



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE  
**PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, September 3, 2009, 6:30 p.m., North Park Main Street office  
3076 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

Called to order: 6:32 p.m.

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:** René Vidales (Chair), Salvador Aréchiga (Vice-Chair), Rob Steppke, Elizabeth Studebaker, Lynn Elliott (arrived 6:38), Ernie Bonn (arrived 6:43)

**Also in attendance:** Dionné Carlson, Miriam Kirshner, Gary Weber, Heather Borgen, William Schneider, Jerry Clarke, Martin Chevalier, Judy Jacoby

**Approve September 3, 2009 Agenda.**

**Motion: Approve agenda with the following change: Move Information Item A after the last Business Item. Elliott/Aréchiga 4-0-0**

**Chair's Comments.** None

**Approve August 6, 2009 Minutes. Aréchiga/Elliott 3-0-1 (Steppke abstained)**

**Announcements:**

1. Guarantee your ride home with iCommute. This program works like insurance with a co-payment for subscribed riders who are unable to use the system due to hardship. For more information visit [www.511sd.com/iCommute](http://www.511sd.com/iCommute)
2. New online school program debuts. This new program is for carpooling to and from school for nearby residents. For more information contact [schoolpool@sandag.org](mailto:schoolpool@sandag.org)
3. Rideshare week 2007 set for October 5-9. This program encourages the use of alternative transportation methods. For more information visit [www.ridelink.org](http://www.ridelink.org)
4. Wayfinding Signage Program Public Open House. Tuesday, September 8 at 6 p.m. at Downtown Information Center at Horton Plaza Level 1 above CVS Pharmacy. For more information visit [www.ccdc.com](http://www.ccdc.com)
5. North Park Tree Planting Celebration. Join the North Park Main Street and San Diego Architectural Foundation for the ribbon cutting celebration for new trees in North Park, on Wednesday, September 16 from 5 to 6 p.m. at Sea Rocket Bistro, 3382 30<sup>th</sup> Street.
6. The North Park News published an article about the North Park Post Office and its possible closure.
7. The North Park News has an article featuring Elizabeth Studebaker in its cover.

**Non-Agenda Public Comment:**

1. Martin Chevalier suggested allocation of funds from the Redevelopment Agency for bike paths in North Park. Rob Steppke suggested the possibility to integrate this item as part of the upcoming Community Plan update.
2. Lynn Elliott mentioned the upcoming Community Clean-Up to be held on September 19.
3. Ms. Elliott also announced a Community Mixer to be held at Eclipse Chocolat on September 9.

4. Sal Aréchiga mentioned that the curb was painted red at a longer length than required at the intersection of Park Boulevard and Meade Avenue by city crews, and was later was repainted to the correct length of red curb.

#### **Old Business:**

- A. **Potential for segments of 30<sup>th</sup> Street south of University Avenue to install 2-Hour Parking curb striping and signage.** René presented an application from the City for one-hour and two-hour timed parking, which states that City Council approval is required for the installation or removal limited time parking. A study is required to determine whether the installation or removal of the timed limit parking is appropriate for the location. This petition has to be signed by the property owner/manager/or tenant. Once a minimum of 75% of the affected properties have signed the petition, it can be returned to the City for evaluation.
- B. **Mid-City Rapid Transit Project and change in parking configuration along Park Boulevard.** Miriam Kirshner presented the latest revisions to this project, which include:
  - A narrowed median
  - Converted to angle parking on Lincoln Avenue, Polk Avenue, and Centre Street
  - Retained as much angle parking on Park Boulevard as possible
  - The net loss is 9 to 13 parking spaces maximum

This presentation will also be featured at the full board on September 15.

#### **New Business:**

- A. **Request for Head-In Parking on Kansas Street between Adams and Monroe Avenues.** This pilot project will convert the west side of Kansas Street from parallel to head-in parking, and will increase the number of available on-street parking spaces from 30 spaces to 58 spaces.
  - Gary Weber presented this item, and stated that the El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association conducted a survey of the area, showing 82% of neighbors in support of the project.
  - Dionné Carlson created a flyer to encourage public involvement, and was distributed to the entire two blocks of Kansas Street between Adams and Monroe Avenues.
  - Neighbors who were present stated the following comments:
    - They have concerns that the existing condition of the street creates a flooding problem when rain events occur. They are concerned that the new configuration of parking will increase the flooding problem due to additional obstructions in the flow path
    - There are business trucks constantly being parked on Kansas Street, and there are concerns that these trucks will not fit with the new parking configuration
    - There are concerns about visibility for neighbors coming out of driveways

After further discussion, the following motion was drawn:

**Motion: To approve the parking project in concept with the condition that the street is mitigated for flooding with adequate curb prior to implementation of the parking pilot program. Elliott/Steppe 5-0-0.**

(Liz Studebaker left at 7 p.m.)

- B. **Installation of North Park Community Identification Signs.** Proposal to install community signage at the entrances to North Park in order to differentiate and define North Park, and to inform residents of the community in which they reside.

Martin Chevalier presented a proposal to install Community Identification Signs, and provided a draft

location plan in various parts of the community. Sal suggested Mr. Chevalier to attend the next University Heights Community Association meeting for additional input. After further discussion the following motion was drawn:

**Motion: To support the project of the installation of North Park community identification signs in concept. Steppke/Elliott 4-0-1 (Bonn abstained).**

**C. Discussion of Speed Lumps as a possible solution for traffic calming along Boundary Street between Commonwealth Avenue and Olive Street.** Constituent Jennifer Ohman was not present at the meeting.

**D. Letter to Redevelopment Agency regarding the status of the Parking Garage Public Art Project.** Priority for this project has recently been reduced by the Redevelopment Agency. Sal presented a draft letter to be sent to the Redevelopment Agency. After discussion, the following motion was drawn:

**Motion: To support in concept a clarification of the timeline for the North Park Parking Garage Public Art Project. Elliott/Bonn 5-0-0.**

**E. Letter to MTS regarding the delay of rolling out the Compass Card Program to all public transit.** Lack of proper function of existing re-loaded passes has prompted numerous complaints. Sal presented a draft letter to be sent to MTS. After discussion, the following motion was drawn:

**Motion: To support a concept letter regarding the challenges of the Compass Card implementation. Steppke/Elliott 5-0-0.**

**Information Items:**

**1. Formation of Wireless Communication Facilities Committee for the purpose of regulating utility boxes in the public right-of-way.** Ernie Bonn stated that she did not have any information at the moment

**Additional Non-Agenda Public Comment**

1. Judy Jaboby is asking for support of Community Gardens. She wants to reduce the permitting process time and cost at the City.

**Liaison Reports:**

- **North Park Parking Garage Art Selection Committee.** No update
- **North Park Parking Management Working Group.** No update

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.