancy Lawler, Gary Weber

Community Members/Guests: Not recorded.

Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Caroline McKeown.

Modifications to Meeting Agenda

- No modifications were proposed.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the October 2014 NHCPG meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Scott requested the following change to the minutes: He did not say it was “free” to install the DecoBike program. Installation is paid for by DecoBike, which is a bike rental company. Scott moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Mark R. seconded. Marianne abstained because she was not at the meeting. All the other board members voted to approve the minutes.

Treasurer’s Report

- Suzanne asked to be reimbursed \$40 for the Rec Center rental, but this request was postponed for motion. Marianne was mentioned to be reimbursed for copies made for presentation. Caroline asked for the city of San Diego to be the reimbursing agent. Mark Rowland, Treasurer, stated that the group’s balance had remained the same.

Non-agenda Public Comments

- Jim Baross mentioned a bike event “CicloSDias” that will be on Sunday 11/9/2014, closing 6th Ave. along Balboa Park.
- 30th St. Bottle Share will happen on Sunday 11/9/2014 in North Park.

Reports from Government Representatives and Community Groups

- **Officer Jenny Hall:** Did a “walk inventory” of the Normal Heights/Adams Avenue area. Also discussed some car break-ins and a school break-in. Jim Baross asked if people were

complying with crosswalkers. Officer Hall said, “Unsure, but they noticed a lack of compliance on their walk inventory.”

- **Adriana Martinez, from Todd Gloria’s Office:** Talked about water usage compliance. Said there would be a courtesy warning regarding water restrictions before fines. Trying to get support on Ward Canyon project, but need more council support. Encourages community to be vocal and attend council meeting (and especially council budget meetings).
- **Michael Prinz, city planner:** Said he was in attendance to answer questions.

Action Items

- **Variance Request—3454 Cromwell Place:** Mark R. asked what the variance was, to help guide our subcommittee review. City is still reviewing the project and will report back to the subcommittee on its findings. Variance is regarding rear setback for detached garage. Subcommittee recommends changing setback from 13 feet to 5 feet (net change of 8 feet). Condition of approval is that this is the lone issue of this variance. Joseph F. moved to accept the recommendation and John seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.
- **DecoBike Bike-Sharing Program:** This action item was cancelled, and may be back in December. Locations of DecoBike in Normal Heights: 1) 36th & Adams, 2) 34th & Adams, northwest corner. Suzanne will walk the locations and the board will make a recommendation in December.
- **Local Schools Ad Hoc Subcommittee/Working Group Formation:** Caroline asked if we want an official or ad hoc subcommittee to address school projects. (Also, could have a charrette that involves multiple groups to come to a consensus among these groups to provide input on school issues to the district.) At least for upcoming meetings: 11/7, 12/11 (at Adams), and 12/18 (at SDGVA). (We can add non-group members to a subcommittee, but the majority must be from NHCPG. Members will include Caroline, Mark, Jean-Louis, Alison Flynn, AABA Member and owner of Villainous Lair, a Community Association representative, and up to two members of the public. Must be publicly noticed.) Scott moved to create an ad hoc subcommittee to attend school meetings (design task force). Mark seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Information Items

- **Adams Elementary and SDGVA School Construction Projects:** Lee Delgeroff of San Diego Unified School District gave a presentation on Adams Elementary/SDGVA modernization.

Committee Reports

- **Community Planners Committee:** Development Services Department has 54 amendments to their guidelines. Need review/responses. Formed an ad hoc committee: Marianne, Scott, and Dan to provide NHCPG feedback. Ordinance to allow for townhomes, small lot subdivisions allowed for updated community plans. Caroline suggested we talk about this in December.

- **Projects Review Committee:** No further comments.
- **Historical Properties Committee:** No further comments.
- **Ad Hoc Bylaws Subcommittee:** Suzanne continuing on bylaws processing.
- **Utility Undergrounding Working Group:** Met to discuss what the city is doing. City is requesting a task force meeting in advance of process/design. Next meeting is 11/21.
- **Transportation/Traffic Calming Working Group:** Reported traffic calming group findings regarding Meade Ave. bike corridor and Adams Ave. crossings. Danny Vegh is SANDAG PM.
- **Library Branch Working Group:** No comments.
- **City Infrastructure Committee:** No comments.

New Business/Future Agenda Items

- No new business or future agenda items were presented.

Adjournment

- Ryan moved to adjourn, Caroline seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting: December 2, 2014