



# **NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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## **Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee**

**MEETING AGENDA: Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Registration Link: [bit.ly/publicfacilitiesreg](https://bit.ly/publicfacilitiesreg)**

### **I. Parliamentary Items**

- a) Call to Order: (6:04 p.m.): Arash Kahvazadeh, Matt Stucky, Basil Mournian, Jen Spencer, Pat Sexton, Ernie Bonn
- b) Modifications & Adoption of the Agenda: Motion: (Kahvazadeh/Stucky) to approve agenda as modified to correct date for 7/27/21 special meeting. 6/0/0
- c) Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes: June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Motion (Kahvazadeh/Stucky) 6/0/0
- d) Announcements:
  - Don Leichtling announced he filled out survey to add new CIP and recommended circulating agenda as early as possible.
  - Arash announced upcoming meetings for SANDAG regional plan, dates and information for meeting registration available on the SANDAG website.

### **II. Non-Agenda Public Comment (2 minutes each)**

- Randy Walsh: question about presentation at Urban Design subcommittee
- Don Leichtling: thinks NPPC should discuss bike lanes with SANDAG to get opinions on route selection and coordination.
- Ernie Bonn: questioned need for environmental report for bike lanes for cumulative impacts

### **III. Action and Informational Items – *Order and timing of items are estimates only; items may be heard earlier than the time shown.***

#### **A. Review and prioritization of Capital Infrastructure Projects for 2021 survey-**

Arash presented on process for CIP prioritization and 24 existing identified projects. Deadline to submit to city is in first week of August. Arash answered questions from the public about each project.

#### **Public Comments**

- Kam Kyrala: supports Oregon St Greenway and Howard and 30th bulbouts
- Judith Bushnell: Bird Park project is low priority and should preserve native plants, 30th St bulb-outs should be postponed to see impact on traffic, supports improvements to Morley Field area.
- Steve Oechel: Thinks businesses and Morley Field/Balboa Park are best parts of North Park. Supports Morley Field projects: new recreation center and restrooms in Balboa Park East Mesa (27-2).
- Kristine Aaron-Jacobi: supports dog park at North Park Community Center
- Jennifer Sarff: noted that City's Climate Action Plan may be challenged, which might require reevaluation of some infrastructure projects. Supports improvements to North Park Community Park. If roundabouts and bulb-outs are added, they should be landscaped with trees.
- Randy Walsh: supports Robinson Avenue repair work (9-2)
- Don Leichtling: group needs to think what is best for North Park as a whole. Supports dog park at North Park Community Park and recreation center, Bud Kearns pool, does not support improvements around North Park Theatre.

Board Comments:

- Ernie Bonn: agrees with Don on recommendations. Would like to see Mini Park finished behind theatre. Supports recreation center and dog park and North Park Community Park. Wants improvements at Normal/ECB/Park.

- Jen Spencer: supports 1) pedestrian improvements along Upas/Morley Field (21-2), 2) North Park Recreation Center (27-2), 3) Additional long-term improvements behind North Park Theatre associated with Mini Park (6-2).

- Pat Sexton: supports dog park at North Park Community Center and lights, traffic signals at Upas and 30th, facility improvements at Morley Field, 28th and Upas sidewalks, North Park adult center improvements, against roundabouts at Normal/ECB/Park, thinks roundabouts are dangerous. Supports North Park library expansion at current site.

- Basil Mournian: supports 30th and Upas improvements for traffic flow and safety, dog park at community center, other projects like Mini Park improvements are good but lower priority.

- Matt Stucky: Supports North Park Library, 30th and Upas, Normal/Park/ECB, dog park, pedestrian improvements at Morley Field/Morley Drive, new recreation center at either Community Park and Morley Field.

- Arash: supports improvements at North Park Community Park, Mini Park improvements with long-term vision, North Park library, 30th and Upas, prioritizes Normal/Park/ECB, keep projects currently under construction on list, but not priorities.

The Board discussed their top five projects to be ranked. Following discussion of projects that had support of the majority of the board, Motion (Stucky/Kahvazadeh with friendly amendment): To rank CIP Projects as:

1) 20-2: Pedestrian facility improvements in Morley Field and East Mesa areas of Balboa Park adjacent to North Park

2) 10-2: Creation of off-leash dog area at North Park Community Park

3) 7-2: Construction of feasible improvements at El Cajon Blvd/Park Blvd/Normal Street Intersection with modification to language to remove references to roundabout

4) 23-2: Construction of a new and expanded North Park Recreation Center, with modification to language to include option to “upgrade” existing building

5) 22-2: Construction of a new North Park Community Adult Center, with modification to language to include option to “upgrade” existing building

and remove Mini Park (26-2) from list given it is nearing completion and leave remaining projects on priority list.

Approved 6/0/0

## VI. Adjournment

**Next PF&T Subcommittee meeting date: Tuesday, July 27th, 2021 (special meeting)**