

# Normal Heights Community Planning Group Annual Report

April 2022 - March 2023

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## Introduction

The following is the Annual Report of the Normal Heights Community Planning Group (NHCPG). For the period covered by this report (April 2022-March 2023) the officers were Jim Baross, Chair;Paul Coogan, Vice Chair; Victoria Everich, Secretary; Allan Harjala, Treasurer.

The NHCPG meets at 6:30 pm, on the 1st Tuesday of each month. The physical meeting site is at the Normal Heights Community Center, 4649 Hawley Blvd. This year marked the transition from virtual meetings via Zoom to hybrid meetings using the community center and Zoom.

The planning group maintained standing subcommittees for Utility Undergrounding, and the following ad hoc subcommittees: Historical Property Review Report, Parks & Trail Development, Traffic Issues Task Force, and Elections.

## **Administrative Notes**

Eleven regular meetings of the full board were held during the twelve months from April 2022 through March 2023. No meeting was held in May of 2022.

There is no differentiation made in membership between residents, renters, property owners, or business/non-profit owner/operators. One seat is specifically assigned to the Adams Avenue Business Association (AABA).

In the March 2023 meeting, board member Ricardo Marin III was removed from the board due to lack of attendance and no response from inquiries.

A total of 13 seats were maintained for the duration of this report.

## **Community Plan**

No community plan amendments were enacted between April 2022 and March 2023.



## Objectives

The planning group will continue to:

- 1. Work with the City on modifying traffic engineering to improve safety.
- 2. Work with residents on the planned Utility Undergrounding project.
- 3. Work with City Staff regarding increasing urban street canopy.

#### **Roster Summary**

Name	Seat	Term Start	Term End
Baross, Jim	Chair	4/1/2021	4/1/2024 (year 9 extension)
Colwell, Emilie	Member	4/1/2022	4/1/2024
Coogan, Paul	Vice Chair	4/1/2022	4/1/2024
Everich, Taylor	Member	4/1/2022	4/1/2024
Everich, Victoria	Secretary	3/1/2021	4/1/2023 (did not renew)
Harjala, Allan	Treasurer	3/1/2022	4/1/2024
Kamen, Emily	Member	4/1/2022	4/1/2024
Kessler, Scott	Member (AABA)	4/1/2023	4/1/2025
Lawler, Nancy	Member	4/1/2023	4/1/2025
Marin, Ricardo	Member	4/1/2022	3/1/2023
Prichett, Frances	Member	12/1/2023	4/1/2025
Schrader, Brian	Member	4/1/2022	4/1/2024
Soderberg, Dan	Member	4/1/2022	4/1/2024
Stone, Gregory	Member	4/1/2023	4/1/2025

## **Election Results for March 2023**

Greg Stone, Frances Prichett, Scott Kessler, Nancy Lawler and Ricardo Marin all received the needed votes to maintain their place on the Board. Jim Baross received the needed votes to be an Alternate Board Member in year 9. Victoria Everich decided not to run for reelection. Note, Ricardo Marin was removed from board after election due to abandonment of the seat. A total of 12 seats are in service at this writing.



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