



Normal Heights Community Planning Group Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 4th, 2018, 6:00pm until approximately 8:00pm
4649 Hawley Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92116

6:00 Call to Order - Start of NHCPG Meeting

1. Introduction of planning group members
2. Agenda Modifications/Setting *(Note that items may be addressed out of listed order)*
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Adam D.
4. Treasurer's Report – Caroline M.

6:10 Public Comment

5. Non-agenda public comment may be limited to two minutes per person

6:20 Reports

6. Government Representatives
Brian Elliott, Policy Advisor for Councilmember Ward on proposed Styrofoam regulations
7. Community Groups
 - a. Adams Avenue Business Association
 - b. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association
 - c. NH Community Association and NH Urban Arts
 - d. Adams Rec. Advisory Group
8. Social Media & other communications – Adam D. & Caroline M.

6:50 Chair Report

9. Planning group seat vacancy – Ralph Enriquez resignation/replacement
10. Understanding ECB zoning
11. Report on BYOBike community tour – Comments Attached.
12. CPC report - Conversation with the new planning director

7:00 Action Items

13. Filling planning group vacancy
14. Consideration of accepting BYOBike tour plan recommendations
15. Adams Avenue Street Fair participation – Sept 30-Oct 1
Prepare displays, staff joint booth with NHCA/NHUA/ARAG

7:20 Discussion Items

16. NH Canyon access and preservation – Michael Chandler
17. NH Parks Master Plan – Normal Heights segment
18. Projects with 45 year rule applied:
 - a. 5034 Raymond Pl
 - b. 5009-5011 34th St
 - c. 3619 Madison Av

7:40 Information Items

19. City of San Diego Community Needs Survey – helps determine how tens of millions of dollars of federal entitlement grants are spent in San Diego through 2024

- a. Here is the direct link to the survey: <https://datasd.typeform.com/to/ckKo5u>
- b. Here is the info: <https://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/general/consolidatedplanmaterials>

20. The following topics are candidates for further discussion:

1. History & Preservation
 - a. Archive responsibility and location
 - b. Content – please email photos and info to normalheightshistory@gmail.com
 - c. 70 year NH demographic trend lines
 - d.
2. Bicycles
 - a. Early action – painting lanes?
 - b.
3. Schools
 - a. Joint Use agreements
 - b. Community impacts & mitigation
 - c.
4. Undergrounding
 - a. ID location & timing
 - b. Alley vs. Street process?
5. Arts & Culture
 - a. Gateway structures, signboards, lighting
 - b. Statuary, sculptures & murals

7:50 Future Items

8:00 Adjournment

Agenda order and timing are approximate and subject to change. This information is available in alternative formats (sign language, oral interpreter, and/or Assistive Listening Device). To request an alternative format, call 619-533-3650 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting. If you have questions concerning the NHCPG, please express them at the meeting or contact the NHCPG Secretary Adam Deutsch at nhcpgsecretary@gmail.com, or the City of San Diego Planning Dept.

Normal Heights BYOBike Tour

Saturday morning August 18, 2018

Hawley to Madison to Ward Park to 40th & ECB to 33rd & ECB to Meade to Ohio to Adams to 33rd St.

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Major Takeaways

If the City is serious about equivalencies becoming available to address the substantial shortfall in infrastructure then NH is ready to see that approach defined and implemented here as a pilot project. The increased availability of City staff and their direction to address community concerns would be a place to start.

The City should set aside funds for opportunity purchases for park purposes.

It is apparent that the City's desire to enhance the shade canopy as a global warming issue needs attention in NH. The noticeable lack of shaded walkways needs to be addressed if that goal is to be reached.

Tour highlights and identified issues

Adams Elementary and Global Vision are both situated on one small site, confining community access to a diminished park footprint. The site must be expanded. A place to start is identifying a location for off-street parking adjacent to the facility. Proposed drop off options will prove to be inadequate and even unsafe.

The 4500 block of Hawley is adjacent to a safe route to school project yet it is pedestrian hostile, with an inefficient parking situation. It could be redesigned to increase available parking and landscaping, and could be replicated elsewhere.

The City's standard pop-out design, used at Hawley and Madison, is carbon unfriendly, and unattractive due to excess paving and lack of landscaping.

The reduction of asphalt and replacement with ground cover at Cherokee & Madison is a worthy solution for recapturing land for better use, yet the space created and publically available is never used. The intersection of 35th & E. Mtn. View and Arthur is similar, and ought to be evaluated for its own treatment.

NH Elementary has the only thoughtful playground in the school system yet it is inconsistently available (locked) and therefore seldom used, yet attached to the only real park space the City has, Ward Canyon Park.

Ward Canyon Park needs resolution to the following matters:

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| Mock building | Dog park |
| New building | Community garden |
| Parking | Amphitheatre |
| Route 15 ramp reconfiguration | Mid-City Little League (?) |

The 40th Street promenade (SANDAG Urban Trails grant) is inadequate, needing a wider walkway and a shade canopy.

The community has always supported a large and higher density project at 40th & ECB. It is disturbing that the City isn't paying attention to that corner, and advocating for the same goals.

35th & ECB has similar potential as 40th Street, with 35th being the southern community entrance to NH. The City should recognize that potential as well, and work to achieve it.

The storage facility under construction at Felton Street & ECB is an example of missed opportunity. The three level subterranean dig at present begs for a parking facility to support a multi-level housing project.

The SANDAG Meade Avenue roadway project is being done without meaningful community input, introducing features that were never requested, and omitting things that the community wants. This project needs to stop until there is some consensus as to what to do.

There is level Caltrans land adjacent to 805 on the western boundary of NH, which could be captured for park space. While not all that desirable due to the freeway presence it is there anyway and people live adjacent to it and would use it.

The bike tour returned to Adams Avenue via Ohio Street, technically outside the NH planning area. The 30th Street & Adams node, however, contains many businesses used by NH residents on a frequent basis, something that deserves consideration.

The intersection of Adams and W. Mtn. View Drive is dangerous and completely uncontrolled. While there is no reason for a traffic signal, there is reason to apply appropriate controls such as laddered crosswalks, pop-out curbs and crosswalk signals.

The Adams/805 bridge is an unrealized opportunity, with enough space to widen the narrow sidewalks, add some form of landscaping amenities, and possibly increase the amount of parking it provides.

The high voltage power line running the length of 33rd Street needs to be a separate and early undergrounding project.

The easement at 33rd Street and N. Mtn. View Drive should be considered a possible path to Mission Valley. Other previously identified trail heads need evaluation as possible pathways as well, and a program to achieve that identified.