

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

MINUTES

Tuesday May 5, 2009

6:00PM

Normal Heights Community Center

Call to Order by Chair Jim Baross at 6:01

Members present: Nancy Wolfing, Richard Rios, Kevin Johnston, Dino Serafini, Earlene Thom, Susan Redelings, Art Harrison, Larry Hofreiter, Jim Baross and Morris Dye

Members absent: Holly Ritter, Rosanna Harrison, Bank Dawson

Guests: Suzanne Ledeboer, Lindsey Masukawa, Dion Akers, Gary Weber

Welcome and introductions

Minutes of April meeting

Correction: I Love a Clean San Diego scheduled a “Creek-to-Bay” clean-up

Art moved for approval, Earlene second, unanimously approved with corrections, Nancy, Jim and Kevin abstained..

Modifications to Agenda - None

Non-Agenda Item:

Jim received and forwarded notice of pending re-hearing before City Council on a CEQA appeal ordered by the judge in the Pacific Coast Office Bldg, Pollack vs. City of San Diego lawsuit stemming from the Council’s decision to deny the office project on the southerly slopes of Mission Valley. NHCPG also recommended denial of the project. The re-hearing must take place before June 12.

Reports from Elective Officials:

Third District Councilman Todd Gloria – Representative Dion Akers: no current issue of “District 3 Dialogue”. The City Council is hearing budget presentations from City departments on proposals to close the \$60 million budget gap. Labor negotiations are also keeping the Councilmember quite busy through July 15. Todd Gloria had a booth at the Roots Festival and is planning one at Street Fair. There has been a lot of interest in the Community Garden; the Development Services Dept. is working to streamline the application process.

Art: who will manage the CG and how does one sign up for plots?

Kevin: Is Channel 24 available for public service announcements?

Jim: Noted traffic counters and new stop sign in neighborhood asked where to go for general traffic inquiries in NH?

Nancy: her neighborhood is beset with recycling thieves. An issue for Police Dept. but understandably a low-priority enforcement issue until there is a trespass on private property.

Dion: Gary Pence is the Senior Traffic Engineer assigned to this area; Dion will get answers to other questions.

Assembly Speaker Pro-tem Lori Saldana – Lindsey Masukawa passed out the Citizen’s Guide to Participation and Ways to Save Water and latest “Saldana Sun”, which includes an invitation to submit nominations for Veteran’s Recognition Ceremony. May 15 is Bike to Work Day, May 19 special election day.

Jim: Is water conservation only a single family home issue?

Dion: No, all land uses must comply with the water conservation rules.

Planning Department Representative

No representatives this month.

F.O.C. – Kevin: 1200 lbs of trash were removed from Ellison Place Canyon during their clean-up. The Ellison Place Restoration project will get support from the Open Space Rangers. Everyone is invited to attend the FOC meetings to express ideas for the canyon project.

Information Items - Referred to Agenda

2 CPC Information

2b) Draft Water Conservation Landscape Regulations: separate meters are being considered for interior/landscape water use;

2c) Controversy regarding the purpose for parking meters: revenue or rationing (maintain turnover of spaces)? Fee is calibrated to achieve a 15% turnover rate of spaces.

Larry: Is any area charging time-of-day pricing?

Jim: Yes, downtown residents need to feed meters in the middle of the day.

Gary: NH was included in a parking study that reviewed parking metering policies. Many traffic/safety improvements have been funded by parking meter revenues. Approx. \$27 million goes to the General Fund from these revenues; 50/50 allocation between local improvements and City-wide, other costs.

2e) Jim is not planning on running for a CPC office;

2f) NH is not on the list for updating;

3. Mid-City Community Bike Ride: Route goes by the Mayor’s house;

5. COW goes on-line in June. Jim read off names of members needing to attend a COW: Larry, Kevin and Susan (who actually did attend)

No other discussion on Information Items

Action Items

1. Shall an officer position be added to the Board?

Jim: adding a position would require a change in the By-laws, and called for a motion.

Art: moved that a position be added, motion died for lack of a second. Art requested that the item be placed on next month's agenda.

2. Neighborhood Code Compliance proposed draft prioritization of enforcement

Art: called attention to the City Heights memo listing their proposals for changes to enforcement priorities, and moved that the Group support the City Heights priorities with a few additions; second by Nancy.

Larry: Felt that while the City Heights suggestions weren't necessarily inappropriate, speaking about his neighborhood, questions the increased enforcement priority for issues that are not particularly egregious and moving the priority up.

Art: Increased enforcement of parking would benefit downstream storm water quality.

Jim: outlined the definition of the priorities based on health & safety and level of seriousness.

Art moved to amend his first motion to add:

- Garages used for storage from "No Code Compliance Action" category to low priority; and,
- Moving enforcement of on-street parking rules from low to Priority III.

Larry seconded the motion. Jim called for the question: Art Nancy and Dino voted yea; all else voted no.

Art's first motion: Art, Susan and Nancy voted yea; all else no.

Art spoke with Michael Richmond, Senior Land Development Investigator.
Intake number for reports: 236-5500

Committee Reports

1. Housing – Two 45-year properties were reviewed under Historic Preservation guidelines, neither was actionable in her opinion
2. Community Needs – no report
3. Transportation – no report

City Heights PAC

Larry is attending the next meeting. He understood that the PAC adopted the 5-year RDA Implementation Plan.

New Business

For next month: Restate support for Community Garden as a “permanent facility” to qualify for grant funds.

Next meeting is June 2 in the Community Center

Adjourned at 7:40