



**NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE
CORRECTED MINUTES: February 15, 2011 – 6:30 PM**

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Mailing address: 3939 ARIZONA ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92104

I. Called to Order: 6:31 p.m.

II. Members in attendance (13): Robert Barry, Kitty Callen, Dionne Carlson, Brandon Cohen, Cheryl Dye, Lynn Elliott, Vicki Granowitz, Lucky Morrison, Judi O’Boyle, Christy Scannell, Rob Steppke, Liz Studebaker, Rene Vidales.

III. Modifications to & Adoption of the 1/18/11 Agenda. Move Texas Street Improvement Design from Consent Agenda to Action item. **MOTION: Approved as modified. Carlson/Vidales. (13-0-0)**

IV. Chair’s Report/CPC

- A. 7th Update to Land Development Code, CPCI workshop.
- B. Sustainable subcommittee continued to February.

V. Councilmember Todd Gloria

Gloria visited to invite the community to his State of the District address on Feb. 23 at North Park Theatre with reception afterward at West Coast Tavern. Discussed budget deficit, and coming closures and issues due to budget cuts. Discussed fight for state redevelopment money, City Council resolution on payday lending interest-rate caps, and community gardens. Took questions from the audience.

VI. Approval of Previous Minutes: 1/18/11. Change statement in Item 13 to read: “Dye said she asked for an item on the agenda to clarify any existing NPPC policies regarding NPPC member communication with project applicants.” **MOTION: To approve. O’Boyle/Elliott. (13-0-0)**

VII. Treasurer’s Report. Steppke reported there is \$609.22 in the NPPC account.

VIII. Election subcommittee

Granowitz reported there will be ten seats available at the March election. Cohen declined to run again; all other current members whose terms have expired are running again for two-year terms except O’Boyle, who is running for the one-year seat. Granowitz took nominations from the floor.

IX. Announcements

- A. DSD for CPGs only: What to Know When Reviewing Projects, 2/24/11, Metropolitan Operations Center in Kearny Mesa. RSVP by 2/22 619-235-5200.
- B. Walk San Diego: Three walks, one of which is 4/16-Burlingame/South Park, dsc@sandag.com.
- C. “Complete Streets-State of the Practice,” free webinar, 2/26/11, 11:45-1 at Walk San Diego. RSVP to: generalmailbox@walksandiego.org.

- D. Affordable Housing Parking Study focus group, 2/23/11, 4:30-6 p.m. 1200 Third Ave., #1400.
- E. Proposal to make Texas Street and Polk Avenue a four-way stop. Objection due in 30 days to (619) 533-3012. Item has not received public comment nor been heard in NPPC subcommittee.
- F. Redevelopment: Abolish or Reform? Seminar at Salvation Army Door of Hope, 2799 Health Center Dr., 3/2/11, 6:30 p.m.

X. Non Agenda Public Comment

- A. Christian Chaffee/historic streetcars, www.sandiegohistoricstreetcars.org.
- B. Don Leichtling/North Park Residential Improvement District is fund raising for new website, np-rid@cox.net.
- C. Joyce Summer/CCDC. CAP assessment postponed to late March/early April. Faulconer issued requests to CCDC to immediately implement four projects. Pedestrian bridge opening in mid-March.

XI. Elected Official Reports

- A. Katherine Fortner, Hon. Susan Davis/US Congressional District 53. Davis assigned to Armed Services committee and Education and Work Force committee. Golden Hill post office closing 2/18/11.

XII. Liaisons Reports

- A. Alcohol and Entertainment Working Group/Granowitz. Did not meet.
- B. Balboa Park Committee/Steppe. Heard public comment.
- C. Maintenance Assessment District/Morrison. Did not meet.
- D. North Park Main Street/Studebaker. Lights are back on on 30th Street. Historic walking tour in Burlingame, northparkhistory.org. Planning Festival of Arts, 5/15. Hunt and Gather boutique moving from University Heights to North Park. Twelve bike racks installed.
- E. North Park Parking Management Working Group/Vidales. No report.
- F. Project Area Committee/O'Boyle. Examined proposals for the Woolworth Building and recommended one project, which calls for retail space and housing, to the agency. Special meeting of PAC 2/19/11 to discuss recommendations and priorities if Redevelopment is dissolved.

