



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

**PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 8, 2009, 6:30 p.m., North Park Main Street office  
3076 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

Called to order: 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Sal Aréchiga (Co-Chair), René Vidales (Co-Chair), Rob Steppke, Lynn Elliot

**Also in attendance:** Michael Holmes, Jeff King, Judith Chock, Amber House, Ernie Bonn, Corie Lopez, Frances Sitta, Chantal Darquenne, Rich Hathaway, Marilyn Green, Richard Bonacci, Travis Knowles

**Approve January 8, 2009 Agenda.**

**Motion: Approve agenda with the following change: Move Items A and B of Old Business to become Items C and D. Vidales/Elliot 4-0-0**

**Chair's Comments.**

This meeting is being held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month because of the New Years Day holiday. Next meeting be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month

**Approve November 6, 2008 Minutes.**

**Motion: Approve minutes with the following changes: Change date on heading from Thursday October 2 to Thursday November 6, and under New Business A last bullet point, change the word "displaced" for "displayed". Steppke/Elliot 4-0-0**

**Announcements:**

1. **MTS Announces Fare changes effective January 1, 2009.** This includes all transit passes
2. **Mid-Coast Corridor Transit update.** This project will extend the San Diego trolley service from the Old Town transit center to University City. Public scoping is anticipated to be conducted in March and April of 2009. The draft Environmental document is scheduled to be completed in August of 2010 and the final completed in August 2011. For additional information visit [www.sandag.org/midcoast](http://www.sandag.org/midcoast)
3. **New Border Crossing announced.** A third US/Mexico border crossing in the San Diego metro area has been approved by the US president. The location is about 2 miles east of the Otay Mesa border crossing, and the project will include extending SR-905 and a new SR-11
4. **CALTRANS Grants announced.** Invitation for applications for planning grant programs. Deadline is April 1, 2009 at 5 p.m. For questions contact Mike Kent at 619-688-6822, Connery Cepeda at 619-688-6968, or Anicia Gottwig at 619-688-0274
5. **MTS new buses unveiled.** MTS has acquired new sleek buses that are already in operation

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:**

- Corie Lopez is an organizer from the Food and Water Watch, an advocacy organization. They are concerned with Major Sanders' proposal to outsource operation and maintenance within San Diego's Water and Wastewater departments. Ms. Lopez requested this item to be put in the Agenda for the next subcommittee meeting to allow for a full presentation. Rob Steppke reminded her that the North Park Planning Committee is an advisory group to the City of San Diego mainly on Land Use issues, therefore he requested to tailor the presentation based on how it relates to Land Use

**Information Items:**

Sal congratulated René on his design the new format for Agendas and Meeting Minutes

**Old Business:**

**A. Request for a Stop Sign on Florida Street at Cypress Avenue.**

**B. Request for a Stop Sign on Florida Street at Myrtle Avenue.** Michael Holmes stated the following:

Florida and Cypress intersection:

- The intersection at Cypress and Florida is a dangerous intersection
- The future traffic that will be generated by the new development Arbor Terrace
- 71 new units generating traffic in addition to traffic going to City attractions

Florida and Myrtle intersection:

- Turns from Myrtle into Florida are very problematic
- Mr. Holmes and neighbors met with city officials for the possible location of a V-Calm sign, but due to cost and difficulty in finding a suitable location consensus was made that a 4-way stop sign will help alleviate the speeding traffic coming from the Morley Field area into the residential area

After the subcommittee listened to comments from neighbors residing in the area and further discussion among subcommittee board members the following motions were drawn:

**Motion: To recommend the city to install a 4-way stop sign and a crosswalk at the intersection of Florida Street and Cypress Avenue based on concern for current safety conditions for drivers and pedestrians, and to mitigate traffic generated by the Arbor Terrace project. Vidales/Steppe 4-0-0**

**Motion: To explore additional traffic calming measures for Florida Street between Morley Field Drive and Cypress Avenue. Steppe/Vidales 4-0-0**

**C. Request for Stop Sign on Mission Ave. at Georgia Street.**

**D. Request for Stop Sign on Meade Ave. at Georgia Street.** Sal Aréchiga stated that after many requests from René from the Transportation Engineering Division for a copy of the traffic study, a faxed copy was finally obtained, Sal pointed out that this the first time this subcommittee receives such a comprehensive study. The results were that Mission at Georgia received 10 points, and Meade at Georgia received 9 points. Both intersections require 20 or more points for an all-way stop. It is not certain that the lack of visibility from Georgia into Meade was considered in the total of 9 points. Sal will review in detail the traffic study and bring these items back if required.

**New Business:**

**A. Request for a Stop Sign on Utah Street at Myrtle Avenue**

Sal stated that Rob Steppe received a forwarded email from Katherine Hon from Robert Awalt in regards to this intersection. Sal replied to Mr. Awalt that he would be including this item in the next subcommittee meeting agenda, and suggested to Mr. Awalt to be present at this meeting to state the issues concerning this intersection and to bring photographs to support his request. At the time of this meeting Mr. Awalt was not present.

**Liaison Reports:**

- **North Park Parking Garage Art Selection Committee.** René stated that the group is waiting from the City's Redevelopment Agency to make a final decision on the group's recommendation
- **North Park Parking Management Working Group.** No update. Ernie Bonn offered additional information from the Mid-Cities Parking District

**Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items:** Rob Steppe suggested to bring as a New Business item

the discussion about a new meeting date for this subcommittee

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 5, 2009

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, René Vidales (Co-Chair) and Sal Aréchiga (Co-Chair)