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NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)

MARCH 17, 2015

NOTICE OF BOARD ELECTION

Registration starts at 6:15 pm;

Election called to order at 6:30 pm

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MONTHLY NPPC BOARD MEETING Will Follow The Election At

7 PM NOTICE SPECIAL START TIME**

NPPC ELECTION Procedure

Candidate Statements and Election the NPPC Board of Directors consists of fifteen (15) members. For this election, there are eight (8), two (2) year Board positions. In addition to accepting nominations from floor (based upon eligibility), the following candidates are hereby nominated to run for a seat on the Board of the North Park Planning Committee. Each candidate may give a 2-minute statement. Election results will be announced at the first break of the NPPC Board meeting.

Alan Bennett *Howard Blackson *Dionne Carlson *Steve Codraro
*Vicki Granowitz *Peter Hill *Dang Nguyen *Rick Pyles Rene Vidales (*Incumbent)

For further information on Election Eligibility & Procedures please see Addendum following the March 17, 2015 NPPC Agenda Below

March 17, 2015 NPPC AGENDA

** Give Public Comment Sheets to NPPC Secretary or Chair

**Times are estimates only

I. Parliamentary Items (6:30 pm)

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call and Attendance Report
- B. Modifications to & Adoption of the March 17, 2015 NPPC Agenda
 - 1. **Urgent Non-Agenda Action Items** – Items may be initiated by NPPC Board Member and added to the Agenda by a 2/3 vote of the Committee. Items must have come up after the Agenda went out & be of a time sensitive nature.
 - 2. **Consent Agenda Items:** (PFPA 3/11/15 In Attendance: Carlson, Hill, Gebreselassie, Granowitz, McAlear, R. Morrisison, Bonn, Callen, Steppke, Vidales)
 - a) **MOTION:** To write a **letter of support for the Rock & Roll Marathon** Gebreselassie/Bonn 10-0--0.

- b) **MOTION:** The NPPC **demands that the mailboxes at 3791 Grim Ave. be immediately reinstalled**, along with the original pre-existing mail-drop parking spaces; as was promised to the North Park Community when the Post Office building was sold. Granowitz/ Gebreselassie 10-0-0
- c) **MOTION:** The NPPC approves the attached **comments on the Daft Urban Forestry Plan**. Vidales/Bonn 8-0-2 (Steppke/McAlear lack of time to review) see page 6 for recommendations; for more info <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/urbanforest/index.shtml>
- d) **MOTION:** To **remove the Montclair Park & Trolley Barn Park Comfort Stations** from the NPPC CIP List. Granowitz/Callen 10-0-0 (Action needed to provide consistence with appropriate Recreation Councils –North Park/University Heights- actions in conformance with CP 600-33.)
- e) **MOTION:** To add the **North Park Branch Library #1 to the NPPC CIP Priority List**, as to be consistent with the April 2002 North Park Facility financing Plan. Granowitz/ Gebreselassie 10-0-0
- f) **MOTION:** To add the **Historic University Heights/North Park Water Tower to the NPPC CIP Priority List**. Vidales/Callen 10-0-0 (Necessary to bring attention to the need to address deferred maintenance, health & safety issues/needs related to saving the iconic historic structure)

- A. **Agenda:** Adoption of the March 17, 2015 NPPC Agenda
- B. **Minutes:** Approval of the February 17, 2015 Minutes
- C. Treasurer’s Report – Current balance \$739.77
- D. Social Media – Brandon Hilpert
- E. Chair’s Report
 - 1. **CPC – Tuesday, March 27, 2015, 7-9 pm.** 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa Auditorium. Agenda Items include: (For more info: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpc/agendas/index.shtml>)
 - 2. **Update Land Development Code**
 - 3. **USPS Mail Box removal from 3791 Grim St.** The NPPC is working with Councilmember Gloria & Congress Member Susan Davis to have the Boxes reinstalled. Please contact Lee.Steuer@mail.house.gov at Davis’s office to demand replacement of the only USPS mail boxes in the area.
- F. Planner’s Report – Marlon Pangilinan, 619-235-5293; mpangilinan@sandiego.gov

