




NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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MEETING AGENDA: Wednesday, March 11th, 2015 – 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 March 11th , 2015 Agenda
 - C. Chair’s Comments
 - D. Approval of Previous Minutes: July 9th & August 13th & November 12th, 2014, January 14, 2015
 - E. Announcements: (See last page of Agenda for details and links)
- II. Non Agenda Public Comment** (2 min. each). Raise your hand to comment on items NOT on today’s agenda.
- III. Information Items:**
 - A. none
- IV. New/Current Business: (Action Items) (see page 2 for links/background info in action items)**
 - A. **Urban Forestry Plan:** [Link to Plan](#) Discuss and send comments to City (6:10 to 6:30)
 - B. **Removal of Mailboxes at North Park Way:** Discussion and possible motion (6:30 to 6:50)
 - C. **CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) List:** Discuss & update NPPC priorities - *see requested additions attached* (6:50 to 7:20)
 - D. **Parks and Recreation:** Recent Bird Park changes not noticed to NPPC, “Equivalencies” in Park & Rec element of Community Plan Update; Update, discussion & possible motion (s)(7:20 to 7:40)
- V. Old/Ongoing Business: (Updates & discussion - may/will be trailed to following month(s) if we run out of time)**
 - A. **NP Community Plan Update – Remaining Elements & Discussion Draft:** Mobility, Recreation, Public Facilities, Historic Preservation, Noise, Arts & Culture, etc. Update & Discussion.
 - B. **Parking District Policy(s):** Report/updates from Ernie Bonn,
- VI. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items. (7:40 to 7:50)**
- VII. Next Meeting date: PF Subcommittee: Wednesday, April 08 ,2015, 6 p.m. All NP SANDAG Bike Routes**
- VIII. 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.

NPPC PF-Subcommittee: Dionné Carlson (Chair) 619-584-2496 /Roger Morrison (Vice Chair)
Email Chair & Vice Chair: publicfacilities@northparkplanning.org

Links and Background for NPPC PF Agenda (3/11/2015)

Links to SANDAG Regional Bike Projects Website: (on Agenda for 4/08/2015 Subcommittee Meeting)

- Uptown Regional Bike Corridor: Beth Robrahn, Project Manager
http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/uptown_intro.aspx
- Mid-City Regional Bike Corridor (Includes North Park): Bridget Enderle, Project Manager
http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/NorthParkMidCity_intro.aspx

Rules Governing this Subcommittee meeting of the NPPC:

The Brown Act: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=gov&group=54001-55000&file=54950-54963>

About the Brown Act: <http://www.thefirstamendment.org/Brown-Act-Brochure-DEC-03.pdf>

Council Policy 600-24: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/pdf/cpc/agendas/attachments/60024clean.pdf>

Roberts Rules of Order: <http://www.robertsrules.org/> & <http://www.rulesonline.com/index.html>

NPPC Standing Rules: http://northparkplanning.org/pdfs/nppc_standingrules.pdf

NPPC Bylaws: http://northparkplanning.org/pdfs/nppc_bylaws.pdf

Links to City of San Diego Planning Documents:

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>

IV.A. Urban Forest Management Plan for the City of San Diego

Public comments are invited on the draft Urban Forest Management Plan for the City of San Diego.

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/urbanforest/index.shtml> .

The City recognizes that trees and an urban forestry program are critical to meeting San Diego's commitment to livable neighborhoods, climate mitigation and adaptation, stormwater reduction, water conservation, wildlife habitats, and other goals set out in the 2008 General Plan. With these goals in mind, the City has drafted a long-range Urban Forest Management Plan to guide the City's urban forest into the future.

Please review and send comments on this Plan by **FRIDAY, MARCH 6** to Melissa Garcia, Senior Planner, at (619) 236-6173 or magarcia@sandiego.gov. More information can be found at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/urbanforest/index.shtml>.

Melissa Garcia, Senior Planner, City of San Diego Planning Department
(619) 236-6173 1222 1st Ave MS 413, San Diego, CA 92101

"Our grant for the UFMP expires on March 31st, the reason for such a short comment period.

