

# Normal Heights Community Planning Group DRAFT MINUTES

December 7, 2010

6:00 PM

Normal Heights Community Center

Meeting called to order with quorum at 6:00 P.M.

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

Members absent: Allan Acevedo

Community Members/Guests: Seth Torma

Welcome and introductions

Non-Agenda Public Comments/Information from Community Members:

The Board and the meeting's attendees were informed that the *Holiday Nights on Adams* event will occur on December 11, 2010. A printed flyer with details on the event was distributed.

Approval of November 2010 Minutes

Ms. S. Redelings moved to approve a revised version of the November minutes with Ms. N. Wolfing seconding the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

The revised November minutes are to now read: "Mr. J. Baross reminded the Board that *the installation of bicycle corrals is being considered* in front of two businesses on Adams Avenue: Blind Lady Ale House and Lestat's Coffee Shop (Action/Discussion Items #4)."

Modification to Agenda: No modifications to December meeting's agenda were requested.

Reports from Representatives of Elected Officials:

Dion Akers, representative from San Diego City Council District Three's councilmember Todd Gloria's office, distributed copies of the District Three newsletter and additional information on Ward Canyon Park—an enclosed parcel of land adjacent to the schoolgrounds that is intended to be joint-use but where access is sealed. Mr. Akers informed the Board that the San Diego City Council will be on winter recess from December 13, 2010 to January 3, 2011.

Historical Site Review Update:

Ms. N. Wolfing commented that there were no 45-year reviews for historic designation within the preceding month.

Mr. A. Harrison requested additional information on what projects are referred to this body for review. Mr. J. Baross indicated that, in general, land-use projects that require a variance or exception from the standard San Diego Municipal Code are referred to this group for its recommendation. Additional discussion on this matter briefly continued.

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) Mr. M. Rowland apprised the Board on the ongoing business of the Adams Ave. Recreation Council. Information on AT&T's upgrades to the ball field at 35<sup>th</sup> and Adams and additional discussion on accessibility at Ward Canyon Park was provided.
- 3) Ms. N. Wolfing informed the Board and audience that the Safe Neighborhoods organization will stage a storefront event on December 9, 2010 at Ward Canyon Park from approximately 5:30 to 8:30 P.M. This will be an opportunity to meet the public safety officers assigned to the Normal Heights community.
- 4) Mr. J. Baross stated that information on the Community Planners' Committee would be forthcoming.

Other information items per the Agenda

Action/Discussion Items:

- 1) Mr. J. Baross presented a presentation of overhead slides on the subject of a proposed update to the City's Land Development Code. Numerous specific sections of the municipal code that have changes proposed to them were discussed. Mr. Baross then requested that the Board study the information presented to it in preparation for additional discussion at the January 2010 meeting.
- 2) Mr. J. Baross presented information to the Board regarding the process that regulates what type of notice is disseminated to Community Planning Groups regarding proposed permits. Mr. Baross requested that the Board review the additional documentation regarding this matter in anticipation of further discussion and possible action at the January 2010 meeting.
- 3) Mr. J. Baross commented that two projects, the Arco Station update and the Kenmore Terrace street vacation, have had no action since the prior meeting but are still in process.
- 4) Mr. J. Baross informed the Board that a draft version of a proposed City Council policy on San Diego Affordable Housing and Sustainable Development Incentive Program is available online and requested that the Board review the document prior to the January 2010 meeting in anticipation of further discussion and possible Board action.

5) Mr. M. Rowland provided updates to the Board on the ongoing matter concerning SDG&E's utility undergrounding. The group that was formed to specifically research this issue is seeking input on the undergrounding process prior to having plans issued.

M. Rowland received official designation from the Board to serve as the Normal Heights Community Planning Group's appointee to the undergrounding group.

6) There was brief discussion on the School St. schoolgrounds access issue with no new information provided.

7) Mr. J. Baross stated that the City's Planning Department's budget is being cut and asked the board for insight into possible ways NHCPG could keep the Community Plan updated.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Next meeting: January 4, 2011 at the Normal Heights Community Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:11 P.M.