

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

Normal Heights Community Center at 4649 Hawley Blvd

Tuesday, November 3, 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)

A commemorative moment of silent reflection will honor Bank Dawson who died recently. He was a relatively new member of the Normal Heights Community Planning Group and he was also active with the Adams Ave. Recreation Council, Friends of Normal Heights Canyons, and participated in Normal Heights Cultural Council meetings.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Modifications to the Agenda

Reports from Government Representatives or other groups 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 – Ted Ewing

Friends of Normal Heights Canyons – Kevin Johnston

Information Items

1. We have received a notice of application to replace three existing stadium light standards with three new light standards capable of supporting four antennas each (12 total) and a 15' by 20' block wall enclosure. Property is at 3491 Adams Ave on the Adams Ave. Park. The applicant is not yet ready to present their proposal to us.
2. City of San Diego has launched a public information campaign, "Lose the Roaditude!" encouraging everyone; motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians to increase their awareness of common courtesy and traffic rules and to help curb anyone's aggressive on-road behaviors. "We consider people's willingness to ignore the rules of the road and act aggressive or negligent as "Roaditude."
3. There will be an Environmental Impact Review scoping meeting on November 17th regarding the proposed Bus Rapid Transit connections along SR-15 through Mid City. Four options for connections will be considered. Your concerns will be solicited.
4. Post event reminder: Planning group members are invited to attend this informal training session to learn how the City identifies and protects our historical resources. The review process for determining when a historical resource is present and the regulatory framework for designated historical resources will be discussed. The use of historic surveys in the community plan update process and historic preservation incentives,

particularly the Mills Act tax reduction, will be presented, as well. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers at the end of the session. If desired, a more advanced training session on specific historic resource issues may be provided at a future date. Thursday, October 29, 2009, 6:00-8:00 P.M. at the Metropolitan Operations Ctr. 9192 Topaz Way in Kearny Mesa. RSVP to: the City Planning & Community Investment Department sdplanninggroups@sandiego.gov or at (619) 235-5200 by October 21, 2009.

5. Community Planners Committee activities and information –
 1. Subcommittee established to address the 2050 Growth Forecast, the Public Participation Plan and other efforts.
 2. Medical Marijuana Task Force update. Recommendation was made that Medical Marijuana “store-fronts” be banned.
 3. Grey Water use discussion was postponed
 4. A question raised about whether Planning Groups are allowed to consider potential health impacts from wireless communication towers. No resolution.
 5. Next CPC meeting items include: Grey Water, CEQA, Community Plan update process.
6. The Friends of Normal Heights Canyons is recruiting volunteers for upcoming canyon restoration planting, ongoing irrigation, and invasive plant maintenance at the Eugene Place sites.
7. Post event notice: This is a request for input on the draft **Voluntary Accessibility Program Amendments**. The proposed amendments are intended to encourage accessible design in new residential projects. The goal is to increase the number of accessible units in the local housing supply by offering a variety of development incentives to facilitate this type of accessible design. The draft code language can be reviewed on the attached PDF or on the City web page under “Amendment Projects in Open Public Comment and Review Period”: <http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/industry/landdevcode.shtml#amend> Please provide written comments on the draft Voluntary Accessibility Program Amendments to dsldc@sandiego.gov through November 1, 2009. Input will be considered prior to the item being scheduled for a Planning Commission recommendation hearing (anticipated to occur in December 2009). If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Lee, Senior Planner, at ajohnsonlee@sandiego.gov or (619) 446-5367.
8. Reminder and opportunity: The City Planning & Community Investment (CPCI) Department has the Community Orientation Workshop (COW) Training online at the following link:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/ecow/index.shtml>

Action Items

1. Project Review –

Chen Residence, Project Number 156896 may be heard for site development permit regarding environmentally sensitive lands for previously constructed 395-square-foot addition to an existing single family residence at 4939 E. Mtn. View Dr. Project Manager was Paul Godwin now Janet Templer, 619-557-7908.

2. Shall the NHCPG provide a request to City Code Compliance to change their prioritization for enforcement; to move enforcement efforts regarding Off-street Parking, and Excessive

Storage from Low Priority to Priority Three? . The listing of priorities is available at the Code Compliance section of the City's web site at

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/pdf/cow/ncc.pdf>

3. Shall the NHCPG compose and provide a letter to _____ (Mayor, Development Services, Planning Dept., Code Compliance, or others) stating our concern for and the importance of enforcement of neighborhood code compliance issues?
4. Although there is some controversy still, the City Attorney has concluded that Community Planning Groups are not required to review CEQA documents prior to making recommendations on development projects. Discussion and potential recommendation to be decided. City Attorney's memo is available upon request.
5. Review of NHCPG Board attendance record, board vacancies, the process for filling positions, and discussion of actions to solicit potential new members. .
6. Discussion regarding concerns about need for water conservation and new development's potential for increased water demand.
7. Discussion about safety concerns due to motor vehicle speeding on East Mountain View Dr.
8. Other?

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

1. Historical Housing Designations – (Nancy Wolfing) –
2. Community Dinner organization -
3. Community Needs – (Morris Dye)
4. Facilities – (inactive committee)
5. Transportation -- (Morris Dye, Jim Baross) Additional comments were submitted to the City of San Diego regarding approval of three projects; Mid City Urban Trail Projects - SR15 Bike Lane, Cherokee & Madison Traffic Calming, and 40th Street Promenade.
6. Bylaws -- (Morris Dye, Susan Redelings)
7. Canyons -- (Kevin Johnston)
8. Normal Heights Library – (inactive committee)
9. City Heights PAC – (Larry Hofreiter)

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

Agenda order is approximate. Items may be heard before, on, or after listed order. 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.