Our goal is to gather as many comments as we can to incorporate into the document prior to the March 31st deadline. If North Park would like to address the document as group and take action at their March 17th meeting that would be great. We would still receive their comments. The UFMP will still have to go through a CEQA process prior to adoption"

Link to [US. National Vegetation Classification Hierarchy Explorer](#)

Link to [helpful explanation of The National Vegetation Classification Standard](#), with definitions for Plant Alliance, and other Forestry Terms.

NPPC Draft Comments on the Draft Urban Forest Management Plan

Additions are shown underlined and deletions are shown with a strike-through

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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.

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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 plan's title a total misnomer.

"Park and Open Space Trees The city of San Diego oversees nearly 40,000 acres of developed and undeveloped open space; more than 340 parks including Balboa Park, Mission Trails Regional Park, and Mission Bay Park; and 25 miles of shoreline from Sunset Cliffs to La Jolla. The trees in San Diego's parks are not part of the recent street tree inventory. There is little current data regarding park trees, and an inventory is needed to effectively manage those trees.

For many communities, only the canyons located throughout San Diego remain as undeveloped natural landscapes. Canyons provide the citizens of San Diego with such benefits as scenic vistas, preservation of natural resources, outdoor recreation, and other benefits to health and well-being. Maintenance is only done in these natural areas to control invasive species or to provide for safety. The recommendations in this Plan, related to planting and maintenance of trees, do not apply to the open space areas.

The Park and Recreation Open Space Division oversees 55 of the city's 63 (Maintenance Assessment District) MADs. The Economic Development Department oversees eight MAD's . Management activities conducted by MADs in this Plan are referred to as "MAD staff," to differentiate them from staff in the Open Space program who manage the canyons and other undeveloped areas. The districts are, for the most part, adequately funded to maintain trees. "

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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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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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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 spacings 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

IV.C. Background for Discussion on CIP priorities:

GREATER NORTH PARK

FUND 79502/SAP #400112 - Established 8/13/88

As of December 31, 2014

TOTAL REVENUES (Including Interest): \$3,168,705

City Project No.	Projects Approved by Council	Funds Expended	Funds Budgeted	Project Status/Comments
	Dale St Storm Drain, Upas St to Thom St	4,229	4,229	Completed
	Fire Station No. 11 Reconstruction	30,939	30,939	Completed
	North Park Branch Library Parking Expansion	28,224	28,224	Completed
	Pershing Portal Pedestrian Entry	24,255	24,255	Completed
	Texas Street Widening	190,000	190,000	Completed
	Architectural Barriers Removal	51,792	51,792	Completed
	Architectural Barriers Removal - DIF Funded	8,000	8,000	Completed
	Pedestrian Ramps @ Intersection of Pershing and Myrtle			
	Traffic Signal Modifications University from Park to 35th	281,000	281,000	Completed
S00824	El Cajon Blvd Comm Revitalization - Texas to Illinois (Main)	364,000	364,000	Completed
	North Park Commercial Revitalization Project North Park/University Ave - Streetscape Improvements	290,132	290,132	Completed
S00825				
ABE00001	Audible signal improvements	0	434,000	
B13007	Traffic signal modifications	72,607	120,000	
B13049	Traffic signal modifications	18,216	60,500	
B13066	Redwood & 30th CR Obstruction DS	0	116,000	
B13111	Traffic signal modifications	50,405	119,500	
B15006	32nd & University Avenue Traffic Signal Upgrade	0	50,000	
S00915	University Avenue Mobility	0	149,686	
S11049	North Park Curb Ramp/Barrier Removal	106,598	106,598	
	Administration Costs (1988 to Present)	352,932	388,185	
	Average Admin Cost per Year:	\$69,383	\$1,873,328	
			Funds Budgeted	\$2,817,039
			REVENUES LESS FUNDS BUDGETED	\$351,666

Projects Pending Council Approval/Adjustments

None

TOTAL PENDING/ADJUSTMENTS \$0

FUND BALANCE: **\$351,666**
As of December 31, 2014

Note:

Budgets reflected in this report matches the City's Financial System and may be different from the total budgets reflected in the Public Facilities Financing Plan due to project phasing or budget restrictions as a result of revenue shortfall.

