



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE  
**PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE**  
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**MEETING AGENDA: October 09, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center, 2719 Howard Avenue.**

- I. Parliamentary Items **(6:00 pm)**
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Modifications to & adoption of the **October 09, 2013** Agenda
  - C. Chair’s Comments
  - D. Approval of Previous Minutes: September 11, 2013
  - E. Announcements: (See last page of Agenda for details and links)
  
- II. **Non Agenda Public Comment** (2 min. each). Please fill out a Public Comment Sheet and give to Chair prior to the meeting.
  
- III. **Information Items:**
  - A. None
  
- IV. **New/Current Business:** (*Action Items*) See links to background info on page 2
  - A. **UHCDC request for support:** UHCDC requests support for their resolution for the establishment of official boundaries for the University Heights neighborhood. **(6:15 to 6:30)**
  - B. **Safe Routes to School funding increase:** Discussion of whether and how best North Park could take advantage of recent 35% increase in State Routes to School funding to implement any of our linear park/streetscape/bike route priorities, and how to apply for the grants. **(6:30 to 7:00)**
  - C. **Median Chokers at Madison and Utah:** Begin discussion of process for their removal as requested by surrounding residents, and of alternative traffic calming for this location **(7:00 to 7:20)**
  - D. **Traffic Calming/Stop Sign at Madison and Mississippi:** Update on progress and Discussion of traffic calming options for this location, including stop sign. **(7:20 to 7:40)**
  
- V. **Old/Ongoing Business:** (*Update/discussion/possible Action Items*) (see announcements for links)  
 (*Note: these ongoing items may be trailed to following month if we run out of time*)
  - A. **Angle Parking Policy:** Discussion – Report/update from Ernie Bonn **(7:40 to 7:45)**
  - B. **Utility Box Task Force:** Update and next steps **(7:45 to 7:50)**
  - C. **Community Plan Update... Elements/Issues:** Discussion of remaining elements **(7:50 to 7:55)**
  
- I. **Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items. (7:55 to 8:00)**
  
- II. **Next Meeting date: PF Subcommittee: Wed., November 13, 2013 – 6pm**
  
- III. **Adjournment (8:00 pm)**

*Times listed are estimates only. Please speak only when recognized by the Chair. Be respectful of others and their ideas. Listen and be open-minded. No interruptions or side conversations. Stay focused on issues rather than personalities.*

\* **Subcommittee Quorum:** Total seated members cannot exceed 13, with a maximum of 7 elected NPPC Board Members (cannot exceed NPPC quorum) and 6 Community Voting Members. The majority of total seated members must be elected NPPC board members

\*\* **Community Voting Members:** Community members gain subcommittee voting rights after attending at least three subcommittee meetings. Elected Board Members have voting rights anytime.

## **Links/Notes/ Attachments/Background for Current/Ongoing Agenda Items: 10/09/2013**

City of San Diego Street Design Manual: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/pdf/peddesign.pdf>

### **Link to San Diego General Plan Recreation Element:**

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/genplan/pdf/generalplan/recreationelement.pdf> -

### **SANDAG Regional Bike Projects:**

- Uptown Regional Bike Corridor **Community Advisory Group**: Beth Robrahn, Project Manager  
[http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/uptown\\_intro.aspx](http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/uptown_intro.aspx)
- Mid-City Regional Bike Corridor (Includes North Park) Advisory Group: Bridget Enderle, Project Manager  
[http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/NorthParkMidCity\\_intro.aspx](http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/NorthParkMidCity_intro.aspx)

### **“Safe Routes to School”:**

*“Walking and bicycling projects will receive a 35 percent boost in state funding through legislation signed by Governor Jerry Brown last week (end of September 2013) . The bill establishes a new Active Transportation Program funded by \$130 million in the first year, including a minimum of \$24 million for Safe Routes to School projects and no less than 25 percent to benefit disadvantaged communities.”*  
[saferoutescalifornia.org](http://saferoutescalifornia.org)

