



NORMAL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
4649 Hawley Boulevard San Diego, CA. 92116

**Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Board Attendance (x means “present”):

X	Gary Weber (C)	X	Linda Case	X	Mark Lawler
X	Gautam Dey	X	Zephen Specht		Scott Kessler
X	Jim Baross in at 6:34		Alison Flynn	X	Marty Graham
	Caroline McKeown (T)	X	Dan Soderberg in at 6:13		Michael Chandler
X	Rose Kelly	X	Alberto Foglia	X	Adam Deutsch (S)

C=Chair; VC= Vice Chair; T= Treasurer; S=Secretary

**6:00 Call to Order - Start of NHCPG Meeting**

1. Introduction of planning group members, and those who attended.
2. Agenda Modifications/Setting (*Note: items may be addressed out of listed order*)
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Adam Deutsch M/S:Rose/Marty. All voted in favor. Gautaum wasn’t there, so abstained.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Caroline McKeown was absent, but forwarded the balance to Adam, who reported that we have \$2191.79. Not including \$500 of city funds for operating expenses.

**6:10 Public Comment**

5. Non-agenda public comment may be limited to two minutes per person
  - a. Marty brought up creating a program to purchase lights to help people light up dark places near their home, and Brett informed us that we’d need a Right-of-Way permit to install anything on or near city property. Conversation with city staff can be facilitated.
  - b. Marty also brought up that we haven’t seen Meade Ave. Bikeway plans since December of 2016, and the plans were not available from a Public Records request as to not give construction firms an advantage of the bidding process. This is the only time they’ve refused to release records on a project like this. Gary asks that the council office intervene to have the plans shared with us.

**6:20 Reports**

6. Government Representatives
  - a. Brett Weise from CM Chris Ward’s office reported on the new city council, and the new committee positions. Details are in the January 2019 news letter from the office ([https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cwjnewsletter\\_final010719.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cwjnewsletter_final010719.pdf)). He’s

on the Land Use and Housing Committee now, and is open for suggestions about what should be done.

As of today, Styrofoam products are banned and one-time-use plastic is regulated in the City of San Diego.

Ward's staff is going to be going door to door in the district, and should be in Normal Heights in mid-year.

Dan spoke in support of the Styrofoam ban

[https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/statement\\_-\\_councilmember\\_chris\\_ward\\_-\\_styrofoam\\_ban\\_and\\_single-use\\_plastics\\_reduction.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/statement_-_councilmember_chris_ward_-_styrofoam_ban_and_single-use_plastics_reduction.pdf)

Linda asked about her house being marked for digging, and he said he can give insight if she can share the markings with him.

- b. Javier Gomez from AM Todd Gloria's office. Gloria's been reassigned majority whip. They're also doing an audit of the Hep A outbreak last year, and it found that the city and county failed to plan and address the issue accordingly, not responding quickly enough. It's a long report: <http://www.auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2018-116.pdf>

The assembly is working on submitting new bills at the moment, including one to save wild horses from slaughter.

Repeat DUI offenders will now have to have a breathalyzer installed on their ignitions, rather than having their licenses taken away.

Nancy asked about the removal of the sanitation stations from the central library, and Brett mentioned that they were moved a block away to accommodate construction.

Marty complimented the office on how they described the audit, and wanted to comment on the formula used for affordable housing. She wants more, and transparency on how the number of affordable units are calculated.

Dan wants to know when we get year-long daylight savings time, and there is an Assemblymember who wants. Adam pointed out that the surfer (Dawn Patrol) will revolt.

## 7. Community Groups

- a. Adams Avenue Business Association: Gary announced meeting times.
- b. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association
- c. NH Community Association and NH Urban Arts: Norma spoke about how these two groups are connected. The NHUA became a subcommittee under the NHCA that runs under the Normal Heights Community Development Corporation. While they're all under a structural umbrella, they function separately. The NHUA meets regularly, but the other two entities don't have regular public meetings.

Kim Emerson reported for the NHUA: they're communicating with other city entities about how to install art around the neighborhood. Meanwhile, there are two spots on the walls that face west from Iowa, and they're exploring how to get a "Welcome to Normal Heights" mural.