Requested additions to NPPC CIP Priority List:

(note: only partial application form with relevant information shown for sake of space on the agenda!)

FY 2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Request Form
(Version: July 2013)

Community Planning Group:	North Park Planning Committee
Application Date:	17-Feb-15
Council District (1 - 9):	CD3
Neighborhood:	North Park
Project Address/Location:	The "North Park Water Tower" is located at 4236 Idaho St. San Diego, CA 92104. The City's official name for the structure is "University Heights Elevated Tank."
GPS Coordinates (if known)	
Latitude	32° 45' N
Longitude	117° 8' W
Currently on City's CIP List?	No
CIP No. (if any, aka WBS#)	

TYPE OF PROJECT (check at least one)

Enterprise-Funded Assets	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Airport Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drainage / Storm Drain Facilities - Pipes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drainage / Storm Drain Facilities - Channels
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drainage / Storm Drain Facilities - Best Management Practices (BMP's)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drainage / Storm Drain Facilities - Pump Stations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Facilities (Landfills)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flood Control Systems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Golf Course Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stadium and Convention Center
<input type="checkbox"/>	Undergrounding Projects
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wastewater - Wastewater collection systems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewer facilities and structures (e.g., treatment plants - and pump stations)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water - Water and Reclaimed Water distribution systems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water facilities/structures (e.g., treatment plants, pump stations, reservoirs)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other The 1.2-million-gallon, 127-foot high elevated tank supplied water at pressure from 1924 until the 1990s and is now empty but remains part of the City's active water supply facilities site between El Cajon Blvd and Howard Avenue from Idaho to Oregon streets.
Neighborhood Assets	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Libraries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Park and recreation facilities and structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community centers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Arts and Cultural Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community gardens
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other University Heights Elevated Tank (North Park Water Tower) a designated historic structure

Project Description? *(describe the general features – e.g. sidewalk, street lights)*

Conduct a full condition assessment and provide repairs, re-coating, and/or restoration as needed for long-term preservation of the water tower, which was built in 1924 and is on the National Register of Historic Places and designated as a local historic civil engineering landmark.

Repair/Replace/Enhance/Expand Existing Infrastructure, OR

New Project

Project Purpose/Need? *(describe the benefits of project – e.g. pedestrian safety)*

The water tower, which is adjacent to the community park and a popular soccer facility, is a beloved icon and can be seen for miles. Its condition communicates to residents and visitors how North Park respects its historical landmarks and highly visible infrastructure.

Project Urgency? *(risks/implications if not built - e.g. risk to public safety):*

An initial assessment of the condition of the existing coating on the tower legs in 2014 estimated the existing layers should be removed and a new coating applied within 10 years. The need for other actions to assure preservation is unknown pending a complete condition assessment.

**FY 2015 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)
 Official Community Planning Group Recommendation
 (Version: August 2013)**

Community Planning Group: North Park Planning Committee
Application Date: 17-Feb-15
Council District (1 - 9): CD3
Neighborhood: North Park

Proposed Project Title: Lincoln Avenue Overlook

Project Address/Location: The public right-of-way constituting the 2000-2049 Block of Lincoln Avenue, from Georgia Street to the east, 92103.
(Be as detailed as possible)

GPS Coordinates (if known)
 Latitude 32° 45' N
 Longitude 117° 08' W

Currently on City's CIP List? No
CIP No. (if any, aka WBS#)