### **NPPC-PF Subcommittee 10/09/2013 Announcements:**

#### **SANDAG News:**

The September 2013 edition of [rEgion](http://www.sandiego.gov/region), the SANDAG electronic newsletter, is now available online. Articles include:

- [SANDAG Awarded \\$14M to Replace Aging Rail Bridges](#)
- [Violent Crime Down, Property Crime Up](#)
- [Blue Line Stations Open During Construction](#)
- [Rideshare Commuter Challenge Kicks Off Oct. 1](#)
- [Heroin Use Rising in San Diego County](#)
- [Wanted: Your Input on Public Transit](#)

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### **SANDAG Mid-City Rapid Bus Project has started Construction - Info and updates here:**

<http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/Mid-city-rapid/midcity-rapid-bus-intro.aspx>

### **UPAS Steet Pipeline Project :**

<http://cipapp.sandiego.gov/CIPDetail.aspx?ID=S11022> Project Sheet

<http://maps.sandiego.gov/cpm/default.aspx?cip=S11022> The Map

### **North Park Community Association (NPCA):**

See the NPCA's home page <http://northparksd.org/> and their community calendar at <http://northparksd.org/meetings-calendar>.  
Contact [news@northparksd.org](mailto:news@northparksd.org) to have your event/meeting added to the calendar

### **University Heights Community Association (UHCA):**

See the UHCA home page <http://uhsd.org/>

**Adams Ave Business Association (AABA):** <http://www.adamsavenuebusiness.com/>

**University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC):** [www.uhcdc.org](http://www.uhcdc.org)



**El Cajon Boulevard Business District:** [www.theboulevard.org](http://www.theboulevard.org)

**North Park Main Street:** <http://northparkmainstreet.com/>



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## PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 6:00 p.m., North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center  
2719 Howard Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

#### Attendance:

**Seated Board Members:** Dionné Carlson (Chair), René Vidales (Vice-Chair), Vicki Granowitz, Robert Barry, Peter Hill, Omar Passons, Sara McAlear

**Community Voting Members:** Ernie Bonn, Rob Steppke, Kitty Callen

**Board member not seated:** None

**Also present:** Adam Cook, Cindy Mishkin

#### Parliamentary Items:

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm

**Approve September 11, 2013 Agenda. Motion: Approve Agenda Granowitz/Bonn. 10-0-0**

**Chair’s Comments:** (Carlson’s *Comments ceded to Vick Granowitz, NPPC board chair*) Cell Site with water tower design (northeast corner of Meade Ave. and Boundary St.) recently approved at Planning Commission. Granowitz met with El Cajon Blvd. BIA regarding CIP projects They submitted 3 projects.

**Approval of Previous Minutes, July 10, 2013.**

**Motion: Approve July 10 Meeting Minutes. Bonn/Callen. 7-0-3 (Passons, Barry, McAlear abstained)**

**Approval of Previous Minutes, August 14, 2013.**

**Motion: Approve August 14 Meeting Minutes with the following revisions: Add “instead of submitting specific priorities by neighborhood (because the issue of how the level of service is set, is of broad citywide importance and gets us away from just focusing on hyper local interests)” to minutes on the Board discussion of CIP projects as comment from Omar Passons. Steppke/Bonn. 8-0-0 (Barry and MacAlear abstained)**

#### Announcements & Non-Agenda Public Comment:

Links to events are listed in the agenda

- Trolley Dances, September 28 and 29 at Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater
- North Park EcoDistrict event, September 24 at West Coast Tavern where some important information will be unveiled. More details to come
- Sustainability Resilience Seminar, where a presentation on NPMS’s Sustainability initiative will be featured along with North Park projects, October 30
- Taste of University Heights and Historic Trolley Tour on October 20

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:**

- Jack in The Box (30<sup>th</sup> St. & Upas St.) article featured in recent City Beat publication
- SANDAG'S Bike Corridor item at Uptown Planners recent board meeting. Concerns that the SANDAG bike corridors were outside of the community plan update.
- Bike Share program "DecoBike" is expected to be in place by this December.