XIII. Consent Agenda

(February 7 UD/PR: Voting Members attended Cheryl Dye, Robert Barry, Vicki Granowitz, Rob Steppke, Dionne Carlson, Ernie Bonn; In audience: Lynn Elliott) (February 9, PF/PA; Voting Members attended Dionne Carlson, Rene Vidales, Rob Steppke, Lucky Morrison, Kitty Callen, Vicki Granowitz, Ernie Bonn, William Schneider; In audience: Lynn Elliott)

A. Proposal for improvements to the intersection of Pershing Drive and Redwood Street.

Gary Pence, Sr. Traffic Eng., City of San Diego. Update on project since the 10/1/09 presentation to the subcommittee, which incorporated comments from the community, the Balboa Park Committee and the Council Office to provide a more comprehensive plan to address concerns on Pershing Drive from the Frisbee Golf Course to Jacaranda. Motion: To support the installation of pedestrian refuge(s) and traffic calming median(s) to allow pedestrians to cross Pershing Drive, and install sidewalk from the crossing to the Frisbee Golf course. The refuge(s) shall incorporate cobblestone treatment. Vidales/Granowitz 8-0-0.

MOTION: To approve. Carlson. (13-0-0)

XIV. Action Items

- A. **Texas Street Improvement Design.** Continuation of discussion of improvements to Texas Street from Madison Avenue to Camino Del Rio South, part of the mitigation improvements for

the Quarry Falls (Civita) Development in Mission Valley. Subcommittee motion: To approve developer mitigation improvements on Texas Street to include graffiti resistant Keystone retaining wall, standard width sidewalk with 6-inch decorative border, xeriscape landscaping featuring cobblestones and boulders, 16 single-globe Acorn lights, \$100k to be deposited into an interest-bearing endowment account with the City of San Diego for maintenance and utility costs over and above the City Standard, with the balance of the endowment funds to be refunded to the community when a permanent funding source for the costs becomes available; and to authorize the chair of the NPPC to execute agreements with the City of San Diego necessary to implement the improvements. Steppke/Granowitz. (7-0-0)

MOTION: To approve with change from “specially” to “decorative” border. Granowitz/Dye. (13-0-0)

B. Discussion of Balboa Park Plaza de Panama Plan and alternatives. During public comment, Bruce Coons of SOHO gave a presentation focused on the Cabrillo Bridge’s historicity and why SOHO does not support the proposed bypass in the Jacobs plan. Coons asked NPPC to issue a motion against the bypass. NPPC members individually expressed lack of support for the bypass project. Concerns from community included run-off parking if paid parking is instituted in the park, and public transit issues.

MOTION: To oppose the “bypass bridge” off the historic Cabrillo Bridge as proposed in the Jacobs’ plan for Balboa Park, and to encourage real exploration of alternative plans to remove parked cars from the Plaza de Panama that meet Secretary for the Interior Historic Preservation Standards. Carlson/Callen. (12-0-1)

(Granowitz recused from discussion and voting on this item because she is a member of the Balboa Park Conservancy board, which is not taking a position on the issue.)

XV. Information Items

A. Update on SR 94/I-805 CalTrans project. Rene Vidales met with Caltrans and saw plans but reported that little input is needed from North Park due to distance. Information item will be on April agenda.

XVI. Subcommittee Reports

A. Urban Design/Project Review, Barry/Dye - NP Adult Community Center, 6 p.m. 1st Monday. Next meeting 3/7/11. No actions at last meeting. ARCO (El Cajon Blvd and Texas St) remodel continued to next meeting.

B. Public Facilities/Public Art, Carlson/Vidales – NP Adult Community Center, 6 p.m., 2nd Wednesday. Next meeting 3/9/11. Heard items on today’s consent agenda. Historic streetlights to be installed on Texas Street. Possibly no meeting in March.

C. Utility Boxes – Barry/Dye. Hopes to handle item during CPU meetings due to length of time before the issue will face North Park. Kensington-Talmadge member asked to meet with task force to discuss shared concerns.

XVII. Next Meeting Date: March 15, 2011.

XVIII. MOTION: To adjourn. Vidales/Cohen. (13-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.