



North Park Planning Committee
General Meeting

Draft Minutes

May 21, 6:30PM

Call to order: 6:37 pm

In attendance:

Board Member	Present (online)	Absent (excused)
Jay Robinson Duff	x	
Lynn Elliott	x	
Patrick Garbani		x
Bob LaRose	x	
Barton Lynch		x
Roger McClish	x	
Heidi Orcino	x	
Kevin Piechota		x
Liz Saba	x	
Doug Schueler	x	
Glenn Todd	x	
Mark Spitzer	x	
Mieko Sunbury	x	
Jason Vance	x	

Agenda modifications:

- No modifications
- Passes (LaRose/Vance) 10/0/0

March Minutes Approval:

- Doug: Should be Todd instead of Hartley on attendance
- Adopted as amended (LaRose/Robinson Duff) 10/0/0

Treasurer's Report:

- Mieko is now Treasurer, has access to account, does not currently have total
- Lynn: Will talk with Mieko about information received from city

Non-agenda public comment:

- Pat Sexton: Current website (linked from email) is not available, and so was unable to see minutes and agenda, but those documents were on city website. Wanted it noted that the public may not have been able to access documents
Noted: This is related to agenda business. We will be talking about website later
- NP Main Street representative: Music Fest coming up, Ribbon Cutting at Casio y Pepe tomorrow
- Liz: Upas and 30th: Friday through Sunday: multiple car to car, car to cyclist, car to pedestrian collisions. Issue is that Ray Street is not visible. She has surveillance footage available. Footage should be sent to PF&T.
- Lynn: Dedication at North Park Rec Center with famous athletes: May 31st at tennis courts

Elected Official & Planner Reports:

- Representing SD Board of Supervisors D3, Ariel Gibbs
 - Lynn: Met Ariel Gibbs at Main Street Meet and Greet, she said she would be sending us to Max (not present today)
- Representing Mayor Todd Gloria, Emily Piatanesi
 - New community representative
 - City Council unanimously approval mayor's nominee for Police Chief
 - Fire Chief is retiring in August – in process of interviewing for replacement
 - Plans for new shelter at Kettner and Vine – would be city's largest shelter, currently in early stages of planning
 - H Barracks: plans to turn into safe parking site – submitted to state Coastal Commission
 - Question: Is return on investment for new facilities being discussed for city? Answer: have to start with lease negotiations
 - Doug: What is long-term plan for H Barracks? Answer: Water recycling facility – still early in development for this as well
 - Bob: Asking if Mayor's budget has council input yet. Answer from Emily: Yes, that has been part of the process
- Representing State Sen. Toni Atkins, Gonzalo Rocha-Vasquez
 - Lynn: Gonzalo is busy in Sacramento, but updates via note on budget
- Representing City Councilman Stephen Whitburn, Logan Braydis
 - In the middle of Budgeting Season
 - Held Town Halls on budget process
 - Mayor released revised budget
 - City Council members are to release their updates on budget before it goes back to committee/council
 - New Police Chief
 - City Council has approved the addition of electric vehicle charging stations/replacing old chargers at public facilities – first libraries and rec centers, then all others like police stations
 - Construction at NP Mini Park: Much progress has been made, cleanup to continue
 - Question: Were we approved by full city council meeting earlier today?. Answer: yes.
Lynn: We will go ahead with our new operational procedures on website

- Uptown and La Jolla had competing groups – Vibrant Uptown is taking over from Uptown Planners, while current La Jolla was kept
 - Commendation from Councilmember Whitburn for outgoing NPPC Board members – Basil Mournian in attendance
- Representing Planning Department, Jeffrey Ryan
 - 29th of May is annual training for board members – important things for board members to go, all new members are supposed to attend (recommends that old members attend as well) – invitation sent to Lynn for distribution
 - Public can sign up for notices on City Planning website
 - City will be updating some documents
- Representing NP Library, Head Librarian Zar Shain
 - Read by Lynn: Summer reading program for children, young adults, adults – more info on website
- SD Police Community Relations Officer, Jenny Hall
 - Read by Lynn: Robbery at Speedway gas station; Serious injury to pedestrian; 12 auto thefts
 - North Park Community Association person contacted – aware of automatic withdrawal, need to catch up on tax/financial documents – will make sure that people are paid back, but if they aren't, should follow up with Lynn
- Chair CPC Report, Lynn Elliott
 - Environmental justice element, Blueprint San Diego sent to members – but doesn't have much to do with our area

