

Normal Heights Community Planning Group DRAFT MINUTES

October 5, 2010
6:00 PM

Normal Heights Community Center

Call to Order by Jim Baross at 6:03 PM

Members present: Aaron Allen, Jim Baross, Joseph Fombon, Art Harrison, Nancy Lawler, Susan Redelings, Mark Rowland, Earlene Thom, Nancy Wolfing

Members absent: Allan Acevedo, Kevin Johnston, Rick Neuffer, Richard Rios

Community Members/Guests: Dion Akers, Bob Kelsner, Mark Lawler, Suzanne Ledebor, Bill Conway, Jacqueline Adelchenow, Gary Weber, Daniel Brockett, Michel Ramirez, Alexander Jung, Jennifer Woods, Ani Shaboygan, Emily Tracy

Welcome and introductions

Non-Agenda Public Comments/Information from Community Members:

Jim Baross requested comments from the community members present at the meeting. R. Bermudez presented information regarding his group's effort to place an initiative on a future ballot titled "Clean Elections Initiative." Mr. Bermudez circulated an information request sheet.

Approval of August 2010 Minutes

Nancy Wolfing moved to approve a revised version of the August minutes. _____ seconded the motion. **The revised August minutes shall reflect the deletion of the comments regarding the boxes at Cherokee St. and Adams Ave.** All Board members except Susan Redelings approved the motion; Susan's abstention was due to her absence from the August meeting.

Approval of September 2010 Minutes

Susan Redelings moved to approve the September minutes with _____ seconding the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Modification to Agenda: None

Reports from Representatives of Elective Officials:

Dion Akers, Councilmember Todd Gloria's representative, distributed Councilman Gloria's District Three newsletter and presented an informational item regarding the ongoing process to open a City-wide homeless shelter.

Susan Redelings made a comment to Mr. Akers regarding the perceived difficulty in locating the NHCPG agendas on the City's website.

A brief comment on the upcoming ballot item titled "Proposition D" was made. Art Harrison inserted a point of order reminding the Board that

discussion of this item was forbidden. The Board ceased discussing the matter.

Mark Rowland commented on the utility undergrounding initiative. Earlene Thom added some additional comments to the discussion.

Location of November Meeting:

Jim Baross informed the Board that the November 2010 meeting might be preempted from its customary meeting location due to the high probability of election polls being housed in the Community Center. Mr. Baross added that further details on the location of the November meeting will be finalized and made public at a later date.

Board Composition:

Jim Baross informed the Board that Kevin Johnston has tendered his resignation from the NHCPG due to his pending relocation out of the neighborhood.

Historical Site Review Update:

Nancy Wolfing provided information regarding projects at three sites that were reviewed for historical impact.

Information Items:

- 1) Jim Baross reminded the Board that the Community Orientation Workshop ("COW") is available both online and at periodic in-person events and that all Board members must take the COW within one year of being seated on the Board.
- 2) Jim Baross commented that a natural gas pipeline traverses the Normal Heights community.
- 3) Jim Baross stated that the Community Planning Chairs' committee recently met and voted to oppose a proposed City Ordinance regarding the operations of retail superstores.

Other information items per the Agenda

Action Items:

- 1) A recently-circulated Mid-City planning document shows the Normal Heights community being further divided into three sections referred to as Adams Park, Cherokee Park, and Adams North. Jim Baross apprised the Board that the San Diego Police Department likely uses these subdivisions while organizing officers' beats. Discussion regarding whether or not the three subdivisions were too divisive for the community was had.

Art Harrison moved to refer to the entire community as Normal Heights and delete any references to subdivisions from any City planning document, including the Community Plan. Joseph Fombon seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

The Chair or Secretary of the Board is to draft a letter to the San Diego Police Department requesting the Department to update its neighborhood maps accordingly.

2) Jim Baross and the Secretary of the Board will review the attendance records of the NHCPG and find community members eligible to fill any Board vacancies.

3) Jim Baross revisited the matter regarding the vacant NHCPG representative post on the City Heights PAC.

Joseph Fombon moved to appoint Aaron Allen as Normal Heights' representative on the City Heights PAC. Mark Rowland seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

4) Jim Baross informed the Board that the Community Planning Chairs group has been asked to go back to their respective planning groups and solicit votes on a potential City Ordinance regulating medical marijuana retail operations. Mr. Baross presented a summary or abstract of what language could potentially be included a draft Ordinance. A draft was unavailable as of the October meeting date.

Nancy Wolfing moved to delay a vote and continue discussion on this matter. The motion did not receive a second and thusly was not put to a vote.

Joseph Fombon moved to oppose the potential Ordinance based on the absence of any draft language and also to review the results of the pending ballot proposition to decriminalize recreational use of marijuana in California. Mark Rowland seconded the motion. All members of the Board except Jim Baross voted to approve the motion to oppose the potential Ordinance. Mr. Baross abstained due to his personal interest in the matter.

5) There were no projects submitted to the Board or any of its committees for review.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Next meeting: November 2, 2010. Location to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 PM.