**Information Items:**

A. None

**New Business:**

- A. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) List.** Begin discussion and prioritization of previous projects, requests for new projects, community outreach; traffic calming, BID projects, Joint Use projects, parks, plazas, infrastructure, etc.

The board decided to start the project list with the 10 projects listed from last year and add more projects to the list

Recommended projects from last year that are likely to be recommended this year:

1. McKinley Elementary School Joint Use Improvements (S12001)
2. North Park Mini Park and Streetscape Improvements (S10050)
3. University Avenue Mobility Plan (S00915)
4. North Park/University Heights Library (S00809) - If the boundary between Uptown Planners and North Park Planning changes, then NPPC vote should be null and void on the NP/UH Library project.
5. El Cajon Blvd. Acorn Lights [El Cajon Blvd. BIA]
6. University Ave & 32<sup>nd</sup> St Traffic Signal Modification [Unfunded Needs List from 8/16/11 NPPC request]

Projects considering to be added:

- **El Cajon Boulevard West End Pedestrian Improvements** (Conceptual plan by KTU&A). Requested by ECBIA
- **30<sup>th</sup> St. & Adams Ave. Traffic Signal Modification and Pedestrian Improvements.** Requested by AABA
- **30<sup>th</sup> St Curb, Gutter & Sidewalk Repair (South of Adams Ave.).** Requested by AABA
- **Adams Ave. Texas St. to I-805 Flood Control and Pedestrian Enhancement Improvements.** Requested by AABA
- **Madison Ave. at Mississippi St. Traffic Calming and Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing.** Requested by resident
- **Adams Ave. at Alabama St. Enhanced Crosswalk.** Requested by resident
- **Upas St. Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Improvements from 30<sup>th</sup> St. (east intersection) to Dale St.)** Requested by resident and business owner
- **Montclair Park Comfort Station.** Requested by Cindy Mishkin
- **Pedestrian Ramp at the West Intersection of 30<sup>th</sup> St. & Upas St. in front of the Jack in the Box (south) for Mobility Purposes.** Requested by Adam Cook
- **Sidewalk Segment improvement at Thorn St. & Dale St. (southwest corner).** Requested by Adam Cook
- **Enhanced Crosswalk at 30<sup>th</sup> St. and Thorn St.** Requested by Adam Cook and Robert Barry
- **30<sup>th</sup> St. Cycle Track from Adams Ave. to Upas St.** Requested by North Park Main Street
- **North Park Community Park Adult Center Demolition and Park Remodel**
- **North Park Linear Park Project. Oregon St. from Copley St. to University Ave. and Utah St. from University Ave. to Upas St.**

Discussion of projects:

a. *Montclair Park Comfort Station*

- Mishkin: The park draws a lot of families and activities, which now require a restroom. A traditional restroom typically can cost \$500K but the proposal for Montclair Park should be less.
- Granowitz: Department of Park and Recreation (DPR) has its own standards that are different from CCDC in downtown. DPR does not typically install bathrooms in unattended parks. We also have homeless populations living in the canyons even adjacent to urban areas. One restroom in Balboa Park on the west mesa has been closed for a decade because of innumerable problems.
- Passons: Would like to see a Lifecycle Cost Analysis
- Barry: If the infrastructure is already available, what are the costs? There is a need but the likelihood of it happening is very small
- Steppke: Supports the concept
- Bonn: Certain parks need to be opened and closed because DPR does not have adequate staff. Does not support the concept
- McAlear: Supports the concept but there is no maintenance assessment district for it
- Vidales: Supports coin operated restrooms
- Granowitz: Will ask the director of DPR to agendaize the item
- Hill: Would like to add to the list of projects but at the bottom of the list
- Chair Carlson: Also supports adding it but at the bottom of the list until DPR design approval
- Steppke: Would like to see it included as an item for further study

