

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

APPROVED MINUTES

December 2, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

Normal Heights Community Center

Board Members present: **Joe Kissell, Mark Lawler, Nancy Lawler, Suzanne Ledebouer, Caroline McKeown, Mark Rowland, Dan Soderberg, Gary Weber, Ryan Zellers**

Absent: Jean-Louis Coquereau, Joseph Fombon, Marianne Green, John Hartley, Scott Kessler, Phil Kramer

Community Members/Guests: B.J. Coleman, Kathryn Gray, Art Harrison, Dan McAllister.

Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Caroline McKeown, at 6:03 P.M.

Modifications to Meeting Agenda

- The next meeting is on January 6, 2015, not January 7, 2014 as stated on the agenda.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- The minutes of the November 2014 NHCPG meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Corrections were as follows: “We can Alison” should read, “Alison Flynn, AABA Member, owner of Villainous Lair.” We can have up to two public members of the school subcommittee. The 12/11 meeting will be at Adams and the 12/18 meeting will be at SDGVA. Action items—variance request: “subcommittee recommends changing setback” should read “recommends approval of the setback.” “Condition of approval is the lone issue” should read “Condition of approval is that this is the lone issue.”
- Suzanne moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Ryan seconded. Joe, Nancy, Mark, and Gary abstained because they were not at the meeting. All the other board members voted to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

- Mark R. has no knowledge of any change to the balance of our treasury. There are two potential reimbursements coming up (to Suzanne and Marianne), but those will come out of the \$500 the city has given us.

Non-agenda Public Comments

- Art Harrison says the school meetings were interesting and he recommends going “unless you favor kindergarten classrooms being converted to parking spaces.”
- Gary directs our attention to an Op Ed in the U-T by Jim Waring, “Civic Challenges Call for Community Collaboration.”

- **Caroline:** A few things came across her desk that are not on the agenda: 1. An email about the La Jolla Children's Pool lifeguard station. Walkway will be closed temporarily to public access. 2. Starting public meetings on pure water project (toilet to tap purification system). 3. They've restriped Hawley Blvd. with tighter spaces and new 60° angles—there are now 8 new parking spaces.

Reports from Government Representatives and Community Groups

- None present.

Information Items

- **Dan McAllister, San Diego County Treasurer – Tax Collector:** Spoke about property tax payments and collection and what they mean to the city. Had over a 99% collection rate this year. This year the city is up about 3,000 new taxable parcels, to about 984,000. This year they expect to bring in about \$5.1 billion in taxes and fees. The Treasurer's office now supports 16 languages. Speculated about the future of Prop. 13 rules. Answered several questions from the audience.

Action Items

- **City Council Ordinance No. O-19883:** Suzanne: Our bylaws reference an indemnification ordinance. Do we want it in the bylaws officially as an attachment? Suzanne moved: "Shall the NHCPG add City Council Ordinance O-19883 to the ByLaws as attachment N?" Mark R. seconded. No discussion. Carried unanimously.
- **Electric Charging Infrastructure—Vehicle Charging Station Installation:** City representative was not present, so discussion was tabled.
- **9th Land Development Code Update:** Marianne was not present, so discussion was tabled. (But Dan gave a few details of what he and Marianne had discussed.)

Committee Reports

- **Community Planners Committee:** Marianne attended but was not present to report on it.
- **Projects Review Committee:** No projects for November or December.
- **Historical Properties Committee:** No projects for November or December but two new projects came in today.
- **Ad Hoc Bylaws Subcommittee:** Revised bylaws are almost done. Suzanne will send everyone a draft copy soon.
- **Utility Undergrounding Working Group:** Now called "grounding." Postponed their last meeting until December 8 at 6:30 P.M. (location TBD but likely at AABA office). A couple of members of the advisory committee will meet with them. Suzanne and Earlene attended the December 21 meeting. Suzanne sent around the working draft of what has been decided so far. She said the last meeting, #6, was the best one so far because people were talking with one another—a good dialog.

- **Transportation/Traffic Calming Working Group:** Joe: The DecoBike scouting trip and meeting are coming up on Friday (morning and evening, respectively).
- **Library Branch Working Group:** No members present.
- **City Infrastructure Committee:** Suzanne: it was a pretty ordinary meeting, nothing that affects us. In January, she hopes to see the sidewalk assessment presentation.
- **Ad Hoc 9th Land Development Code Review Subcommittee:** Skipped until next month.
- **Ad Hoc Schools Subcommittee:** Caroline went to the most recent school meeting (joint meeting of both schools at Adams auditorium). The mood was light. People were supportive of the projects. The largest discussion centered on the new multipurpose room on the blacktop, which has become a de facto public use park space. They came up with four new options for where to put that building. But then, a majority of those present (which was 17 people voting) voted for the original plan. (There were lots of abstentions.) One thing that will affect us is that the AABA is pushing to have School Street widened and parking on both sides. The school district isn't sure if that can be rolled into the plan. Caroline pointed out this would take away park space and we already have too little. Another discussion that will affect us is the park adjacent to the Community Center, which has become a dog park (but kids play there). One idea was that it could become a flat, active use park—more people, fewer dogs. If Ward Canyon is done, dogs can go there. School district will need temporary space for mobile units, and they could flatten that area & put them there, killing two birds with one stone. Caroline talked about proposed new/higher fence along School St. Also the multipurpose building's restrooms—can they be made joint-use?

New Business/Future Agenda Items

- Suzanne: Next month, Caroline as the chair must appoint elections subcommittee. Suzanne suggests the subcommittee be made up of everyone who is not up for reelection.

Adjournment

- Mark R. moved to adjourn, Ryan seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:41.

Next meeting: January 6, 2015