

Normal Heights Community Planning Group MINUTES

April 4, 2012

6:00 PM

Normal Heights Community Center

Meeting called to order with quorum at 6:03 P.M.

Members present: Jim Baross, Joseph Fombon, Nancy Lawler, Ben Moore, Richard Rios, Mark Rowland, Dan Soderberg, Earlene Thom

Members absent: Aaron Allen, Charles Bradford, Judy Elliot, Art Harrison,

Community Members/Guests: Victor Ames, Kenneth Bross, Michael Klein, Rebecca Tabatzky, Janeth de La Cruz, Denisse De la Cruz, Guselda Calderan, Oscar Padilla, Sandra Bross, Jessica McGee, Suzanne Ledeboer, Gary Weber, Angela Colderon, Stephon Lamar, Rosanne Harrison

Welcome and introductions

Non-agenda Public Comments

- Ms. Rosanne Harrison read a prepared statement from Mr. Art Harrison regarding the respect and courtesy that must be shown to community members who disagree with the joint use status of Normal Heights Elementary School.
- A female attendee commented on her displeasure with opening the grounds of Normal Heights Elementary School to the public.
- A male speaker expanded upon earlier comments and stated that Normal Heights Elementary's school grounds, as constructed, possess several "blind spots" where the occupants of the grounds are unable to be viewed by passers-by on the street. The speaker further went on to discuss how this could pose a risk to the children who use the field.
- In response to each of the three non-agenda public comments, Mr. Jim Baross stated that the Normal Heights Community Planning Group does not have jurisdiction over the terms of the Joint Use Agreement covering the grounds at Normal Heights Elementary School but assured the audience that their comments and concerns were being heard.
- Mr. Oscar Padilla with San Diego Safe Neighborhoods left some handouts on how one may become involved with the neighborhood patrol organization that he leads.

Approval of March 2012 Minutes

The approval of the March 2012 minutes has been postponed until the May 2012 meeting.

Modifications to Meeting Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda requested.

Government Representatives

- There were no government representatives present at the December meeting.

Other Old and New Business and Informational Items:

- 1) Mr. 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. Jim Baross provided a brief update on the most recent Community Planners’ Group meeting: Councilmember Lorie Zapf was recently in attendance to discuss land use.
- 3) Adams Ave. Unplugged will be held from April 21 to April 22, 2012 along Adams Ave.
- 4) A red curb at the intersection of Cherokee St. and E. Mountain View Dr. has been requested but no response has been received from the City as of the time of the meeting.
- 5) Mr. Mark Rowland unveiled the banner promoting the meeting time and location of the NHCPG that was recently acquired using the funds earned at the Adams Ave. Street Fair to the NHCPG. The banner looks great and the NHCPG thanks Mr. Rowland for his efforts in procuring the sign!
- 6) The process to restore 33rd Place to its original name, Mechanic Street, was discussed at this meeting. A petition of the residents on the street is necessary to initiate the process.

Action Items:

- **NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP ELECTIONS**
 - In a unanimous decision by members eligible to vote and present at the April 3, 2012 meeting, the following individuals were elected to serve two-year terms on the NHCPG Board: Jim Baross, Joseph Fombon, Nancy Lawler, and Earlene Thom. Each of these Board members may serve through March 2014. The following individuals were elected to carry out the remainders of vacant terms and may serve through March 2013: Dan Soderberg, Charles Bradford, and Judy Eliot.
- **NHCPG BOARD OFFICERS**
 - Having been assembled after the election results, the duly elected Board of the Normal Heights Community Planning Group voted to install the following officers of the Board: Chair – Jim Baross, Vice Chair – Mark Rowland, Secretary – Joseph Fombon, and Treasurer – Art Harrison.

Committee Reports:

- A historical review of 4745 35th Street is imminent.

- A plaque at the corner of Adams Ave. and Mansfield St. was recently stolen. If anyone possesses a picture of the plaque, please let the Adams Avenue Recreation Council or Ms. Nancy Lawler know so that it may be replaced.

Next meeting: May 1, 2012 at the Normal Heights Community Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 P.M.