



North Park Planning Committee

Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

Draft Minutes for 12 November 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

In Person Location North Park Christian Fellowship 2901 N Park Way

Teleconference <https://bit.ly/publicfacilitiesreg>

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

Attendance:

Board members: Doug Schueler, Lynn Elliott, Bob LaRose, Roger McClish
Members of community, in person: Alex Vogler, Krishna Hammond
Christina Gaffney, Councilmember Whitburn's office, on Zoom
Members of community, on Zoom: 1

- a. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Attendance Report
Call to order: 6:00
- b. Modifications & Adoption of the 12 November 2024 Agenda
Daylighting law requirements added to agenda as discussion topic
Upas and Pershing Bikeway issue added to agenda as discussion topic
November 12 agenda adopted as amended (Elliott/Schueler/4-0-0)
- c. Adoption of the 8 October 2024 Meeting Minutes
The minutes should be changed to be labeled "Minutes" rather than "Agenda"
Adopted as amended (McClish/Elliott/4-0-0)

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment (6:05-6:15 p.m.)

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

Lynn: Meeting on Thursday for residents and businesses at 32nd and Thorn about parking, street design on 32nd. Will be at 12:30 at Grand Ole BBQ.

III. Action and Informational Items (6:15-6:50 p.m.)

- a. Action Item 1: Review proposed installation of both an all-way stop and a marked crosswalk at the intersection of Juniper St. and Commonwealth Ave, and recommend to the full NPPC board to endorse/not endorse this proposal.

Background and details submitted by Logan Braydis, Community Representative for Councilmember Stephen Whitburn:

“In a 2022 evaluation, this intersection received 16 out of 20 points needed for an all-way stop. In a 2024 evaluation, this intersection qualified for a marked crosswalk. The community’s strong support for these measures is evident from a recent petition that gathered over 100 signatures and the numerous emails we’ve received.

“We aim to move forward with the “Alternative Process” outlined in Council Policy 200-08, which requires us to secure support from the local planning group before submitting a memo to the department. Currently, the department has paused the work order for the crosswalk to save resources while awaiting our memo. They have confirmed that if we proceed with the Alternative Process, crosswalks will be installed on all legs of the intersection simultaneously with the stop signs. We have advocated for both the stop sign and crosswalk on behalf of the community, challenging the Department’s interpretation of Council Policy 200-07, which states, “A marked crosswalk may be installed at a stop-controlled intersection on a case-by-case basis if a clear benefit to pedestrians is demonstrated.” This policy seems to allow some flexibility for installing crosswalks at stop-controlled intersections under certain conditions.

“I highlighted the community's strong support for these measures, and staff has confirmed that both the stop sign and crosswalk can be justified at this location, despite their general preference to minimize crosswalks at stop signs.”

Discussion: Stop signs need local support and appreciates the city making sure that is the case here. Christina Gaffney from Councilmember Whitburn’s office acknowledged. Asked if there was any neighborhood dissent voiced; was not sure. It was asked for someone to take the petition off the internet to prevent people from outside the area weighing in. Noted how crossing the street is dangerous here because slopes obscure the view of the street, with agreement from others. Logan was asked to check if there were any residents opposed to the stop sign.

Motion to recommend the full board ask the city for a four-way stop passes (Elliott/LaRose/4-0-0)

- b. Action Item 2: Review proposed letter to the city to address

Proposed Letter:

“Subject: Urgent Request for Safety Measures at North Park Parking Garage

“I am writing on behalf of the North Park Planning Committee to raise a significant health and safety concern regarding the ongoing issue of bottles being thrown from the upper levels of the North Park Parking Garage. This matter has been formally noted at least twice, and while we are fortunate that no one has been injured so far, the potential danger to pedestrians and vehicles in the area is substantial.

“We believe this situation warrants immediate and visible action to prevent a serious incident in the future. Increased security patrols on all levels of the parking facility and/or installing cameras

on all levels with live monitoring by security personnel, could be effective deterrents. This would help ensure that those responsible for these dangerous actions are identified and held accountable. Also as a positive side of effect, a community that feels safer in and around the parking facility is more likely to use the facility without concerns of personal or property harm.

“We respectfully request your attention to this matter and hope that prompt action can be taken to mitigate the risks involved. We are open to discussing this further and would appreciate any updates regarding potential measures that can be implemented.

“Thank you for your time and consideration in addressing this safety issue.

“Respectfully,
North Park Planning Committee”

It was acknowledged that the planning committee’s purview is more related to land use than public safety, but asserted that if public safety concerns are preventing people from using a facility, the issue does apply to us. It was mentioned that we could add that some of the board members have seen this firsthand. Church staff has also seen it very frequently. North Park Main Street has taken the lead on this, but has seen disagreements between police and building operators about whose responsibility it is to secure the building. The ground floor of the building has a school, which may be contributing to kids gathering here. It was mentioned that this information could be included in the letter. Clarification was asked for about whether the city owns the property (it does, but Ace Parking operates it), who owns the broken surveillance cameras (the city).

There was agreement among the board members that the board does need to say something, but should soften the language, such as mentioning that North Park Main Street, Ace Parking, and the police have started discussing the issue. Board members discussed how to change the language and decided on changes to be made.

Motion to recommend that the full board send the letter to the city with the third paragraph rewritten as follows:

“We acknowledge that North Park Main Street and the police are working on this issue. We endorse their efforts and request prompt action to mitigate the risks involved. We are open to discussing this further and would appreciate any updates regarding potential measures that can be implemented.”

Motion passes (LaRose/McClish/4-0-0)

c. Discussion item: Daylighting law requirements

It was explained that this law (Assembly Bill 413) was passed a year ago and went into effect, but won’t be enforced until January 2025. Daylighting refers to not allowing parking near intersections to increase visibility for and of pedestrians. Discussion: It was expressed that this has increased visibility at Landis and 31st. Mentioned that visibility on Utah at intersections is currently minimal for drivers. The police will be ticketing whether the curb is marked (painted red) or not. Support expressed for this law,

saying that though it will reduce parking it is important for safety. It was mentioned that areas that don't get marked at first and that need it could be referred to the city via GetItDone. It was mentioned that a board member had wanted the enforcement delayed, but it doesn't seem as though the city will be doing this.

d. Discussion item: Cars going into bikeway at Upas and Pershing intersection

Discussion: explained that he has seen cars going east on Upas driving into the bikeway. A GetItDone has been submitted on this. Others have also seen issues with cars in the bikeway. Christina Gaffney was asked to communicate this to the councilmember's office—they said they will. General concern in the room was that the various lanes and signage are new and confusing.

IV. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items: (6:50-6:55 p.m.)

32nd St still an issue, various ideas and concerns being discussed. Discussion will continue at Thursday's meeting. 33rd St also still an issue.

Member of community: Pershing Bikeway crosses Upas to go north on Utah, but there aren't stop signs protecting this crossing. Stop sign should potentially be added.

Member of community: Intersection at Utah and University could use a "No turn on red" sign for those turning onto Utah from University. Jefferson Elementary being nearby makes this especially pressing.

Reiterated desire for update concerning University Ave bus lanes.

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

Motion to adjourn passes (LaRose/Elliott/4-0-0) at 6:56.

Future PFT Subcommittee Meeting Date: 14 January 2025 at 6 p.m.

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