

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

Normal Heights Community Center at 4649 Hawley Blvd

Tuesday, August 4, 2009 6:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

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

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Acceptance of or Modifications to the Agenda

Reports from Government Representatives or others may be heard

3rd City Council District Office, Todd Gloria – Dion Akers

City Planning and Community Investment Dept. – Victoria White

76th Assembly District Office, Lori Saldaña -- Lindsey Masukawa

San Diego Police Dept. Community Relations – Officer Dean Thomas

Updates from other Normal Heights or Mid City organizations

Adams Ave. Business Association – Jim Schneider, Director. To subscribe to the email newsletter of the AABA contact Jim Schneider <aaba.jim@sbcglobal.net>

Adams Ave. Recreation Council –

Friends of Normal Heights Canyons – Kevin Johnston

Information Items

1. Rebuilding San Diego Together
2. Community Planners Committee activities and information – Chair reporting in absentia.
 - a. Airports land use compatibility guides include Normal Heights as an “influence area” DVDs and online resources with details are available as sent via e-mail. City Council consideration of the guides was scheduled for July 28th.

Montgomery Field- *Within the City of San Diego, the Montgomery Field airport influence area is proposed to include the communities of Clairemont Mesa, College Area, Kearny Mesa, Linda Vista, Eastern Area, Kensington-Talmadge, Mission Valley, Navajo, Normal Heights, North Park, Serra Mesa, Tierrasanta, University, and Uptown; and would primarily impact areas within Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Linda Vista, Navajo, Serra Mesa, and Tierrasanta.*

- b. Community Plan Preparation Manual draft was discussed and decided to need further review; potentially reinforcing that Planning Groups select their own committees, not have members appointed by City Council or others. The Normal Heights Community Plan needs updating but is not presently among those community plans scheduled for update.
- c. The City Council has decided that Planning Group subcommittee members will also be indemnified, but their membership must be documented in a Planning Groups minutes.
- d. Reminder regarding Water Conservation – City is at State 2 Water Alert level of conservation with MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS. See <http://www.20gallonchallenge.com/> and

<http://www.sandiego.gov/mayor/pdf/090504water.pdf>

- e. Chair, Jim Baross, attended Planning Chairs Operation Workshop, June 29th. The workshop included information about parliamentary procedure among other issues.
- f. San Diego River Park Master Plan update was provided. Neighboring Planning Groups may get presentations at their/our meeting. The primary communities affected are Mission Valley, Navajo, Tierrasanta and East Elliot.
- g. An Attorney General opinion about the Brown Act and prohibitions for members of Planning Groups exchanging information about a pending issue or decision was provided to Planning Group members. In summary the opinion means:

We should not have e-mail or other exchanges outside of a public meeting that include -

“... substantive discussions ‘which advance or clarify a member’s understanding of an issue, or facilitate an agreement or compromise amongst members, or advance the ultimate resolution of an issue’ (Cal. Dept. of Justice, The Brown Act, Open Meetings For Local Legislative Bodies (1994) p. 12) regarding an agenda item.”

“We find no distinction between e-mails and other forms of communication such as leaving telephone messages or sending letters or memorandums. If e-mails are employed to develop a collective concurrence by a majority of board members on an agenda item, they are subject to the prohibition of section 54952.2, subdivision (b).

- h. The City of San Diego Bicycle Master Plan update is scheduled to be heard at City Council August 6th.
 - i. One Planning Group had their meeting canceled because their agenda had not been publicly posted. Ours is.
 - j. Committee differed with Development Services on the subject of whether level 2 projects, those in “Substantial Conformance” should be referred to and reviewed by the appropriate Planning Group. CPC recommended that Planning Groups have the opportunity to review these.
 - k. CPC recommended that the development permits review appeal procedure be extended from 10 business days to 20 business days to give sufficient time for a Planning Group to decide and develop an appeal.
3. Mid-City Mobility Coalition monthly community bike ride will be August 8, 10AM from the City Heights Farmers Market. It’s to be a “Bicycle Blast” and “Get Wet Ride” with water play and optional swim at C.H. Community Pool after the riding.
4. The City Planning & Community Investment (CPCI) Department is pleased to announce that the Community Orientation Workshop (COW) Training has now gone Electronic and can be taken online at your convenience. Everyone was reminded that indemnification of Planning Group members is not provided by the City unless members complete the Community Orientation Workshop within 60 days! Planning Group Members can access the E-COW through the following link:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/ecow/index.shtml>
Please send any messages with concerns or questions about the E-COW to
SDPlanningGroups@sandiego.gov

Action Items

New Business

1. Project Review – none received/requested
2. Other?

Old Business

3. Chair has failed to make arrangements yet with other NH groups for a joint social and exchanging information meeting as discussed at the June meeting. Sorry.
4. ? Discussion and comment regarding Neighborhood Code Compliance proposed/draft prioritization of issues. <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/pdf/cow/ncc.pdf>

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

1. Historical Housing Designations – (Nancy Wolfing) –
2. Community Needs – (Morris Dye)
3. Facilities – (inactive committee)
4. Transportation -- (Morris Dye, Jim Baross)
5. Bylaws -- (Morris Dye, Susan Redelings)
6. Canyons -- (Kevin Johnston)
7. Normal Heights Library – (inactive committee)
8. City Heights PAC – (Larry Hofreiter)

New Business/Agenda Items for the next meeting, September 1, 2009.

Agenda times are approximations. Items may be heard before, on, or after listed times. This information is available in alternative formats. To request an alternative format (sign language, oral interpreter or an Assistive Listening Device) for the meeting call 619-533-3650 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting. If you have questions concerning the NHCPG please express them at the meeting or contact the NHCPG Chair Jim Baross at jimbaross@cox.net or City of San Diego Community Planner Vickie White at 619-533-5967 or at vwhite@sandiego.gov.