



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

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019, 6:00pm until approximately 8:00pm

Board Attendance (x means “present”):

X	Gary Weber (C)	X	Linda Case	X	Mark Lawler
X	Gautam Dey in at 6:11	X	Nancy Lawler	X	Scott Kessler
X	Jim Baross		Alison Flynn	X	Marty Graham
X	Caroline McKeown (T)	X	Richard Valentine	X	Michael Chandler
	vacancy	X	Alberto Foglia	X	Adam Deutsch (S)

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

6:05 Call to Order

6:05 Election of Officers. Caroline is running this process. Marty nominated Gary; Gautam seconded. Unanimous vote. Michael nominated himself for vice chair, Caroline seconded. Unanimous vote in favorite. Adam nominated himself, Scott seconded. Unanimous vote. Michael nominated Caroline for Treasurer, Scott seconded. Unanimous vote.

Gary took over the meeting.

6:10 Introduction of planning group members and audience

1. Agenda Setting/modifications (*Note: items may be addressed out of order*).
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Adam Deutsch distributed the minutes prior to the meeting, solicited feedback, incorporated comments, and resent it to the board. Motion to approve. M/S: Michael/Marty. Vote was unanimous.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Caroline McKeown We have a total of \$2 196.79

6:20 Public Comment

4. Non-agenda public comment may be limited to two minutes per person
 - a. Jim suggests SDPD goes first.
 - b. Adam commented on the Ken-Tal meeting last month,
 - c. Linda wants a sign that says, “Normal Heights” next to the sign for “Little Saigon,” and Gary explained that Normal Heights is not a cultural location the way Little Saigon is.
 - d. A resident asked about a permit for a block party, and it was explained by Scott that it’s through the city, and it’s a fairly easy permit.
 - e. Jim attended the CEQA workshop for the city and got a fancy certificate.

6:30 Reports

5. SDPD, Jenny Hall: Updated us on a slight increase in car prowlers, so don’t keep stuff visible in

the car (purses, sunglasses, computers, phones, etc.). Meanwhile, two Lt.s recently changed positions. Homeless questions now to Charles Lara. And a car jacking happened on 39th last week; the vehicle was recovered, but the suspect is gone. They have fliers with descriptions out and are gathering tips.

Caroline asked about a shooting at the Pepboys on ECB. There's not much new information on that.

Alberto asked about #northparking in Normal Heights for people blocking sidewalks with their cars. You can use the GetitDone app to report it, but they might be gone by the time the cops get there. Marty asked about other things left in the public right of way, and would like action to address that.

Gerald asked about 72 hour parking violations. He kept reporting it through get it done, and items get closed without being addressed over and over again, thus delaying action. Other have had issues with issues being closed without the problem being addressed.

6. Government Representatives

- a. Brett Weise for CM Ward D3 office: starting this week, they're moving 170 homeless families into Golden Hall from the tent run by Father Joe's. They'll stay for 3 months, while another tent is set up elsewhere. There will be mobile showers, a kitchen, and support services on site. The playground for kids is right next to Councilmember parking, which should provide a clear reminder and incentive to address these issues.

There're more resources coming to address various housing/homeless issues.

There are 52 permeant support units going in in Normal Heights soon at 37th and ECB. They have services on sight to the help. We're all invited to the ribbon cutting.

They've offered this community center for a meeting for presentation on the stadium site, hopefully happening in Late May.

They're talking to the Mayer's office and Parks and Rec about finishing Ward Canyon Park, and capital improvement projects there.

April 9th, from 5:30 to 7:30, it's Craft Beer with the Councilmember at the Old Sod. They'll also be at the North Park Farmer's Market two days later for those with kiddos.

Marty asked about a report on the money being spent on homeless not being well-tracked. Brett talked about tracking of money for about 10 years ago, without proper data tracking. They're advocating for a better Homeless Management Information System; the SD Housing Commission is also releasing a study soon, and they look forward to that release in June.

The proposed budget comes out on April 15th, and then there will be public conversations about details in that budget. Civic SD has been effectively dissolved.

Gary said that when they sit down with Andy Field, we'd like to sit there with them to help.

- b. Toni Duran from Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins: there's money we can apply to for homeless (Ask Toni to send that report). 2020 is the Census Count, and we want to make sure everyone is counted, so they're reaching out to communities that are usually less engaged, so that they're aware of the importance of being counted.

Linda asked if they're "counting those coming across the boarder," and Toni explained that the census counts citizens. Asylum seekers aren't citizens.

- c. Mathew Gordon from Assemblymember Todd Gloria's office: they're working on a bill to regulate the gun shows at Del Mar Fair Grounds. Meanwhile, the 17th annual children's Easter Egg Hunt in Trolley Barn Park on April 17th. Finally, applications are open for the CA Latino (email for details.) clcf.org had details.
- d. Nathan Fletcher's Office: there's an evening budget meeting on June 13th and 6pm. Tomorrow is an information session at the YMCA at 6pm. Regarding homelessness, a property's been identified at the end of Third in Hillcrest, and they're renovating it becomes a Behavior Treatment Center; it seems every other supervisor wants one now in their own districts.

Community Coffee is Saturday at noon at the Malcolm X Library.