Consensus from the group was to add the Comfort station to the list of CIP projects

- b. *North Park Mini Park and Streetscape Improvements*. Park portion is funded but the associated streetscape improvements are not. The improvements are Phase II and the project as a whole will be kept on the list of top projects, but we will clarify that we are asking for Phase II of the project. DPR Director looked at what DIF funds were available to North Park and what funds were already allocated, which resulted in the project being funded via CIPRAC recommendation (park portion only)
- c. *McKinley Elementary Joint Use Agreement*. Should be kept on the list regardless of differences between neighbors. No General Development Permit (GDP) yet.
- d. *North Park Community Park Adult Center Demolition and Park Remodel*. The project would reclaim the area of the existing Adult Center as park space and relocate the facility's current uses to El Cajon Blvd. and 30<sup>th</sup> St.). Steppke said that we should have the tenant improvements at the Renaissance Building (El Cajon Blvd. and 30<sup>th</sup> St.) completed and available to us ***before*** we demolish the existing facility.
- e. *North Park Linear Park Project. Oregon St. from Copley St. to University Ave. and Utah St. from University Ave. to Upas St.* This project connects the north portion of North Park, the NP Community Park, the schools along Oregon St. and Utah St., and all the way to Balboa Park in a 'Safe Routes to Schools' greenway.
- f. *Plazas along El Cajon Blvd.* It may be better to wait until we have it flushed out and perhaps include it in the Recreation Element so it can facilitate next year's discussion on this topic.

Due to time constraints, all projects were aggregated into broad categories and will be discussed at the full board meeting for a vote:

**PARKS PROJECTS:**

1. Montclair Park Comfort Station
2. North Park Mini Park & Streetscape Improvements
3. McKinley Elementary Joint Use Agreement
4. North Park Community Park Adult Center Demolition and Park Remodel
5. North Park Linear Park Project, Oregon St. from Copley St. to University Ave. and Utah St. from University Ave. to Upas St.

**MOBILITY PROJECTS:**

1. University Avenue Mobility Plan
2. 30<sup>th</sup> St. Cycle Track from Adams Ave. to Upas St.

**LIGHTING & TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION PROJECTS:**

1. El Cajon Blvd. Acorn Lights
2. 30<sup>th</sup> St. and Adams Ave. Traffic Signal Modification and Pedestrian Improvements
3. University Ave. and 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Traffic Signal Modification

**TRAFFIC CALMING AND PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS:**

1. El Cajon Blvd. West End Pedestrian Improvements (Conceptual Plan by KTU&A)
2. Adams Ave. at Alabama St. Enhanced Crosswalk
3. Adams Ave. Texas St. to I-805 Flood Control & Pedestrian Enhancements
4. Madison Ave. at Mississippi St. Traffic Calming and Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing
5. Upas St. Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Enhancement from 30<sup>th</sup> street (east intersection) to Dale St.
6. 30<sup>th</sup> Street Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Repair (south of Adams Ave.)
7. El Cajon Boulevard/Park Blvd./Normal St. Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Improvements
8. Pedestrian Ramp at the West Intersection of 30<sup>th</sup> St. & Upas St. in front of the Jack in the Box (south) for Mobility Purposes
9. Sidewalk Segment Improvement at Thorn St. & Dale St. (southwest corner)
10. Enhanced Crosswalk at 30<sup>th</sup> St. and Thorn St.

**Ongoing Business**

- A. Angle Parking Policy:** No new information
- B. Utility Box Task Force.** No new information.
- C. Community Plan Update. Elements/Issues.** No new information.

**Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items.** None

**Next Meeting date:** Wednesday, October 9, 2013

**Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn meeting Callen/Steppe. 10-0-0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.