



An All-America City

NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

4649 Hawley Boulevard San Diego, CA. 21116

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, October 4, 2011 6:00 p.m.

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Normal Heights Community Project Review Committee, normally at 5:30 PM
No projects are scheduled for review; no Project Committee meeting.

Planning Group Meeting Agenda

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

Non-Agenda Public Comment – for non-agenda items only, 3 minute limit per speaker

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – reviewing previous meeting draft minutes. Efforts are underway to get our past minutes posted on the City's web site at

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/normalheights/agendas.shtml#minutes>

Requests for modifications to the agenda -

Reports from Government Representatives or other NH groups may be heard

76th Assembly District Office, Toni Atkins – Linsey Masukawa (619)645-3090

4th District County Supervisor, Ron Roberts – Lauren Prescott, (619)531-5544

3rd City Council District Councilmember, Todd Gloria – Dion Akers, (619)236-6633

City Planning and Community Investment Dept. – Michael Prinz, (619)533-5931

San Diego PD Comm Relations – Ofc Jenny Hall and Sgt. Chris Knighton, (619)516-3009 or 3000, jhall@pd.sandiego.gov

Updates from other Normal Heights or Mid City organizations

Adams Ave. Business Association – Judy Elliot, (new) Executive Director.

Adams Ave. Recreation Council – (619)235-1149 Ted Ewing / Mark Rowland

Friends of Normal Heights Canyons – If you have not yet the joined the new Friends of Normal Heights Canyons (Google Groups) e-mail list you may do so by visiting:

<http://groups.google.com/group/FriendsNHCanyons/boxsubscribe>

City Heights PAC – Aaron Allen

Safe Neighborhoods, Citizen's Patrol - Oscar Padilla

Information Items

1. Reminder concerning disorderly conduct per our Bylaws.
2. Congratulations to Adams Ave Business Association for what looked like a very successfully Street Fair! And, a thank you to AABA for providing a fund raising opportunity for the NHCPG.
3. Chair was contacted about what my expectations were about how people in Normal Heights might feel about combining Kensington-Talmadge planning group with the NHCPG. I said that I thought there would not be support for such a change.
4. Report from Community Planners Committee: Open Space Issues/Dedicating Park Space

from Canyonlands (sdcanonlands.org), Housing Commission update, Draft climate Mitigation and Adaptation Plan (sdclimatemap.org), and City administration costs to Development Impact Fees (DIF) and Facility Benefit Assessment (FBA) funds. Next meeting: Forclosures processes, Embarcadero public access, Recreation Councils, and Urban Agriculture.

5. Reminder and opportunity available to all - The online or in-person Community Orientation Workshop (COW) session is required for Planning Group members within 12 months of being elected or appointed to a planning group. The online training is available to anyone. The COW Training online (E-Cow) is available at the following link:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/ecow/index.shtml> .

Discussion and potential Action Items – taken in a sequence to be decided during the meeting

1. Addition of new members as eligible NHCPG general members as appropriate.
2. Nomination, election, and potential acceptance of additional Board member(s)- filling vacated terms and/or expanding membership to the official “normal” 15 members (minimum 12). Candidates are encouraged to contact Chair Jim Baross (619-280-6908) before the meeting to affirm interest.
3. Success and now some decisions regarding new funds. The Adams Ave. Business Association (AABA) asked us to provide volunteer staffing for two T-Shirt/Information booths at the Street Fair, September 24 and 25. Suzanne Ledebor organized the service. We will be rewarded with some funds and should develop some processes for approving expenditures and accounting. Chair will name a committee with Treasurer, Art Harrison to develop proposed processes.
4. For discussion and potential assignments for further research:
 - a. Community Gardens issued raised about how priorities for space allocation is established. Is this fair and appropriate?
 - b. Landscaping - when a project is "approved" by the city's Development Services, typically some plan for landscaping is required. Is there a system in place to verify the required landscaping is maintained in place?
 - c. The condition of our streets and medians does not seem to be getting appropriate attention - weeds have been growing unchecked for years, filth, garbage and weeds along the exit ramps. Can we target some areas and request City/Caltrans action?
 - d. Assessment districts (DIF and FBA, etc.) how these work, what might be appropriate for Normal Heights... ?
5. Project Review –
 - a. Update on Adams Ave Park ball field communication tower issues
 - b. Historical Reviews:
 - i. 4365 38th Street.
 - c. Projects for potential future review; or in process
 - i. Mid City Bus Rapid Transit project. The address for the Mid-City BRT Planning Study website has information on the project as well as documents that have been produced to date. Report of Sept. meeting during committee reports.
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/cityheights/brtstudy.shtml>
 - ii. Kenmore Terrace – street vacation request – no recent action.
 - iii. T-mobile antennae to Methodist Church – no recent action.

6. Discussion/update concerning questions raised about the roadway traffic barricades on 40th street at Madison and Monroe.
7. Cherokee traffic calming project - Is there interest in contacting and organizing local residents/property owners and/or the church to develop some proposals for community beneficial uses of the newly available spaces for – car parking? – playground? – passive park benches? – community garden? – or just bark and trash? Do we have someone able and willing to contact and organize some interested folks?
8. Recommendation that the NHCPG support installation of traffic signals and/or some other change on Meade at Cherokee to increase safety for accessing Meade from Cherokee.
9. Continuing concern regarding lack of public access to Normal Heights Elementary School play areas and through school grounds to access park space to uphold our understanding of the existing Normal Heights Elementary Joint Use Agreement.

Committee and continuing issue reports (All subcommittee meetings are to be publicly scheduled and open to the public)

1. Historical Housing Designations – (Nancy Wolfing)
2. Project Review – (Art Harrison, Mark Rowland, Bob Forsythe) – Suzanne L. provided the following information. *We have been saving and putting back historical markers since 2001 when we had a huge sewer main replacement project along East Mountain View. (Maybe you've seen some of our stamps on your walks?) I think we ended up with 19 put-backs. Sandy Johnson, who was chair of the Normal Heights Sidewalks Subcommittee in 2000, negotiated with the Street Division (Mario Sierra and Rocky Kelly), Kim Craig from Toni Atkins' office and others, to write a preservation policy. It took some time, but eventually Frank Belock, head of Engineering and Capital Projects, issued the "orders" and the City formalized the rules. If memory serves, all this happened in 2004.*
3. Community Dinner organization – (inactive committee)
4. Community Needs Wish List & Prioritization Listing & CIP Plan – (Art Harrison)
5. Transportation -- (Jim Baross) Report available regarding- Mid-City SR-15 Bus Rapid Transit Station Area Planning Study meeting Sept 27
6. Bylaws – ()
7. Canyons preservation & access -- ()
8. Normal Heights Library – (inactive committee)
9. Community Planners Committee – (Jim Baross)
10. City Heights PAC (includes part of Normal Heights) – (Aaron Allen)
11. NH Website revitalization – (Nancy Wolfing)
12. Housing Moratorium Issue – (Aaron Allen)
13. NHC Plan update/revisions – (Jim Baross)
14. Overhead utility undergrounding project – (Mark Rowland) –
15. Community Garden development – (Art Harrison)

New Business/Agenda Items for the next meeting October 4, 2010.

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 619-280-6908 or jimbaross@cox.net, or City of San Diego Community Planner Michael Prinz, at 619-533-5931.