Consent Items:

- Parallel to 90-degree parking conversion on Mississippi St between Mission and Monroe
 - Doug: Based on discussion with planners, input from residents, Transportation subcommittee recommends rejecting plan and sending it back to planning department
 - Objection passes (Saba/Todd) 10/0/0

Action/Informational Items

- Resignation of Board Member
 - Carmen Cooley Graham resigned. This is announced tonight as per Operational Procedures since she had a half term left, will be voted on next meeting –
- Potential choice of new Board Member
 - two people present interested.
 - Discussion: The vacancy will be advertised, and folks will be invited to apply. We will have speeches and the Board will vote at the next meeting.
- Communication tools
 - Presentation/approval of new website
 - Jason, Heidi have created new website
 - Discussion: We have needed a new website for a long time. Our old website kept breaking and information was difficult to find. The old website used 10 year old software and was costly.

- Jason presented an overview of new website including new newsletter registration and other various pages. He noted that the website was not complete, but will be changing. Suggestions are requested. Pictures can be added.
 - Further discussion noted: The website will follow City policy and will have 5 years of agendas and minutes. The URL will stay the same.: We pay GoDaddy for URL. No cost from Google, Storage thresholds that will not incur cost. Various committee members will be given permission to edit. Jason will stay on as website manager and will be spearheading creation of a manual and training videos. 600-24 and other operational documents are on and will be added to website. The security problem with the past site is now fixed with a free service from google. We can consolidate other city events on calendar for people who want to see all.: The Elections page will be updated to present the upcoming replacement of board member so that as many people as possible can be informed.
 - Question: If we approve now, when will it go live? Answer: Likely soon
 - Motion to approve passes (LaRose/Todd) 10/0/0
- Continue X/Twitter?
 - Discussion centered around do we use Twitter, may need to pay for account. Motion to stop doing Twitter passes (Orcino/Robinson Duff), 10/0/0
- Zoom to Google Meet conversion
 - Discussion centered around that we will be billed for Zoom. Zoom is changing its pricing. Free account is 40 minutes; our meetings are longer. The City was not paying for Zoom, but we may be able to get repaid now.
 - Google Meet is an option, especially if we are currently using Google Calendar – and is free. Google Meet is easy to set up, works on every device, has every feature we would need–suggestion of having an ad hoc communications subcommittee to test it
 - In the meantime, we need approval to pay for Zoom for the next month (would be about \$15)
 - Discussion: City of San Diego is a couple of months behind, doesn't always repay – recommendation of paying by year to minimize these issues Reimbursements must be made in year spent and by deadline
 - Question: Is there limit for recording? For meeting overall? Answer: Will check and see
 - Motion to make ad hoc communication meeting to discuss, pay for Zoom for next month passes (Orcino/Sunbury) 10/0/0
- MailChimp mailing list
 - Discussion: Emails are being sent out to people who aren't opening emails and haven't for years– need to get list below 1000 to avoid cost and we want to have people on it who are actually interested. At this point we are using mail chimp for free on their 500 email send outs. Our total Mail chimp list is 1051. We have 100s of folks that are not engaged. We could delete those who hadn't engaged in some amount of time. Question: Could we send an email telling people that

we are purging the list? Answer: Yes, could filter by that email as well. This is not related to city requirement to keep records for website.

- Clarification: that if you have list over 1000 it will start to cost monthly. We are concerned that we want to add people who have been coming recently, but currently at 1051. We are getting more and more emails from Mail Chimp about payment plans and I think they are going to start charging
- Motion to send out email to those who haven't engaged in over 5 years, telling them that they will be removed from list if they don't engage within 2 weeks passes (Orcino/Schueler) 10/0/0

- Meeting location potential change

Discussion: New 600-24 says that board members no longer have to post address if meetings are held via Zoom. Discussion Included: Should have virtual meetings ad hoc meetings so that it works for people. Do subcommittee meetings have to be in person? Would it increase attendance if it was online? If it will be hybrid people will be able to attend anyway.

