



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)

Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

October 11, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Register online at:

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MEETING Minutes

I. Consent Agenda Items (6:00-6:05 p.m.)

- a. Call to Order, Roll Call and Attendance Report
 - i. New Team Member, Mark Spitzer! Attendance: Lync Elliot, Basil Mournian, Mark Spitzer, Steve Oechel
- b. Modifications & Adoption of the September 13th Meeting Minutes

No modification to minutes. Motion to adopt, Mark Spitzers second. Approve 4-0-0

- c. Modifications & Adoption of the October 11th Agenda

No modification to minutes. Motion to adopt, Mark Spitzers second. Approve 4-0-0

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment (6:05-6:10 p.m.)

- a. Limited to Items not on Agenda; non-debatable. Two-minute maximum, Chair can award more time.

Bob LaRose: How is the roundabout at Florida and Morley field drive implemented? I think it should have been discussed. There are certain dangers. Just curious if it is going to be discussed here today.

Rene Smith: Since the roundabout is in Balboa Park, it was presented to the Balboa Park committee.

Claudia Flores: North Side of 2800 block on University effected by University Ave mobility project. Pipe burst when water pipe broke. How can we go about getting some time of clean up for business on

University Ave? Is there any support from the City to help? Also, can the City help with sidewalk clean up on Mississippi Ave around Smart n Final?

ADD as action item

III. Action and Informational Items (6:10-6:55 p.m.)

- a. Item 1 (Action): Closure of Jacaranda Place
 - i. Motion: That this subcommittee recommend to the NPPC to advocate for the continued closing of Jacaranda street spur off of Pershing Drive by submitting the below letter.
Motion Passed: 4-0-0 all in favor

Proposed Letter

From: NPPC

To: Council Member Stephen Whitburn
City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Director
City of San Diego Transportation Director

Subj: Continued Closure of Jacaranda Spur, Balboa Park.

1. For the extensive reasons included in the attached description, it is recommended by this Committee that the City of San Diego consider the continued closure of the Jacaranda Spur. Toward that end, we request that the addressed members participate in a workshop discussion on this matter at one of our next two forthcoming NPPC meetings either on XXX or on YYY

Motion: That this subcommittee recommend to the NPPC to advocate for the continued closing of Jacaranda street spur off of Pershing Drive by submitting the below letter.

Background:

The NPPC has a remarkable opportunity to make a significant contribution to revitalize a much needed but tattered part of our park. This is some “low hanging fruit” that can be taken by keeping the Jacaranda spur to Pershing Drive closed while the Planned Mobility studies of the Framework for the Future are undertaken.

Think about the east side of the Morley Field area and the Jacaranda street spur that bisects the only major picnic area in the park, cutting off easy access to the restroom, the lawn bowling area and Bird Park.

Think about having a Quincinera there and having your 80-year-old grandparent crossing that street to take a four-year-old to the restroom. Why do we need that road hazard in our Picnic area?

Truly, do we need an occasionally used race track to provide drivers 15 seconds of reduced travel time? Remember, it’s a Park road, not a City street. That unneeded spur is now closed during Pershing Drive restructuring. Let us not rush to reopen it. If Central Park in New York can close roads reflecting a growing international concern to provide more respite for city

dwellers as we become increasingly densified, then why can't we? Let's not rush to reopen something that's problematic.

It is considered optimal if the Transportation Department would include approximately 20 parking spaces at the east and west ends of the spur, subject to safety analyses, of course.

- b. Item 2 (Informational): Community Clean Up event!
 - i. Presentation by Claudia Flores
 - ii. When: Saturday October 15 at 11am
 - iii. Where: Start at Jefferson Elementary School
- c. Item 3 (Informational): University Avenue Mobility Project Update
 - i. Updates on the items discussed at the last meeting
 - ii. Left turn signal at University ave and Utah
 - iii. Construction equipment removed from Mississippi Street!
- d. Item 4 (Action): Send 3 letters from NPPC to the following: City of San Diego Planning Department, Council Member Whitburn's office and Mayor Todd Gloria's office. Request guidance from San Diego City Planning Department, City Council Members and Mayor Todd Gloria on how Planning Committees can provide input into future transportation and land use development projects. What is the most effective way for community members to provide feedback into future Transportation and Land Use projects in North Park Neighborhood?

- i. Draft Letter:

Motion: This subcommittee recommends that the NPPC send the following letter to the *Planning Department, Mayor Todd Gloria's Office, Council Member Stephen Whitburn's Office*

Motion Passed: 4-0-0

Dear (Planning Department, Mayor Todd Gloria, Council Member Whitburn),

The North Park community is living the city's current challenges with insufficient affordable housing, significant community members without shelter, climate change, and outdated infrastructure. With the help of community members, the North Park Planning Committee (NPPC) is hoping to be an instrument for change.

The North Park community is looking to establish two way communication to and from the City on current and future development projects to ensure that the transformation of North Park will benefit generations to come.

With the recent changes to Council Policy 600-24 and numerous changes to Land Use Code at both the state and city level, the North Park community is confused on how best to provide community input into future development housing and transportation projects. Community input is a critical step to ensure successful implementation of new initiatives such as Blue Print SD and the City's climate action plan. The Community of North Park request that the San Diego City Planning Department provide detailed guidance on how the community should provide input into future projects to ensure the North Park Community Plan is followed.

Thank you,

NPPC

- e. Item 4 (Informational): Bike Racks and Bike Corrals
 - i. Presentation by Kim Merrill
 - ii. Location and number of Bike Racks in North Park

- f. Item 5 (Informational): North Park Planning Committee Website
 - i. Website is under construction
 - ii. Improve user interface

- g. Item 6 (Informational): Measure H
 - i. *“San Diego voters are being asked on their Nov. 8 ballots to allow city officials to place child care centers on city parkland, where they are currently not permitted. There was no formal ballot argument against the measure filed with the City Clerk’s Office.”*

- San Diego Union Tribune 27 Sept

- IV. **Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items:** Next meeting is Tuesday November 8th, 2022 – **6:00 p.m. (6:55 p.m.)**
- a. Research potential option to increase Public Restrooms availability
 - b. Scooter corrals in North Park, Christina Chadwick (Balboa Park POC)
 - c. Ways to increase on street parking, especially in front of business and residents
 - d. Roundabout Florida and Morley Field
 - e. City assistance in cleaning up sidewalks around Smart n Final

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- V. **Adjournment (7:00 p.m.)**

