

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

TEMPORARY MEETING LOCATION!

Methodist Church on Mansfield at School Street

Tuesday, November 4, 2008 6:00 p.m.

Please remember to cast your vote before the meeting!

A G E N D A

(Due to the NHCCenter being used for Polling on Nov 4th, our meeting will be at the Methodist Church just across School St. with entrance on Mansfield. I made a donation of \$25 to the church for use of the space. Contributions are welcome to defray my costs.)

Welcome & Introductions – (though not required, please sign-in on our attendance sheet)

Donation Opportunity – “above the norm – Normal Heights” buttons available for \$1 donation; supporting the Normal Heights web site at www.normalheights.org.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Public Comment (non-agenda items only, limit of 3 minutes per speaker)

Reports from Government Representatives or others may occur:

3rd City Council District Office – Steven Hill

City Planning and Community Investment Dept. – Victoria White

76th Assembly District Office -- Melanie Cohn

Updates from other Normal Heights or Mid City organizations

Adams Ave. Business Association – Jim Schneider, Director

Adams Ave. Recreation Council –

Friends of Normal Heights Canyons – Kevin Johnston

Information Items

1. Report from Pedestrian Master Plan Public Workshop that was held October 25, 9 AM to 12 noon at Normal Heights Community Center
2. Report from SR-15 Mobility Committee public forum held Oct 14, recommendations to be given to SANDAG Transportation Committee Nov 7.
3. Report from Regional Bicycle Route planning public forum Oct 22. The Technical Report: Proposed Regional Bicycle Corridor Alignments and Classifications & Regional Bicycle-Related Programs has been posted to the project website (www.sandag.org/bicycleplan - Documents Section) for your review.
4. Potential donation of office equipment – We were asked if we needed office furniture. Chair forwarded the offer to the NHCAssoc. Chair would provide contact info to deserving non-profit organization interested in equipment.
5 chair mats (plastic mats used for roller chairs on carpet), 1 3'x5' wooden desk, 1 L-shaped wooden desk (each leg roughly 2'x6'), 4 6'tall x 3'wide fabric cubicle, dividers (tan fabric), 2 6'tall x 4' wide fabric cubicle dividers (tan fabric), 1 19" CRT computer monitor

5. Friends of Normal Heights Canyons have an upcoming planting (Dec. 13, 10am, end of Eugene Place). They'll also need volunteers for regular watering throughout the year.

Action Items

1. Project Review – none received
2. Holly Ritter has resigned as liaison from our planning group to the Historical Preservation Coalition. We could designate a new person to attend this Coalition. Related to this item is the following information concerning the City of San Diego Historic Resources Board.

Dear Community Planning Committee Chairs,

Please consider taking an action at your next meeting to recommend to the Mayor to immediately appoint additional board members to the Historic Resources Board (HRB) to fill all of the vacancies on this board.

At present, the Historic Resources Board consists of the following board members. Recently, two architects resigned from the board when it became apparent that they would not be able to conduct business with the city and serve on this board according to ethics rules. Recently another board member Otto Emme resigned effective November 1, 2008. Staff has acknowledged that some applicants have stepped forward that could fill some of these vacancies.

HRB Board Member	Expertise	Term Expiration
1. Priscilla Ann Berge	Historian	March 2009
2. Maria Curry	Historic Architect, Historian	Preservation Planner March 2010
3. Otto Emme	Public Member	Resigned effective November 1, 2008
4. Gail Garbini	Landscape Architect	March 2009
5. John Lemmo, Chair	Public Member/Law	March 2010
6. Dr. Jerry Schaefer, Vice Chair	Archeologist	March 2009
7. Abel Silvas	Public Member	March 2009
8. Vacant, 9. Vacant, 10. Vacant, 11. Vacant		

Committee Reports (All subcommittee meetings as scheduled are open to the public)

Housing –

1. Housing – (Holly Ritter)
2. Community Needs – (Morris Dye)
3. Facilities – (inactive committee)
 - a. Transportation -- (Morris Dye, Jim Baross)
4. Bylaws -- (Morris Dye and Susan Redelings)
5. Canyons -- (Kevin Johnson)
6. Normal Heights Library – (inactive committee)
7. City Heights PAC – (vacant position)

New Business for the next meeting, December 2, 2008.

