

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

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October 4, 2011

6:00 PM

Normal Heights Community Center

Meeting called to order with quorum at 6:04 P.M.

Members present: Aaron Allen, Jim Baross, Joseph Fombon, Art Harrison, Nancy Lawler, Ben Moore, Richard Rios, Mark Rowland, Earlene Thom, Nancy Wolfing

Members absent: None

Community Members/Guests: Charles Bradford, Judy Elliot, Nhu Nguyen, Hueseong Park, Dan Soderberg, Rebecca Tabatzky

Welcome and introductions

Non-agenda Public Comments

- Ms. Holly Ritter continues to have concerns regarding the traffic-calming modifications to the intersection of E. Mountain View and Cherokee. Her concerns will be forwarded to City staff.
- Ms. Suzanne Ledebor issued a brief comment on the Development Impact Fund (DIF) fees available for Normal Heights. Normal Heights' DIF fees are aggregated with the Mid-City region and were \$900k per a City staffer as of meeting time.
- Mr. Gary Weber issued a brief comment regarding orange barrels associated with construction zones impeding through access on nearby sidewalks. His concerns will be forwarded to the appropriate City staff.
- Mr. Art Harrison requested a point of order to urge general attendees to sign the attendance sheet that was distributed at meeting time.

Approval of August 2011 Minutes

Mr. Mark Rowland put forth a motion to approve the August minutes. Mr. Aaron Allen seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion with one abstention (N. Wolfing).

Approval of September 2011 Minutes

Mr. Mark Rowland put forth a motion to approve the September minutes. Ms. Earlene Thom seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to approve the motion.

Modifications to Meeting Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda requested.

Government Representatives

- Michael Prinz with City of San Diego Development Services briefly discussed the Mid-City BRT project. The project is currently reviewing land use at El Cajon Blvd. and SR-15 for the BRT pad to be located in that vicinity.
- The newly installed Executive Director of the Adams Ave. Business Association, Judy Elliot, apprised the Board of the AABA's recent goings-on and that organization's decompression after the recent, successful Adams Ave. Street Fair. Ms. Elliot may be reached at (619) 282-7329.

Other Old and New Business and Informational Items:

- 1) Mr. Jim Baross reminded the Board that the Community Orientation Workshop ("COW") is available both online and at periodic in-person events and that all Board members must take the COW within one year of being seated on the Board.
- 2) Mr. Baross reminded the Board and its audience that disorderly conduct at meetings will not be tolerated.
- 3) Mr. Baross and the NHCPG Board publicly commended the Adams Ave. Business Association for the recent Adams Ave. Street Fair.
- 4) Mr. Baross noted that in a recent meeting of the Community Planning Committee, there was discussion of a proposal to designate canyonlands as parklands within City limits. The NHCPG Board briefly discussed this move's potential effect on the reported availability of parkland within Normal Heights.
- 5) Dovetailing on Ms. Suzanne Ledebouer's earlier comments on DIF fees, there was a brief discussion on the seeming unavailability of DIF fees to the constituents of the communities from where the fees were collected.
- 6) Mr. Bill McHugh presented information on his proposed restaurant that he would like to build out in the space currently occupied by the Dirty Dog dog wash, Second Chance thrift store, and Thai Joint restaurant. The three currently separate businesses would be joined as one business, a sidewalk patio/dining area would be added, and the rear of the lot would be cleared of any rubbish and possibly have a patio installed. The proposed restaurant would be fully-ADA compliant and would have a full liquor license. Mr. McHugh took several comments from the Board and the audience before he concluded his presentation.

Action Items:

- Mr. Jim Baross briefed the Board that two Community Members are eligible to be appointed to the NHCPG Board. Ms. Nancy Lawler put forth a motion to approve Mr. Charles Bradford and Mr. Dan Soderberg as appointed Board members through the next election. Ms. Earlene Thom seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to approve the motion. Welcome, Charles and Dan!
- The Board publicly acknowledged and thanked Ms. Suzanne Ledebouer for her work in organizing NHCPG's money-making venture at the Adams

Ave. Street Fair. The \$735 in net income earned at the Street Fair will be deposited in the Adams Ave. Business Association's checking account in trust. Further discussion and voting will occur before any disbursements be made from these funds.

- Mr. Art Harrison will reach out to the managers of the Vera House Community Garden regarding its availability. No further action was taken.
- Mr. Mark Rowland informed the Board of recent developments regarding the AT&T project at the ball field at the Normal Heights Recreation Center. The Recreation Council has reportedly approved variances from the approved plans during construction that are less than ideal for the users of the baseball field. Further discussion will be had on how to possibly remedy these less-than-ideal conditions. No further action was taken.
- The ongoing discussion on the lack-of-access issues for the joint-use field at Normal Heights Elementary School continued with everyone being urged to contact Councilmember Todd Gloria's and School Board Trustee Kevin Beiser's offices to expedite resolution of any outstanding issues preventing full community access of the field.

Committee Reports:

There were no further committee reports.

Next meeting: November 1, 2011 at the Normal Heights Community Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 P.M.