



North Park Planning Committee

Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

Draft Minutes for 11 February 2025 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
Board members, on Zoom: Mark Spitzer, Mieko Sunbury, Jay Robinson-Duff
Members of community, in person: Krishna Hammond
Members of community, on Zoom: 4
North Park Main Street: Will Slate
Build Solid: Christian Dimeling

- a. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Attendance Report
Call to order: 6:04
- b. Modifications & Adoption of the 11 February 2025 Agenda
Agenda approved (LaRose/Elliott/5-0-2, Mieko and Jay abstaining).
- c. Adoption of the 14 January 2025 Meeting Minutes
January minutes approved (LaRose/Elliott/5-0-2, Mieko and Jay abstaining).

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.

Mieko Sunbury: Following up on comments about daylighting law last month. San Francisco is delaying enforcement, focusing on painting curbs. Mieko will send further information.

Aditi DuPai: Street crossing on University between Arnold and Hamilton and Arizona has had street work done, which has resulted in existing crosswalk not fully being repainted. Lights were installed but are not in use yet. Wanted to know what the status of work was. Board mentioned that the intersection in question is part of ongoing University Avenue Mobility Project.

Jay Robinson-Duff: Mentioned that timeline for University Avenue Mobility Project was pushed back to August. Mentioned that work has resumed on parts of University.

Will Slate: Mid-City Go project is operational. Survey about community's transit needs is live. Project went with vehicles rather than golf carts due to maintenance costs, equipment lifespan. This is the start of the project to prove concept, expand from.

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

- a. Discussion item 1 (6:15-6:25): Mobility Issues on El Cajon Boulevard between Florida Street and Texas Street. Concern over lack of cross-walks on this major transportation corridor. Issue presented by Krishna Hammond.

Crosswalks are currently at Florida and Texas, with a gap of four blocks between. The hill present obscures visibility. A new highrise is going up, causing a detour from El Cajon that increases the distance to walk to the crosswalk. People have often been observed crossing between the crosswalks. Many popular businesses in the area, new housing going in is likely contributing to this. Proposed crossing at Mississippi—this is currently where Google suggests pedestrians cross, even though there currently isn't any marked crossing. Images presented of current setup, proposals for crossings. Main feature could be flashing crossing lights, but could also include something designed to stop drivers before turning. Could see an island put in the intersection. Mentioned that El Cajon Blvd. is a complicated street, is an arterial but also seeing increased density, has bus lanes and could see bus rapid transit. Many ideas for what to do, but right now this is informational. If we do make requests for intersection, they should be for things that won't preclude further potential projects.

- b. Discussion item 2 (6:25-6:35): Open discussion with Tree San Diego project manager Sophia Hernandez, who will be providing a presentation at the full NPPC meeting on 18 February.

Sophia Hernandez not present at meeting. Idea was to involve them in projects where trees were requested but we did not have the funding. Tree San Diego may have funding for trees, depending on status of grants and programs.

- c. Discussion item 3 (6:35-6:45): Open discussion with Build Solid representative, Christian Dimeling. This organization's mission is to activate public spaces through placemaking that encourages people to create, play, and belong with other members of the community. This discussion will include ideas for improvements to the North Park Recreation Center.

Increased density, push for walkability and liveability is demanding improved public spaces. This moment is a unique opportunity to improve the Community Park and Rec Center. City has requested that nonprofits step in on parks and public spaces, Build Solid is trying to develop a plan to work with the city to do this. Discussed ideas of "placemaking" and "third spaces," and benefits of these. Examples of re-activated spaces in San Diego outlined. Discussed ideas for Community Park: a plaza, re-activated Adult Rec Center, landscaping open space. Could renovate the current pavilion for community uses. Funds would come from Build Solid, would be paid for through donations and grants. Ideally would keep current structures to keep costs down. Build Solid started reaching out to the city two years ago, has met with city officials, but wants to engage local community groups to push from the grassroots. Nearby housing projects have paid development fees, but those were recently released by the mayor's office to be spent outside the neighborhood. City has list of Parks and Rec projects to work on, we are number 13 on the list. Build Solid would want NPPC to help spread the word about this initiative. In a future month, a presentation could be made to the full board.

- d. Discussion item 4 (6:45-6:50): The Mid-City Community Parking District works to increase parking options, creates safe and friendly streets, increases pedestrian activity, advances alternative transportation options and promotes economic revitalization. They foster community cooperation through creative collaborations that enhance the vitality of our businesses, sustain the health of our residential community, and promote a model cohesive neighborhood. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Associate (ECBIA) is the fiduciary lead of the organization and puts together the meetings, agendas, notifications, etc. Historically the committee has focused on work in and alongside the business district (~late 1990s), but has increasingly played a role in relaying community needs to the City. The board members still focus on commercial areas, but will facilitate residential concerns as well. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 11:30am.

Will Slate with North Park Main Street gives background information about Parking District. Voting members are from business association districts that have parking meters in the district, so the district is predominantly focused on businesses. Some residential-based concerns are being brought to Parking District; District is starting to help raise these concerns, but isn't there to weigh in heavily on them—this is why petitions are important and necessary. Concerns about parking in North Park should still be sent to Logan, but can also be sent to Parking District to communicate. Block-your-own-driveway is not being worked on by city currently due to lack of time/money.

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

None

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

Motion to add 10 minutes to meeting passes (Elliott/McClish/4-0-0).

Motion to adjourn passes (McClish/Elliott/4-0-0) at 7:11.

Future PFT Subcommittee Meeting Date: 11 March 2025 at 6 p.m.

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