II. Non Agenda Public Comment (2 min. max each) (7 pm)
 Limited to items not on the Agenda & non-debatable.

- III. Announcements & Event Notices: Limited to One minute each.**
- A. **City Council March 23, 2014, 2 pm Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations**
 - B. **Garden Native Walk CNPS** Saturday and Sunday, March 28-29, 9:30am - 4:30pm Cities of San Diego and Poway 19 gorgeous gardens for \$25, kids free! Get Tickets at GardenNative.org Want free tickets, native plant training, and garden previews? Volunteer for the tour at info@gardennative.org
 - C. **C3 Transporting San Diego Forward: Our Future is in Choices** Thursday, March 26, 2015 7 AM • Balboa Park, The Prado, Loggia Rm For info & registration <http://citizenscoordinateforcentury3.wildapricot.org/>

- IV. Elected Official Reports & contact Info: Reports are limited to 2 Min Max (7:10 pm)**
- A. Jessica Poole District Director Susan Davis, US Congressional Dist. 53, 619-208-5353
 - B. Jason Wiesz, Hon. Toni Atkins, State Assembly District 76, 619-645-3090 jason.weisz@asm.ca.gov
 - C. Hilary Nemchik, Hon. Marty Block State Senate District 39, 619-645-3133 hilary.nemchik@sen.ca.gov
 - D. Adrian Granda, Hon. Todd Gloria, City Councilmember District 3, 619-236-6633 AGranda@sandiego.gov

- V. NPPC Reports**
- A. **Subcommittee Reports:** Limited to Items Not on the Agenda & 5 Min. Max. each)
 - 1. Urban Design/Project Review: Peter Hill Chair Rachel Levin Vice Chair – NP Rec Center Social Room, 6:00 pm 1st Monday. Next meeting April 6, 2015

2. Public Facilities/Public Art: Chair, Dionne Carlson, Roger Morrison Vice Chair – NP Adult Center, 6:00 pm, 2nd Wednesday. Next meeting April 8, 2015

B. Liaisons Reports: Limited to 1 Min. Max per Report

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| 1. Balboa Park Committee | Rob Steppke |
| 2. Maintenance Assessment District | Peter Hill |
| 3. North Park Main St | Dang Nguyen |
| 4. NP Mid-City Regional Bike Corridors | Dionne Carlson |
| 5. Adams Ave BIA | Dionne Carlson |
| 6. El Cajon Blvd BIA | Vicki Granowitz |
| 7. Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee | Vicki Granowitz |

VI. Information Item (7:30 pm)

A. Community Plan Update: Urban Design Element

VII. Possible Action Items: (2 Min Max per Speaker-Chair can award more time)

A. North Park Potential Park Projects & Policy Issues

VIII. Unfinished & Future Agenda Items

IX. Future Meeting Date: April 21, 2015, 6:30 pm

X. Adjournment (8:45 pm)

- NPPC Agendas are posted in the North Park Main St Window at 3076 University Ave
- To request an agenda in alternative format, a sign language, or oral interpreter, call (619) 236-6405.
- To Contact the Chair of NPPC, call Vicki Granowitz 619-884-0008 or info@northparkplanning.org
- To Contact Urban Design/ Project Review, call Peter Hill 619-846-2689 or hillpeter@hotmail.com
- To contact Public Facilities call Dionne Carlson at (619) 584-2496 or dionneleighcarlson@cox.net
- For information about North Park Activities or to have an event posted go to NPCA website at www.northparksd.org;
- Adams Ave Business Improvement Association: www.adamsAvebusiness.com/
- North Park Main St: northparkmainSt.com/
- “The Boulevard” El Cajon Boulevard Improvement Association: www.theboulevard.org
- University Heights Community Association (UHCA): uhsd.org/
- **City of San Diego’s “Open DSD” Site:** <http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/opendsd/>
Includes permit information dating back to 2003, Includes Code Enforcement case activity
Search by Map: This data is for current or recent activity. **See related map tips. (PDF)**
Discretionary Approvals Map * Ministerial Approvals Map * Code Enforcement Case Map

**NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)
NOTICE OF 2015-2016 NPPC BOARD ELECTION
Establishing Eligibility & Identification &
Election Procedures**

DATE: MARCH 17, 2015
LOCATION: 2901 NORTH PARK WAY, 2ND FLOOR
REGISTRATION: Start at 6:15 pm upon presentation of proper identification as described below, Ballots will be handed to eligible voters
ELECTION: 6:30 pm - Candidate Statements Begins, Registration continues until the last Candidate Statement.
Ballots can be submitted until 7 pm when voting closes.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Eight seats will be filled for terms of two years, which will beginning April 21, 2015.

Election Ballots: The names of all the announced candidates will be listed on the ballot. **A voter may vote for up to eight candidates**, in “Pen” by putting an “X” on the line by their name on the ballot. If more than eight names are marked, the ballot will be ruled invalid.

As a courtesy, it is suggested that before completing the ballot, voters first see if there are any write-in candidates and to listen to the candidates statements each candidate will make regarding their qualifications and reasons they would like to serve, or continue to serve, on the Board.

Close of Voting: Once the candidates have made their statements, and all the qualified voters who are present in the room have had the opportunity to vote, voting will be closed. The election committee will then count the ballots.

Once counting has commenced the regularly scheduled NPPC meeting will begin. When the election committee has concluded counting the ballots, the ballots and results will be presented to the Chair. At an appropriate time during the meeting, the results will be read by the Chair. The eight candidates who receive the most votes will be elected.

Should there be a tie, an election to break the tie will occur at the conclusion of the NPPC meetings. Once the winning candidates are announced the election is concluded. Challenges to the election must be made within 24 hours to the Election Chair Lucky Morrision at info@northparkplanning.org

ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY & IDENTIFICATION

Qualifications to be Candidate:

- **Be at least 18 yrs. of age,**
- **Have a current NPPC registration form on file**
- **Sign in at one (1) NPPC meeting in the past year (March 2014 to February 2015), &**
- **Be affiliated with the North Park community in one of the following categories:**

- (1) a **North Park Resident**, who is an individual whose primary address of residence is an address in the North Park community planning area,
 - a. **For purposes of voting a Multiple North Park Category Registrant who is both a North Park Resident, Business &/or Property Owner the registrant will be identified as a resident; or,**
- (2) a **Non-North Park Resident Property Owner**, who is an individual identified as the sole or partial owner of record of real property (either developed or undeveloped) located within the North Park community planning

area; however, only one non-resident property owner per North Park property may vote and/or run for election to the North Park Planning Committee Board; or,

- (3) a **Non North Park Resident Business Owner**, who must be either the sole or partial owner of a **business or not-for-profit organization** located within the North Park community planning area; however, only one non-resident shall be able to vote and/or run per North Park property/business or nonprofit.

Any qualified non-resident North Park property owner or non-resident North Park businessperson or designee may run for an available seat on the North Park Planning Committee Board; however, only one non-resident person or designee per North Park business or property may run.

The Specific Documentation Required for a North Park Resident to Vote or Run in the March Election

In order to receive an Election Day ballot an Eligible North Park Resident must produce a source of ID to establish their identity and residency in North Park. In lieu of driver's license, a local utility bill (such as City Water, SDG&E, AT&T etc.) with an individual's name and address clearly stated can be used.

