



# North Park Planning Committee

## Full Board Meeting

Minutes: September 17, 2024 6:30PM

**Meeting Location:** North Park Christian Fellowship 2901 N Park Way San Diego CA 92104

**In attendance:**

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

- **Parliamentary Items**

- Call to order, roll call, and attendance report
- Agenda modifications
  - McClish suggests modification to approval of Sept agenda and Aug minutes
- Adoption of agenda
  - Lynch/McClish motion to approve, 13-0-0 in favor
- Adoption of previous months minutes
  - McClish - His name needs to move from Balboa to Adams Ave committee.
  - McClish/Todd motion to approve 12-0-1 in favor
- Treasurer's Report
  - \$954.70 in the account. We've only lately been paying the \$7.20 for Google. Meiko needs the Zoom receipts.

- **Non-agenda public comment, announcements, event notices (6:40-6:55)**

- A. Mark West - NP Main Street

- a. [Economic Development committee](#) meeting 9/24 at 11PM in office, 1PM mobility committee 9.24
  - b. Sept 26th [Putt-oberfest](#).
  - c. [Beautification Committee](#) 9/27 11AM
  - d. Saturday 10/5 [Taste of NP](#)
    - i. Tickets for events at [NorthParkMainStreet.com](#)
  - e. AARP website for next Thursday 9/26 to register for walk audit
  - B. Kathleen Lippitt - CUP process for permitted businesses going into multi-use zoning areas. Multi unit housing being built with liquor stores/smoke shops downstairs. There are requirements to notify residents within 100-500 feet for sensitive use cases. Kathleen is unsure if that is being done by the city, she's reached out. More permissive pot laws are on Gov Newsom's desk (sale at farmer's markets and use at cafes). Kathleen advocates that there is alarming data about the possible impact of these laws.
- **Elected Official & Planner Reports (6:55-7:15 pm) (2 minutes each)**
    - A. Randy Reyes, Hon. Todd Gloria, Mayor of San Diego, [randyreyes@saniego.gov](mailto:randyreyes@saniego.gov)
      - 1. Randy is getting acquainted with district issues for now and will have more updates at the next meeting.
      - 2. Question: asked about homelessness focus in NP compared to downtown
        - a) Mayor is focused on entire city. Expanding shelter, safe sleeping options for people. Mayor is working with appropriate people with case about squatters setting a fire. Get It Done reports can be filed for cleaning or breaking up encampments.
        - b) Backlog for Get It Done depends on location of encampment and if it's logged as an encampment. If it's in streets on city property it can be sent to Randy at his email. If on state property please send to Caltrans.
    - B. Gonzalo Rocha-Vazquez. Toni Atkins, State Senate Dist. 39, (619) 688-6700 [Gonzola.Rocha-Vasquez@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Gonzola.Rocha-Vasquez@sen.ca.gov)
      - 1. Leg Session is wrapped up and bills are on Gov Newsom's desk. Sen Atkins won't be running for reelection.
    - C. Logan Braydis, Hon. Stephen Whitburn, City Council Dist. 3, (619) 236-6633 [LBraydis@saniego.gov](mailto:LBraydis@saniego.gov)
      - 1. CIP list was received. The policy team is factoring that in to the upcoming budget.
      - 2. Office just wrapped up the back to school drive. This was a success. Lots of donations were collected for district 3 K-12 public school.
      - 3. Homelessness, Dale St property/other squatter issues - all being sent through the proper channels, directing property owners to board up vacant buildings. Get It Done is the best way to report these types of issues.
      - 4. Street safety/calming - Whitburn and Elo-Rivera passed the Safe Streets resolution to do an analysis to reduce traffic deaths. Existing codes will be reviewed by the independent budget analyst (IBA) to ensure that safety is put as the top priority.
      - 5. Saba asks about the letter of agency that business owners want on their businesses. It currently requires owners to post their cell phone numbers.
        - a) Logan suggests maybe putting a contact person that isn't their main cell number. Logan will look into other options.
    - D. Zar Shain Head Librarian, NP Library (619) 533-3972 [SDhain@saniego.gov](mailto:SDhain@saniego.gov)