Mobility Facilities

- Bicycle Facilities (all classifications).
- Bridge Replacement, Retrofit, and Rehabilitation.
- Erosion control, slope stabilization, and retaining walls supporting mobility.
- Guardrails, Barrier Rails, and other structural safety enhancements.
- New Roads, Roadway Widening, and Roadway Reconfigurations.
- Street Enhancements including medians and streetscape.
- New Traffic Signals.
- Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements including curb ramps.
- Pedestrian Facilities including sidewalks but not curb ramps.
- Street Lighting including mid-block and intersection safety locations.
- Traffic Calming, Flashing Beacons, and other speed abatement work.
- Traffic Signal Interconnections and other signal coordination work.
- Traffic Signal Upgrades and Modifications.
- Other

Neighborhood Assets

- Libraries
- Park and recreation facilities and structures
- Community centers
- Public Arts and Cultural Facilities
- Community gardens
- Other

Project Description? *(describe the general features – e.g. sidewalk, street lights)*
 Landscaped overlook, accessible walkway, new stairway, pedestrian lighting, landscaping, potential community garden plots, erosion control and safety improvements for an unimproved stretch of public right-of-way, situated with a unique, beautiful overview of North Park.

- Repair/Replace/Enhance/Expand Existing Infrastructure, **OR**
- New Project

Project Purpose/Need? *(describe the benefits of project – e.g. pedestrian safety)*
 The project will improve pedestrian safety on a steep, unimproved slope, prevent serious erosion and storm water sedimentation, reduce fire hazard, and provide much-needed open space in one of the most densely populated areas of the City. The ROW is utilized by pedestrians travelling between North Park and Hillcrest.

Project Urgency? *(risks/implications if not built - e.g. risk to public safety):*
 If not constructed, the existing exposed slope will continue to erode into Florida Canyon, adding silt to the adjoining roadway and watershed, and undermine the existing sidewalk along Georgia Street.

NPPC CIP Final top 10 list from 2012 (as sent to the City by NPPC Chair):

	WBS#	Project Title	Project Description	Total Project Estimate
1	S12001	McKinley Elementary School Joint Use Improvements	This project provides for creation of a General Development Plan and construction of an approximately 2 acres joint use facilities at McKinley Elementary School. Improvements will include natural turf & park amenities	\$ 1,702,500.00
2	S10050	North Park Mini-Park and Streetscape Imp	Provides for the design of a General Development Plan (GDP) for a 0.53 acre mini-park on property behind the North Park Theater. This property has been transferred to the City. The project also includes the preparation of a Streetscape Master Plan for s	\$ 3,710,000.00
3	S00915	University Ave Mobility Plan	This project provides for restriping to provide painted medians, left turn pockets, dedicated transit-only lane, and select side street angled parking, installation of raised hardscaped medians and enhanced pedestrian crosswalks, traffic signal modifications	\$ 3,680,000.00
4	S00809	North Park /University Heights Library	Adaptive reuse of the Nationally Designated Teachers Training Building Annex 1 as a Joint Use Library with Birney Elementary School to replace the 2nd North Park/University Heights Branch Library with a larger facility.	\$ 24,755,500.00
5	S10054	Switzer Canyon/30th St Bridge Enhancement: Gateway and Traffic Calming Project	30th Street/Switzer Bridge Gateway traffic calming and pedestrian/bicycle improvements between Quince and Maple Ct. Partial funding provided by the NP MAD	
6		El Cajon Boulevard Acorn lights - Louisiana to 805	Double Acorn lights on El Cajon Blvd between Louisiana and 805 needed to complete segment of same. Project is fully scoped and ready to install	\$ 500,000.00
7		30th St Landscaped Islands	30th St between Adams Ave and Madison Avenue	
8	B00994	Park Blvd @Cypress Ave. Concrete Pop-outs & Lighted Crosswalk	Construct 2 concrete pop-outs and a lighted crosswalk.	\$ 318,172.00
9		Ped/ Bike Improvements to Adams Ave Bridge over I805	Pedestrian & Bike Improvements to the Adams Ave Bridge over I 805	
10		University Ave & 32nd St Traffic Signal Modification	[Unfunded Needs List from 8/16/11 NPPC request]	

INDEX AABA = Adams Avenue Business Association
 ECBIA = El Cajon Boulevard Improvement Association
 NPPC = North Park Planning Committee
 NPMS = North Park Main Street

Link to Facilities Financing Plan for North Park:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/facilitiesfinancing/pdf/plans/gnppffpfv.pdf>

Note, also requested are improvements to the North Park Library, Form not available in time for this agenda.