They're focused on the artwork on the Rec Center building on Adams at the moment.

They meet the second Tuesday of every month at the Rec. Center.

- d. Adams Rec. Advisory Group: Bob Keiser reported that their first meeting is in two weeks from today.
8. Social Media & other communications – Adam & Caroline. Adam has no reports, except people thought firework were gunshots. Norma reported that marijuana clippings or waste that were dumped in the dog park (find the story).

#### **6:40 Chair Report**

9. Identifying and activating consensus plan implementation activities: We want more parks because our community plan says that we need more parks, and we want the things that our plan calls for.
10. Survey proposal: Rose built a survey, which was on the agenda, and will be distributed on social media and in our minutes. This is to learn how best to carry through with our plans.
11. Identifying options for future expenditures. He wants to have plans for the \$500 in city funds, and then how we should use the money we have raised.
12. CPC report – No December meeting
13. An audit of planning groups was recently reported on, and we discussed that, and the access to our own records. We were hoping our planner would be here, but he's not.

#### **6:50 Action Items**

14. Establish nominating committee for March elections. Adam can help organize, but will be up for election in 2019. Marty, Linda, and Alberto will be the committee.
15. Approve and conduct a limited survey of thoughts and opinions on various project

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeP8M-45iUmCZ79V72ay6nuYpvfa-aZ0w2wwyUt2weroTqgQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeP8M-45iUmCZ79V72ay6nuYpvfa-aZ0w2wwyUt2weroTqgQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We'll send the link out with the election notifications, then to the entire email list, followed by social media.

#### **7:20 Discussion Items**

16. Survey distribution options: taken care of.
17. Undergrounding project update: Gerald isn't here, so we asked Brett if he knows any updates, and he talked about 3bb and 3bb2, both north of Adams to the cliff rim. Funding has been allocated to them, and they're soliciting community input, going to property owners over the course of about a year. It's a 4-5 year process starting this year. Brett's specifically asked city staff to come to this group. We'll give them two or three months before we start pestering them to get out here. He doesn't know if the line coming up 33<sup>rd</sup> is part of this.
18. Park options: We're deficient in parks, and need to identify where we'd like them. Between the YY Bond, and other possible resources, we're interested in city or district entities buying properties to develop parks.

Linda wants to elevate the Adams Elementary Park 4 stories up. Adam suggested that it's more cost effective to purchase adjacent properties.

Brett said they've looked into Prop 68 funds to use for Ward Canyon Park, and it seems that it's eligible, so they're asking about applying for grants. We also qualify for CRBG funding in Normal Heights.

We then discussed what we can do to identify places we'd like to see parks/public spaces. Adam suggested we look at blocks that are underdeveloped, and removed from high traffic streets like Adams or 32<sup>nd</sup> near the on-ramp. Jim suggested we have a map of the neighborhood up when we have these conversations. Zephen suggested talking to the New School of Architecture about seeing if students want to take on some of our thoughts. Marty has an idea for a map to acquire. Adam suggested the city put the cap over the 15 freeway.

19. Parking discussion – on-street and off-street: Gary wants to table this for next month.
20. Community character identifiers: we need to talk about these another time, too.
21. Stadium site options & Normal Heights link: Gary and Michael visited the Mission Valley community planning group about the two neighborhoods creating a link down the canyon and across the river. Rose also says their Community Plan update is coming up, and we want to get in on the public comment for that.
22. Projects with 45 year rule applied:
  - a. 4971 34<sup>th</sup> St (Limited Photos Provided)
  - b. 3333 North Mountain View Drive
  - c. 4365-4367 Cherokee St – Multiple Structures
  - d. 3326 Copley Av – Limited Photos Provided
  - e. 4974-4976 Mansfield St
  - f. 4756 33<sup>rd</sup> Street

Dan commented on one of them.

#### **7:40 Information Items**

26. Updates on current working group activities and possible next steps.

#### **8:00 Adjournment**

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#### **Adjournment 8:27pm**

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