1. Employment specialists from the city coming to the library to talk about applying to jobs.
  2. Lots of other events are available on their calendar.
- E. Jenny Hall SD Police Community Relations Officer, [jmason@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:jmason@pd.sandiego.gov)
1. Team is working on the fire issue.
  2. Keep filing on Get It Done.
  3. There's been an uptick in gang tagging at the NP community park. Jenny has sent photos to the graffiti officer and has the team looking for taggers in the area. This can also be reported on Get It Done.
  4. Chevron robbery on 2405 University on Aug 28th at 5PM. Male demanded cash. Was armed and left before officers arrived. Officers located and arrested the suspect in the area with the help of security footage.
  5. Saba asked for news about reimbursements for people who paid the NP community association. Lynn will get in touch with appropriate person soon so this does not go unanswered.
- F. Lynn Elliott, Chair CPC Report
1. CPC did not meet last month.
  2. Rec council voted to spend the money that was appropriated to them to put AC in the teen center and 2 classroom buildings, fixing a window, and looking for a shade.
  3. Next meeting in October to discuss spending the \$750k.
  4. Discussion about removing and replacing the senior center continues. Talk about the rec center is unclear.

- **Consent Items**

- None

- **Action/Informational Items**

- We will be trying out Google Meet in the next subcommittee meetings. Folks that want to attend do not need to do anything different, just follow the link.
  - This is less expensive on the NPPC end and provides similar utility.
- We are going to be making a new webpage to better market the NPPC. If anyone has interest please get in touch via [info@northparkplanning.org](mailto:info@northparkplanning.org)
  - Noted that there were once awards for the large projects that the committee pushed. We also want to note the smaller, day-to-day things that NPPC achieves through the web page.

- **Subcommittee Reports**

- Urban Design & Project Review: Chair Mark Spitzer
  - No projects reviewed.
  - There was a discussion about our position on zoning changes that have affected NP. A recent example is an 8-story 49-unit at 4574 Idaho being built on a single family lot. This can now be done across much of NP due to the new zoning. Some are aware but wider community largely unaware. NPPC is being put in the position to make the community aware of these projects as the city is not doing it.
 

**Discussion:** we used to be told about all of these types of developments, but this has stopped. The info is harder to find with the new City System
  - **Suggestions:**

- NPPC could put together a list of these projects that contains all of the public information. This could help to combat misinformation.. Storymaps is the software being used.
    - track success in housing people as we are building more shelters and housing to measure impact. If numbers of unhoused are not declining it may be time to revisit zoning changes.
    - tracking the rise in rent (which has slowed) and cost of living are ways to track impact of building more housing in addition to the change in unhoused people.
    - Some of the building being done is partially affordable, some are completely affordable, city also needs to offer more shelter beds.
    - Opposition to increasing shelter is widespread.
    - Public comment about issues with adding housing/shelters in unincorporated areas due to fire exiting.
    - Strong Cities conversation being had nationwide and that all neighborhoods should be allowed to change moderately but none should be made to change radically. Spitzer suggests that NP and Hillcrest are being forced to change radically due to the elimination of single family zoning within transit priority areas.
    - developments in consideration be added to existing district newsletters.
    - Height limit was removed for new building in 2015-16 in the NP 20-year plan. With new rules height limits ineffective
  - Public Facilities & Transportation: Chair Doug Schueler
    - Subcommittee is welcoming new topics to discuss openly.
    - Next month they will be discussing traffic issues on 32nd st. Not enough space for 2 car lanes + 2 lanes of parking.
      - Question about shuttle being offered. NP Main Street will be offering this once funding is available. Probably later this year.
- **Liaison Reports**
  - MAD - Patrick Garbani:
    - Everyone who contributed to CIP list was thanked. Some of the additions may be better suited for MAD, so those items were shared with them.
  - AABA - Roger McClish:
    - [Sept 21-22 Adams Ave Street Fair](#) 10AM-10PM Saturday, 10AM-6PM Sunday. Music, rides, food, crafts, etc will be available.
  - El Cajon Blvd - Lynn Elliott:
    - No meeting last month
  - UHCA - Liz Saba:
    - No meeting.
    - Forum Sept 5 with Whitburn and Colleen Cusack debate
    - Officer elections Thurs Oct 3rd
    - Nov 10th [Taste of University Heights](#)
- **New Business**
  - Elections Doug Schueler
    - We need to discuss in October how we run the elections subcommittee for the March election. Existing bylaws are prescriptive on how elections are run. Doug suggests everyone review the bylaws to enable a productive conversation next month.
    - Residents, renters, homeowners, nonprofit members, business owners all welcome to be on NPPC.
- **Adjournment: McClish motion - 7:23PM**
  - Next meeting: October 15, 6:30 PM

