

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

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MINUTES

April 6, 2010

6:00 PM

Normal Heights Community Center

Call to Order by Jim Baross at 6:00

Members present: Susan Redelings, Kevin Johnston, Nancy Wolfing, Jim Baross, Dino Serafini, Art Harrison, Richard Rios, Earlene Thom, Holly Ritter, Nancy Lawler, Richard Neuffer

Members absent: Larry Hofreiter, Joseph Fombon, Mark Rowland

Community Members/Guests: Andrew Parish, Larry Hogue, Toni Abbey, Aaron Allen Allan Acevedo, Emily Green, J. Boyle, Dion Akers, Mark Lawler, Randy Van Vieck, Gary Weber, Bob Keyser, Mark Lawler, Omar Passons

Welcome and introductions

Non-Agenda Public Comments/Information from Community Members: Kevin asked how the community felt about use of Ward Park for regular volleyball games. It seems that the same group is always there and is wearing out the turf.

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Nancy W. moved to approve, second by Susan; unanimous vote to approve minutes.

Modification to Agenda: Jim asked that Info. Item No. 4 and Action Item No. 3 be moved up in the Agenda.

Reports from Representatives of Elective Officials

Dion Akers, Todd Gloria's office, distributed the "District 3 Dialogue". Councilman Gloria will be at Roots Fest. Another Community Coffee will be held in about 6-8 weeks. Dion offered to put Kevin in touch with the Park Dept. area representative about the volleyball games at Ward Park. Nancy W. asked if there were any proposals for the former Pearson Ford site. Dion heard of a possible multi-use market. Jim wanted to express his displeasure with library closures and wondered if the current "strong mayor" form of city government has lead to less ability of the City Council to influence such decisions. Dion believed that is has, and noted that Prop. D will be on the June 8 ballot to decide whether to make the strong mayor permanent.

Kevin--Friends of the Canyons: distributed flyers for the Creek-to Bay Clean-up on April 24th at 9:00 am. Todd Gloria will be there.

Information Items per Agenda

- 1) Roots Fest on Adams;

- 2) Still no action Kenmore Street vacation;
- 3) Omar Passons, of Sustainable Entertainment, was present to talk about his new “Park-2-Park” Shuttle service, which will operate during Roots Fest. The shuttle will run between Adams Ave. and North Park. Omar is also working to develop a city-wide graffiti control program;
- 4) The Recreation Council endorsed our recommendations for the AT&T cell tower application;
- 6) There may still be seats available for the downtown bus tour.

Other information items per the Agenda

Action Items:

3) (Item taken out of order) two representatives of “San Diego Streets for People” described the *Ciclovía* car-free street bike event that they are proposing to introduce to San Diego. They are seeking the Group’s support in the form of a letter to the City asking for the City to sanction an event or series of events. The form of event still needs to be decided: how long, how often, where. SD Streets for People is seeking suggestions. Art asked why NHCPG is being approached—it was Jim’s suggestion. Jim requested a motion. Susan moved that a letter from the Group be written expressing support for a car-free street bicycle event, second by Kevin. The letter would likely take the form of “to whom it may concern”. Art moved to table the motion until more information was available; died for lack of second. Motion on the floor approved by all except Art who abstained (not sure what the motion is for).

2. Elections to Normal Heights Planning Group Board Officers,

The nominees are:

Chair: Jim Baross, Mark Rowland

Vice Chair; Susan Redelings, Art Harrison, Nancy Wolfing

Secretary: Dino Serafini

The election is open to the Board members. Election results were announced at the end of the meeting: Jim, Susan and Dino were reelected Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively.

- 4) The community “wish list” (community needs) should be revived. Art offered to chair a revitalized committee.
- 5) Nancy is still trying to make contact with Robert Rael about updating Normal Heights.org. Her site name: “Normal-Heights.org” is available. It was noted that *Normal Heights.org* is updated with current Adams Avenue Business Association info.

Other Non-Agenda Items:

There still two vacancies on the Board, which may be filled by the appointment of interested, eligible general members to serve the unexpired terms of two former members. An item will be on next month's agenda to fill the vacancies.

Committee Reports

Friends of the Canyons--Kevin passed out fliers of the April 24th Creek-to-Bay clean-up event. The regular canyon maintenance meeting will be on Saturday at the end of Eugene Place. River Days will be on May 15th.

Next meeting: May 4 in the Community Center

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03