IV.D. Background for Discussion on Park “Equivalencies”:

A DRAFT GOVERNANCE PROCESS For DIF BASED NORTH PARK EQUIVALANCIES

If North Park DIF is used for a Park’s project in the East Mesa area of Balboa Park (a Regional Park) those projects that would be considered an equivalency.

The NPPC believes if a General Development Plan is required for a project we should be included in the standard Park and Recreation project review and input process as well as the ability to make official recommendations to the Park & Recreation Department and the Park & Recreation Board.

Balboa Park has two Park & Recreation Advisory Bodies:

- 1. The Morley Field Recreation Council**
- 2. The Balboa Park Committee.**

The NPPC agrees Balboa Park’s advisory bodies should have their standard advisory role, but that the NPPC should be added to the review process.

We are concerned these Advisory Bodies have limited knowledge of how the East Mesa is or could be used by the North Park community affecting their ability to make informed recommendations on a micro area that while perhaps having a significant impact to North Park would be negligible to Balboa Park as a whole.

Additionally the neighborhoods of North Park adjacent to the park could have impacts requiring mitigation. The NPPC should be able to weigh in on these as well.

The North Park Recreation Council, which includes NPPC members, does not have the knowledge of Balboa Park nor the experience to evaluate complicated Regional Park projects, as such they should not be considered to serve in the capacity outlined in CP 600-33.

CP 600-33 could loosely be used to legitimize these request as it states: *“Where applicable, the recognized Community Planning Group may refer the project to their established park subcommittee for review and recommendation, followed by a formal vote on the project by the full Community Planning Group. The Community Planning Group shall be asked to take action on the park development’s design phase which shall be used in the advisory review for the park’s final design and compliance with the Council Policy.”*

Equivalencies projects &/or improvements that do not require a GDP, should be noticed to the NPPC with documentation but without staff presentations. The NPPC should be able to make recommendations on these equivalencies. These types of projects could be bundled and made available for NPPC recommendations at intervals to be determined (i.e. once, twice or quarterly based on number of improvements.)

Special events in newly developed areas should go through the typical process, however if certain thresholds are met the NPPC should be able to give a recommendation. Thresholds will need TBD, but could include things like amplification or the number of participants. **Submitted for Consideration By Vicki Granowitz - July 2014**

NPPC-PF Subcommittee 03/11/2015 Announcements:

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](#)

Performance Audit of the Community Parking District Program came out in November 2014:

http://www.sandiego.gov/auditor/reports/fy15_pdf/audit/15-009_Community_Parking_District_Program.pdf

Upcoming North Park Planning Public Meetings on Proposed SANDAG Bike Corridors

Update on all 3 North Park bike corridor alignments April 8th

NPPC Public Facilities, Transportation, Parks & Public Art Subcommittee

Meets 2nd Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center, 2719 Howard Avenue

Email PF Subcommittee Chair & Vice Chair: publicfacilities@northparkplanning.org

University Heights Community Association (UHCA): <http://uhsd.org/>

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 to have your event/meeting added to the calendar

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

El Cajon Boulevard Business District: www.theboulevard.org

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

University Heights Community Development Corporation (UHCDC): www.uhcdc.org

South Park Business Group - <http://www.southparkscene.com/>

South Park Walkabout calendar for 2015: held quarterly, Saturday Evenings, 6 to 10pm

SPRING Walkabout 2015: Saturday, Mar 21st, 2015

SUMMER Walkabout 2015: Saturday, July 25th, 2015

FALL Walkabout 2015: Saturday, Oct 3rd, 2015

HOLIDAY Walkabout 2015: Saturday, Dec 5th, 2015