The Specific Documentation Required for a Non-Resident to Vote or Run in the March Election in addition to a picture ID are:

- A. **A non-resident property owner**, who is an individual identified as the sole or partial owner of record, or their designee, of a real property (either developed or undeveloped), within the community planning area, shall provide:
- a. A current property tax bill with voters name on it is preferable, but failing that, a local utility bill (such as City Water, SDG&E, AT&T etc.) or a copy of the page of the property owner's mortgage with the individual's name and North Park property address clearly stated.
 - b. If designee, must additionally provide a formal letter from a non-resident property owner designating the individual as their representative. (In addition to providing a copy of the property tax bill that identifies the owner or partnership).
- B. **A non-resident local business person**, who is a local business owner, operator, or designee at a real property address in the North Park community planning area (only one non-resident business owner representative of a particular establishment may hold a seat on the community planning group at one time), shall provide:
- a. Business tax certificates to identify ownership or a partnership of owners on the certificate.
 - b. A designee, must additionally provide a formal letter from the non-resident business owner designating the individual as the business's registrant representative.
- C. **non-profit entity or umbrella organization non-resident representative**, who is a designee of a local non-profit or umbrella organization (only one non-resident representative of a particular establishment may hold a seat on the North Park Planning Committee at one time), shall provide:
- a. A formal letter from the organization designating the non-resident individual as the business's representative, signed by a board member, administrator, or manager representative.



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Comments on the *Draft Urban Forest Management Plan*

March 17, 2015

Attention Melissa Garcia (magarcia@sandiego.gov)

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The objective should be amended to clearly require any restoration or remodel requires the replacement of any trees in the past or inclusion in the storefront:

- Require planting and maintenance of trees in development, restoration or repair permits.

Add a sixth objective

- Certify San Diego as a Community Wildlife Habitat (process is at: <http://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife/Community-Habitats.aspx> and will augment and strengthen our 1999 National Arbor Day Foundation "Tree City USA" designation.

Paragraph five's last sentence should be modified to read: Local tree care professionals and planners reviewed and revised the Street Tree Selection Guide to identify additional species and remove those less suitable for street tree planting. Preference should be given to drought tolerant plants and trees native to San Diego County.

Page 1

In paragraph 3 the formal plan calls for "best urban forestry management practices" This term needs to be defined and used consistently, with a clear emphasis on Best Management Practices in planning and implementation of development and Adaptive Management when projects are evaluated for a minimum of ten (10) years after project completion.

Page 2 paragraph 2

Environmental and Historical Context

Located along the coast of the Pacific Ocean, San Diego's subtropical Mediterranean coastal desert climate is characterized by warm, dry summers and mild winters with most of the annual precipitation falling between December and March.

Page 2 paragraph 3

Like most of Southern California, the majority of the City of San Diego's vegetation was originally occupied by chaparral and sage-scrub, plant communities alliances with mostly drought-resistant shrubs. These plant alliances comprise some 2,600 different taxa and make San Diego the botanical "hotspot" of North America.

Paragraph 5 first sentence

Trees have played a substantial role in San Diego's history, for example for thousands of years the native peoples of the Hunan nations of California cultivated and harvested acorns from the native genus *Quercus*, which has seven species native to San Diego County

Paragraph 5 third sentence

"Eucalyptus trees were planted in the late 1800s with an unrealized promise mistakenly thinking they could be used to produce lumber for railroad ties.

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Paragraph 1 first and third sentences

City Park was established in 1868 as a gift to the Citizens of San Diego as "...a natural wilderness" of 1,400 acres (9 Pueblo Lots). It and is now known as Balboa Park. The park's first imported exotic trees were planted by Kate Sessions, a renowned horticulturalist, who leased 36 acres for a nursery in 1902. ... Today Balboa Park is a significant horticultural and cultural resource with more than 15,000 native and exotic trees.

Last paragraph

The urban forestry program is critical to meeting the city's commitment to climate change, carbon sequestration, stormwater reduction, wildlife habitat preservation and enhancement, and water conservation.

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Paragraph 4

There will also be opportunities in reducing hardscape and increasing canopy cover by redeveloping and retrofitting existing roads, streets and alleys using US EPA Green Streets criteria as listed in the Municipal Stormwater Permit (Order R9-2013-0001) issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.