- Motion to have hybrid meetings for subcommittee and Full Board Meetings and online for ad hoc passes (LaRose/Vance) 10/0/0

- Input on NP Community Park CIP project

- Logan gives presentation on three different options (in the agenda)
- **Option One:** Discussion: Parks and Rec reached out about CIP project funding for the North Park Rec Center at North Park Community Park. The City will not start a project that does not have funding and will not allocate more funding for that project. There could be a chance that the money could come from the general budget if the costs were unexpectedly high. Our funding is secure
- How could we reduce the existing scope of work? Answer: If we did that option, the studies would have to be done as to what would be reduced.
- Comment: What is scope of work? Otherwise, hard to say what should be cut.
- Discussion: The current scope of work does not have associated costs, but it is over budget. Unsure if the previous scope of work had a study and it will cost to have a new study.
- Discussion about Concerns that making some fixes may run counter to our goal of getting a new rec center. When might we set to get a new one? Would doing maintenance push us down on list to get new facility? Answer: New facility is expensive and would be a while, unsure if it would push us down
- **Option Two:** Senior Center discussion: The Senior Center demolition has been on the NP CIP list for years. Discussion over the prioritization of demolishing the Sr Center over other repairs from the Rec Center. Problems around Sr Center: It would help people: gang activity, unhoused people in/around building
- Discussion included: There may be asbestos in the Sr Center which would contribute to costs. The Sr Center has not been used by the community and for programs for years. The police use a backroom to store their bicycles and use the restrooms. If there was leftover money from tearing down the Sr Center it would go back to the general budget and could not be used on other parts of the Recreation Center. Comments about losing an asset and it not being replaced and could the Sr Center be fixed easily similar to many of the houses in the neighborhood. We have

been told that land is unstable. Question: Would demolition get rid of outdoor area too? Answer: Would be determined

- Discussion about uses of CIP money for capital improvement vs maintenance. CIP is to demolish and rebuild – but CIP is different pot of money, can't be used for maintenance. Any other use of CIP money would need studies. The problems list submitted in 2023 with the Recreation Center are primarily maintenance and the funding for that comes from P & R facilities funds. Some of the needs may require studies. The money is secure for now. The Budget is tight this year and maybe tighter next year.
- **Third Option:** To move money and complete more maintenance: Discussion: Can we ask them to pick one thing, do a study, and then use the rest of the money on that one thing? An example would be adding AC. Concerns about costs of study associated. Discussion about building new rather than retrofit, but projected costs of building new are very high.
- Discussion: Given future budget, would be good to get some maintenance done Perhaps we could identify one, most important project to ask for. It would be important to know how much a study would really cost
- Logan: Asks for questions to be compiled, says can look into option 1 if that is what the board is leaning toward
- Logan will come back to Public Facilities and Transportation subcommittee.
- Motion to collect our questions and get them to Logan by end of week, then follow up in Public Facilities and Transportation subcommittee passes. (Sunbury/Orcino) 9/0/1 (Jason abstains)

Liaison Reports:

- MAD: Patrick Garbani: not present
- NPMS: Patrick Garbani not present. Main Street representative: Have heard back from state on Mid-City community shuttle, moving forward
- BPC: Howard Blackson: not present
- AABA: Need a representative to attend -: Adams Ave. is 8am on certain Tuesdays, TBD
- El Cajon Blvd: Lynn Elliott: Not able to attend
- UHCA: Stu McGraw of University Heights Community Association: meeting are on 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm, at Birney Elementary--Liz Saba volunteered to attend

New Business:

- Ad hoc group to test google meet will be held after next UDPR subcommittee meeting
- Concerns about the new stop light for I-805. This will be sent to PF&T.

Motion to adjourn passes (Vance) 10/0/0

Meeting adjourned: 8:53

Next meeting: June 18th, 2024--- 6:30PM at NP Christian Fellowship