



Minutes for Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Normal Heights Community Center/Zoom
4649 Hawley Avenue

Attendees:

X = in attendance

X	Paul Coogan (C)	X	Kenny Patrick	X	Scott Kessler (AABA)
X	Allan Harjala (VC)	X	Dan Soderberg	X	Emilie Colwell
X	Sami Burrows (S)		Greg Stone	X	Jacob Koopman
X*	Frances Prichett (T)	X	Nancy Lawler		

*Denotes Virtual Attendance

Paul called the meeting to order at 6:09 and read the opening reflection. Then Paul gave a brief overview of the meeting procedure.

Board introduced themselves along with their favorite olympic sport.

Community Attendees

9 zoom participants, 14 attendees in person - 8 signed in.

Agenda modifications

Removed "Proposed changes to city's Short-Term Rental Ordinance (Ramie Zominsky)" from agenda

Approval of previous meeting minutes

July 2nd Regular Meeting

Nancy motioned. Jacob second.

Unanimous approval minus Allan abstained due to not being present.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

- Pat Saxton spoke about Larry Turner for Mayor 2024. For more information, visit larryturnformayor.com for a comprehensive list of his issues.
- Becky Rapp brought attention to an article around the Grand Jury about Sheriff and Police about cracking down on cannabis – asked for prevention, education and safety regulation related to marijuana and land-use.
- Jacob Koopman insertion of 35th and Madison, two of the four crosswalks are visually gone and how to escalate. Submit a Get It Done app and forward along to our rep. Scott said he can reach out as he just got some crosswalks recently repainted.

Treasurer's Report

Frances reported that balance remained same, \$332.46.

Cost-of-Service Study on Measure B Implementation (Trash collection fees) (Elsa Sevilla)

Elsa Sevilla, Measure B approved in 2022 to review and enhance trash collection fees. City needs input and feedback from the community to help with improvements. Renters, single home owners and properties with fewer than four would be impacted. Benefits of fees – free up funds from General Funds go to public safety, library, homeless strategies and other services. August, November and March will be hosting 27 meetings across all districts to get more information into the community, via focus groups, open houses and website. Email trash@sandiego.gov; cleangreensd.org. Residents will have an opportunity to protest any of the fees and will receive postcards with call to action. City staff will be present at meetings and will be available to answer any questions.

Draft Mid-City Atlas: Existing Conditions Report Presentation (City Staff)

Alex Frost, Project Manager, provided an update on the Mid-City Communities Plan. Currently in the first phase of the plan update – gathering community ideas and wrapping up the phase by the end of summer. Existing Conditions Report – consists of Draft Report, Appendices and Web Map – provides a snapshot of existing conditions, challenges and opportunities. Alex gave an overview of how Mid-City has changed from the initial plan conception to present, as well as highlighted statistical changes from 2000 to 2022. Since 1998, Mid-City has seen over \$2 billion in community investments. Selena Sanchez, Associate Planner, then went over land-use, development and mobility of Normal Heights. Alex wrapped up the presentation with the upcoming activities, reports and studies. Visit PlanMidCity.org for additional updates. Full presentation is available via the recorded zoom meeting as well as Q&A.

Paul called for a 5 min break.

Vote: Election of Board Seats for Open Seats

No candidates present for election.

PRJ-1105637 Easement Vacation - 3404 Cromwell Place First Review Assessment Letter

No action at this time for the Board as the applicant is in the process of review.

Adams Avenue Street Fair - booth staffing

Jacob will help with creating booth staff sign up.

Elected Representatives

Sara Al-Agha from District 9 Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera's office

Paul reviewed the District 9 update on behalf of the staff not being present. 1) Homelessness is still a huge focus. 2) Budget process starts again in September. 3) Encouraged sign-ups for email newsletter. 4) Trash survey to better understand trash service needs of the community. 5) Fire safety and wild fire concerns – reminder for those who live along canyons to clear debris. More information on sandiego.gov/fire/safety/tips/readyssetgo.

Mayor's Office – Lucero Maganda

No representative present.

County Supervisor Montgomery Steppe or representative

No representative present.

State Senator Atkins – Toni Duran

All bills need to be passed by August 31st, and will be when the Senator casts her last vote in office. 5 Propositions that have been passed through the Senate and Assembly that will be on the ballot in November. Prop 3. For any questions, you can contact Toni via email. Ballot measures to vote for in November are available on the website.

Assembly Member Ward – Christopher Gris

Christopher highlighted the bills: AB8285, AB1858, AB3024; as well as several housing bills. AB1955 - signed into law by Governor Newsom to help protect gender identity of students. Additionally, the Ward office looked into property lines issues and was in contact with Sean Elo-Rivera and urged the city of SD to look into the issue in a more broader way. It will be handled as a local issue versus state for the time-being. Ward will be present at the Adams Street Fair with a booth should any residents want to stop by and say hi.

District 51 U.S. Congressmember Jacobs or representative

No representative present.

Chair report

Community Planners Committee – no update as Paul was out of country during the meeting.

Adams Avenue Business Association

Scott Kessler – Street Fair September 21st and 22nd. New Halloween Event, Halloween Saturday, October 26th, ~100 businesses on the avenue distributing candy and a Halloween costume contest. Spirit Stroll November 30th for Small Business Saturday. Thursday, November 21st Abnormal Heights Bar for next AABA mixer. Maintenance District – starting on the process for more funding for maintenance on Adams Avenue. City initiated a parking study for Adams Avenue along with nearby corridors for meters – Board voted in favor of meters on Adams. Normal Heights sign gets repainted every 5 years, costs around \$10,000; currently over budget, but looking into if they can do it before the Street Fair.

El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association

Gary Weber – No update; not present.

NH Community Association & NH Urban Arts

Nancy – August 17th at Ward Canyon Park Resource Fair about Housing, Food 11 AM-1PM.

Adams Community Recreation Advisory Group

Nancy Lawler – Submitted several Get It Done tickets related to graffiti and encampments. Graffiti was painted over. Still a small unhoused population by the mock building as well as an encampment by the 15 creating a large fire hazard. Encouraged participating in meetings on the 4th Tuesday of Month, 6PM, and to help with community garden planning.

Normal Heights for Smart Growth Poll & Community Garden

Paul – Developers agreed on a potential idea of working with the city on public/private partnership to build a public library plan on the 35th/Dimilles plot. Community garden is still work in progress and coordinating in partnership with the Recreation Advisory Group.

Mid City Community Plan Update Joint Committee

Emilie – Comments on the Plan are due in October. Next Committee meeting in September.

Historic Review

Dan – 3406 N. Mountain View, craftsman cottage with porch applied but rejected due to integrity issues.

Nominating committee

Paul – One person interested, but will be out of town. Advised the room that the Board has four open seats should anyone be interested.

Undergrounding

Emilie – No update, but surveys for the Northeastern portion of the neighborhood will go out next month.

Traffic issues

Allan – Curb ramps that were reported as ADA issues, one Mansfield has been funded and will be installed as part of the same project where they are replacing the water and sewage lines. East Mountain View south of Adams, still awaiting funding.

Adjournment

Kenneth motioned to adjourn. Scott second.

Paul called the meeting to adjournment at 8:32.