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In Table 2: Total street trees and palms inventoried and calculation of planting percentages, City of San Diego, 2003 inventory, the 3rd District comes out lowest in the city for % of trees planted. Not only is North Park in the lowest of level of tree capacity but the plan goes on to punish North Park, perhaps even more severely than any other neighborhood as page 12 of the plan exempts all of our parks, including Balboa Park and all of our canyons from any kind of management under the San Diego Urban Forest Management Plan. The three paragraphs at the top of page twelve go on to hammer home this concept and, in reality, make the plans title a total misnomer.

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Council Policy 200-05, Planting of Trees on City Streets, effective November 15, 1993, needs serious work and specifically must have performance standards for vegetation put in the public right-of-way to assure:

- Clear line-of-sight and right-of-passage for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians, and
- "Safe passage" meaning vegetation cannot have thorns or sharp points or edges (e.g. Acacia trees, Agave, cactus) to snag clothing or cut into flesh, and
- Nuisance hazard where ripe fruit (e.g. ficus, Blureana plum, and most Palm trees) can drop and create unsightly mess and staining, and in worse case situations a slip hazard, and
- Public utility/facilities damage [e.g. lateral shallow rooting trees like Peppers and Fig trees should be prohibited within ten feet (10') of a street or sidewalk] and trees with brittle branches (e.g. Eucalyptus and Poplars) should be kept out from under power lines.

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Applicable Regulations

City of San Diego Street Design Manual. New street trees are placed within the parkway and street design is based on this manual.

District 3 Sidewalk Study (2006). Sidewalk replacement provides opportunities to replace and/or plant new street trees.

The soil structure required in the City's Low Impact Development (LID) guidelines should be examined for compatibility with tree growth and special attention paid to proper aeration and air movement through the soil to assure root systems can play their role in delivering need oxygen to street trees.

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Paragraph 1, sentence 4

Trees should be maintained using best management practices (BMPs) and Adaptive Management using standards established by the International Society of Arboriculture and the American National Standards Institute.

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Prioritize community areas for public tree planting programs.

e. Unify communities by using street trees to link residential areas and create "wildlife corridors".

Actions CE-J.2.2

4. Urban Forest Manager and Planning staff will use standards and protocols established by the National Arbor Day Association and the National Wildlife Federation to assure nodes favorable for enhanced wildlife activities will be linked like the strands of a necklace by thin corridors along right-of-ways.

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Tree Resource Management identifies only five of the principal players in managing San Diego's urban forest. The military and Caltrans have to be added to this list. And these bureaucrats have to be supervised and coordinated by a "Tree Czar". There should be dedicated channels of communications between these players, San Diego County and adjacent cities and tribes. The Czar should be highly visible and the resource for everyone to go to; one point of reference! From that point, people, agencies and businesses can be directed to the most appropriate resource to oversee their project and assure appropriate resources are made available in a coordinated fashion.

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CE-J.1.1

Objective:

Inventory 4. Urban Forest Manager will compare updated inventory data annually to monitor and assess progress towards age and species diversity towards accomplishing the goal of a community wildlife system of corridors and nodes.

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Paragraph 5: For required canopy shade trees (planted every 30 feet in street rights-of-way), the minimum planting size is 24" box in an aerated four feet by six feet (4' X6') tree well. Any trees planted at lower spacing's are considered "non-required" canopy shade trees and the minimum planting size is #15 (15-gallon) containers. Minimum brown trunk height (BTH) size for palms is 10 feet and 14 feet at bus stops or red curbs.

Comments on the Proposed Revised Street Tree Selection List

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Parkinsonia aculeata (Jerusalem Thorn, Mexican Palo Verde) has double and triple thorns; beautiful blossoms but hell to rub against.

Prosopis glandulosa (Honey Mesquite) is a beautiful tree for parks but has a twin thorn bunch that is vicious near a walkway.

Recommend these trees be shifted to Suitable for parks; Not Street Trees

Appendix B: Objectives and Actions for FY 2016-2020

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Need to add two new components under Objectives and Actions for Education, one for the National Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA and a second for the National Wildlife Foundation's Community Wildlife Habitat