7. Community Groups

- a. Adams Avenue Business Association: test pole is outside, so we all went to check it out. They look fancy with the black and gold buckles.
 - b. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: Gary reported that since they're not here, we're going to now walk to the Blvd. JK.
 - c. NH Community Association and NH Urban Arts: Nobody here from those places.
 - d. Adams Rec. Advisory Group: Bob Kaiser reported that there ain't much going on. They're crafting bylaws, but haven't taken any action. Caroline added that there's a lot of great programing happening at the Adams Rec Center, but they're not really advertising, so check out the website: [LINK HERE](#).
8. Social Media & other communications – Adam & Caroline: Jenny covered a lot of what seemed to be going. Adam talked about the new restaurant opening, and talked about some concerns people have posted about the new place opening at Adams and East Mountainview.

6:50 Chair Report

9. Parking Ordinance situation: it passed council, and our concern is that we need clarification by parcel who is in and who is out of the transit areas. Alison added that a parking workgroup met, and have questions: they want to verify that it's based by road distance rather than as the crow flies; they're also concerned about parking rules enforcement prior to transit's construction in those zones; they also want data on opinions of resident's in those zones, and they want to make sure the residents' thoughts are accurately represented and considered.

10. City budget and NHCPG budget: We need to scream about what we want.

11. CPC report: We need to create an annual report by about June.

7:00 Discussion Items

12. Presentations

- a. Citywide Tree Planting Program – Lesley Hennegar: Not here this month.
- b. Designated Children’s Play Areas – Sandy Algra: sharing a petition to have an ordinance restricting playgrounds to adults with children under 12 years old. No adults over 18 can be in designed play areas without children. The full proposal is below.

Caroline asked about the conditions at Ward Canyon Park, and the benches and monkey bars for exercise. The benches wouldn’t be impacted by this, but it would impact those using play equipment. Alison is concerned about criminalizing her ability to use a swing in the evening if she wanted to. Gautam asked about the definition of the “Play Area” and it would be the sand boxes and structures designed for the children. Adam commented that an ordinance like this would then require us to have Parks and Rec create amenities for adults to exercise/recreate, etc.

Jim suggests we put it on the agenda for next month as an action to evaluate support.

Algra has said she’s approached Parks & Rec, and they’ve been largely unresponsive (which is a *total shocker!* Only not really because they don’t seem to respond to us either.)

13. Undergrounding – status & public input process, requesting public discussion: Gerald reports that they requested a waiver on Environmental Review, and there’s been silence since then.

Pete suggested that, when they move electrical, to save poles, and cut them for either seating, or at 8 ft. for community fliers.

Caroline asked about how AT&T has now removed themselves from the conversations, so poles will stay up for the AT&T lines, and cut them to 6 ft. equal to fence lines. Gerald hasn’t heard about that.

Gary wants to know about who we talk to about the aesthetic about that. The Mayor’s office has told Transportation and Storm Water staff not to come to see us, apparently. Caroline said that “that sounds like a whole lot of bullshit.” Scott mentions a recent lawsuit has been filed against the city for not properly evaluating this project; it’s scheduled for August 9th to be heard in court.

Gary says that we need to have someone who will speak to us in the system beyond Brett. Adam mentions that if the city doesn’t want to pay staff to talk to us, they can weigh that against the money they spend on lawsuits that come from them not communicating with the community.

Jim says that we know the city is understaffed by about 20%, so he hopes Gerald can put together a list of concise questions that we can send to the staff who is there. Brett says that if those questions came through with letterhead soon.

14. Creating a budget and timeline for NHCPG cash reserves, possibilities include:

- a. Equipment \$ 800 – Projector + Laptop
- b. Workshops \$ 400 – Materials + Food
- c. Annual report: \$ 500 – 4pps - 11x17 folded once
- d. History markers: \$ 700 – Bronze/Ceramic plaque (1985 Fire)
- e. Merchandise: \$ 400 – Pint glasses, License plate frames, Totes.

Caroline mentioned the \$500 for operating expenses we use for the year. We need an action for next month for how to spend the money. Adam suggested a few more wireless mics, and little mic stands, and a podium. He also suggested we talk to Geoi at Bine & Vine about a style of

glassware he can sell if we decide to go glassware. Caroline is asking for quotes we can bring to the next meeting.

7:30 Action Items

15. Response to City's off-street parking ordinance revisions:
16. Density and height restrictions changing to complement parking reductions
17. Working group formation - Density & Parking needs, Park & School needs
18. CIP strategy – Identify eligible NH projects and estimated costs:

These all sort of fall under the same umbrella. We need to get consensus, and will work on that. Adam will get data from Rose on the survey in the coming weeks.

No action taken.

There's a park meeting on April 23rd at 4pm to 8pm in the Balboa Park Club Room.

Jim has data on parks, and it's below.

7:50 Information Items

19. Projects with the 45 year rule applied – NONE. The recent changes to notification is an undue burden on volunteers, and it's not okay. Gautam talked about writing a script for us to data mine, and Dan has written a letter he'd like us to submit to the city. That will be an action item for next month.
20. We have a vacancy on the board.

8:00

Adjournment

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