Adjournment

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

MINUTES

Tuesday October 7, 2008

6:00PM

NH Community Center

4649 Hawley Blvd

Call to Order by Chair Jim Baross at 6:04

Members present: Richard Rios, Jeff Parsons, Larry Hofreiter, Nancy Wolfing, Dino Serafini, Earlene Thom, Art Harris, Susan Redelings, Morris Dye, and Jim Baross

Members absent: Kevin Johnston, Holly Ritter, Jeff Underwood

Guests: Bob Kaiser, Nick Hintza, Vickie White, Melanie Cohn, Judy Moore

Welcome and introductions

Approval of Minutes: Jeff moved, Art second; approved with Susan and Morris abstaining

Public Comments: None

Reports from Government Representatives:

Melanie Cohn from Lori Saldana's office (76th Assembly District)

The State went a record 85 days without a budget before the Governor finally signed one. Not as many cuts as expected; compromises made to save health and welfare funding. Gov. did veto the Renter's Assistance and the Interstate Compact on Education Opportunities for Military Children bills. Jim reported that Gov. did sign the "Complete Streets" bill

City Planning and Community Investment Dept.

Vickie White gave an interpretation of Council Policy 600-24 from Marianne Wright (Deputy Dir. of Planning and Community Investment) as it pertains to considering actions items outside of the Planning Groups' boundaries.

It is reasonable to take action on a project if:

- 1) Project abuts the planning area;
- 2) There exists a quantifiable impact on the planning area in the form of traffic, noise, air quality, etc.

Furthermore, if a presentation is made to the Group in opposition to a given project, the Group should give the project proponent an opportunity to also make a presentation. Dept. Dir. Wright also recommended that the NHCPG rescind the action it took on the Quarry Falls project in July of this year. (The Group voted in August to put that action into abeyance until the project proponent makes a

presentation). Melanie also reminded the newly elected members of the Community Orientation Workshop requirement and will send out invitations.

Information Items:

1. The Pedestrian Master Plan Workshop is being held in Normal Heights on Oct. 25th all are invited to attend and encouraged to provide input. Jim noted that a substantial pedestrian planning effort has already been made by the community and that that fact and the results have been communicated to city staff.

Action Items –

1. 3440 El Cajon Blvd:

Mr. Nick Hintza, applicant, is requesting the Group's support of his application to Alcoholic Beverage Control for an off-site beer and wine sales license for his East African specialty food and spice store. The store is relocating from Adam's Ave.. SDPD provided the Group with "Guidelines for Determining Public Convenience and Necessity" (attached to the Agenda). The Guidelines are used to determine the relative merits of an ABC license application. Mr. Hintza's request appears to compare favorably with the Guidelines. The SDPD representative also suggested to Jim that the Group may wish to ask these questions: whether single beers would be offered or only six-packs, minimum size of wine bottles available (750 ml), would fortified wines will be sold (no) and hours of operation (6 a.m. to 10 p.m.). With respect to beer sales restricted to six-packs: the store will feature singles of East African beer, which Mr. Hintza explains is not available in six-packs and is not the preferred way for his clientele to purchase that product.

Other questions asked:

- 1) Are lines other than East African be carried? Yes, the distributors control inventory to a large extent;
- 2) Food sales? No kitchen, pre-prepared food items, with a microwave;
- 3) Domestic beers and cigarettes? Yes, it is essentially a convenience store;
- 4) Hard liquor? No, a different license is required.

Susan Redelings moved that the Group support the finding of public convenience or necessity for the off-sale license, second by Larry. Question: how this item came to be placed on the agenda? ABC asked applicant to appear before the Group prior to the determination. Judy Moore spoke in support of the request and wondered if it would be possible to acknowledge the cultural differences that make six-pack sales impractical. The motion was therefore amended to restrict single-container sales to East African-imports only. Jim called for the question, read as Susan's original motion with the amendment. Motion passed; Earlene abstaining, Art opposed.

Committee Reports:

1. Housing – Holly absent

2. Community Needs – nothing to report
3. Facilities – nothing to report
4. Transportation – Centerline Transit Alternatives for SR 15 BRT Corridor: Citizen’s Working Group reviewing the four alternatives will meet Oct. 14 at 3727 El Cajon Blvd. 6:30 p.m.(El Cajon BIA)
5. Friends of Canyons – November 13th Native Planting event at end of Eugene Place. Volunteers needed to water new plantings.

Other announcements:

- City PAC vacancy created by Rudy’s departure from the neighborhood;
- Jim congratulated AABA for a highly successful Street Fair;
- Next meeting, on Election Day, will likely be held at the Methodist Church location.

Adjourned at 7:05