



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES: November 17, 2009

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I. Called to Order: 6:33 p.m.

II. Members in attendance (13): Sal Arechiga, Robert Barry, Kitty Callen, Cheryl Dye, Lynn Elliott, Vicki Granowitz, Judi O'Boyle, Keoni Rosa, Christy Scannell, Rob Steppke, Liz Studebaker, Rene Vidales, Stephen Whitburn. Due to lack of attendance, Ryan Silva's seat is declared vacant.

III. Adoption of the Nov. 17, 2009 Agenda. Amend the agenda to add Sewer Rehabilitation J1A and Sewer Main Replacement Group Job 644 as Information Item A. **MOTION: To approve as amended. Elliott/Callen. 13-0-0.**

IV. Chair's Report

- A.** Steppke asked Whitburn to form a committee to identify candidates for a board appointment to fill the vacant board seat. O'Boyle and Elliott volunteered for the committee. The committee will suggest names for the appointment at the NPPC's January meeting, when the NPPC board will vote on the new board member.
- B.** NPPC will hold a general election at the March 2010 meeting.
- C.** CPC discussed medical marijuana dispensaries. Discussion will continue.
- D.** The Community Plan Preparation Manual is still in subcommittee.
- E.** Most North Park community meetings are dark in Dec., including NPPC.

V. Approval of Previous Minutes: October 20, 2009. MOTION: To approve. Granowitz/Dye. 13-0-0.

VI. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Steve Chipp was absent. Rob Steppke indicated there is \$491.72 in the account.

VII. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- A.** Joyce Summer/CCDC: CCDC is financially challenged due to loss of redevelopment funds to state. Many projects are left unstarted or unfinished.
- B.** Conor Weir/AMCAL: An affordable housing developer, he is interested in doing mixed-use development at Iowa and University. Wants to include the existing medical marijuana dispensary that is there.

VIII. Elected Official Reports

- A.** Nick Norvell, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53: Healthcare reform bill passed and moved to Senate. House passed extension of UE benefits and homebuyer tax credit. Got assurances from VA that they will increase staffing to help homeless vets. The postmaster has recommended closing the North Park post office but it is not a final decision. The PO wants to put a contract station in NP to provide services.
- B.** Travis Knowles, Hon. Todd Gloria, City Councilmember District 3: Doing informal budget discussions with the public. Special meeting of budget and finance committee, Nov. 21, at Hoover HS. New sidewalk coming to Juniper Street. Money allocated to Toyland Parade.

IX. Consent Agenda

- A. 3201 University Map Waiver Project No. 189051.** Applicant proposes a map waiver to create four commercial condominiums on two separate parcels, each containing two commercial buildings on a .84-acre site. The property is located within the CL-1 zone of the Mid-City Communities Planned district within the Greater North Park Community Plan area. The site also lies within the North Park Redevelopment

Project Area, the FAA Part 77 Noticing area, and the Transit Area Overlay zone. Motion: Support the proposed map waiver. UD/PR: Granowitz/Elliott. 9-0-0.

- B. Street Resurfacing Schedule.** A resurfacing schedule has been released for District 3, but some streets have not been included. The existing conditions on Mission Avenue require a resurfacing treatment.

Motion: To include in the resurfacing plans the resurfacing of Mission Avenue from Park Boulevard to Madison Avenue since it is a heavily traveled corridor within University Heights. PF/PA: Arechiga/Elliott. 4-0-0.

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda. Elliott/Barry. 13-0-0.

X. Action Items

- A. Utility Box Intrusion in the public right of way (ROW).** Discussion on how to mitigate in the update of our community plan the problems and liability issues relating to the proliferation of utility boxes, back flow devices, and other unsightly intrusions into the ROW. Motion: Support the formation of an ad-hoc subcommittee to research the utility box placement process and explore options for community review and input, up to and including a moratorium. UD/PR: Granowitz/Parent. 10-0-0. Studebaker, Dye, Elliott, and Barry volunteered for subcommittee. Rosa nominated Ernie Bonn to be on the subcommittee. Steppke said the subcommittee should decide where and when to meet and select their chair. **MOTION: To approve the motion (above) as stated. Granowitz/Callen. 13-0-0.**

- B. Support University Heights CDC letter regarding the University Heights library.** The new site at Birney would be safer for children, larger and overall superior. The owner of the adjacent Henry's store has agreed to buy the current library building. **MOTION: To endorse the University Heights library task force letter of Oct. 28, 2009. Callen/O'Boyle. 13-0-0.**

XI. Information Items

- A. Sewer Rehabilitation Phase J1A and Sewer Main Replacement Group Job 644.** Sewer Rehab Phase, Lotous Lenguyen presenting. New lines will be pipe inside pipe, an alternative to replacement, at \$3.6 million. Will be 50 percent less expensive than open trenching, safer, with minimal disruption, and faster (start in Jan. and end in July). Time frame will be 8:30-3:30 with 24-hour notice. Locations: alley between Alabama & Florida off of El Cajon Blvd. (north); alley at Meade/El Cajon/Louisiana/Texas intersection; Redwood between 30th & Grim; Boundary between McKinley & Redwood; alley at Redwood/Palm/Bancroft/33rd intersection. Main Replacement Group Job 644, Jericho Gallardo & Elizabeth Dunn presenting. Replacing 5,698 linear feet of sewer mains at \$1.89 million. Locations: Laurel/Commonwealth/Boundary; Teresita/ Nutmeg/Felton; and McKinley/Redwood/Little Flower/Quince/Palm. When a contractor is chosen, the contractor and city will communicate with residents prior to the project. Affected homeowners have signed re-plumb agreements. There will be a city engineer onsite during the project and door hangars will have phone numbers for residents to call with concerns.
- B. Community Plan Update.** Reviewed agenda for first meeting on Nov. 18, 2009, and volunteer committee appointments. Process to fill empty seats will be discussed.

XII. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Urban Design/Project Review.** Rosa/Barry. Discussed both items from today's agenda. Next meeting: January 4, 2010.
- B. Public Facilities/Public Art.** Vidales/Arechiga. Discussed both sewer projects, today's consent item on resurfacing, and safety of taxis. Next meeting: January 7, 2010.

XIII. Liaisons Reports

- A. Alcohol and Entertainment Working Group,** Granowitz. Granowitz and Studebaker met with Dan Tomske (Public Strategies) to discuss crime, trash and noise. Will meet as needed through the end of the year.
- B. Balboa Park Committee,** Granowitz. Accepted report from West Mesa subcommittee dealing with special event issues – will be basis for final document for the park. Task Force met to discuss the park's future.
- C. Project Area Committee,** O'Boyle. Voted to recommend funding the \$400,000-plus tenant improvements to Elder Help (a city-owned building). Voted to recommend support for a partnership between CALTRANS, the PAC, and the MAD to plant trees on various portions of the Boundary Street corridor; also voted to put in design phase. Parking garage has doubled its usage.

- D. Maintenance Assessment District**, Steppke. Draft budget will be tweaked at Jan. meeting to increase funding for tree trimming. Will discuss raising fees.
- E. North Park Parking Management Working Group**, Vidales. Report is being passed between members for completion.
- F. North Park Main Street**, Studebaker. Toyland Parade, Dec. 5. Fundraiser resulted in \$1500. New sponsors include Cox and SDG&E. Five new board members. Workshop in Jan. on how business owners can take advantage of tax credits. Italian Film Festival in North Park was very well attended – they want to do two events next year. Planted seven more trees on North Park Way.

XIV. Next Meeting Date: January 19, 2010.

XV. MOTION: To adjourn. Elliott/Vidales. 13-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by Christy Scannell, secretary.