



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES: October 19, 2010
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I. Called to Order: 6:34.

II. Members in attendance (12): Robert Barry, Kitty Callen, Dionne Carlson, Brandon Cohen, Cheryl Dye, Lynn Elliott, Vicki Granowitz, Lucky Morrison, Judi O’Boyle, Christy Scannell, Liz Studebaker, Rene Vidales.

III. Modifications to and adoption of the 10/19/10 agenda. **MOTION:** Move Item 6A (V-Calm signs) to Consent Agenda. Elliott/Carlson 12-0-0. **MOTION:** To approve agenda as amended. O’Boyle/Carlson. 12-0-0.

IV. Chair’s Report

- A. Granowitz and Vidales attended LU&H. Mid-City Rapid Bus Hearing – only angled parking will be heard by City Council. Moved forward without recommendation.
- B. San Diego Affordable Housing & Sustainable Development Incentive Program.
- C. Big Box Ordinance. Split vote. Moving forward.
- D. Bluefoot Bar’s NUP is up for approval. Wants two a.m. closure for seven days/week and indefinite permit. Will be heard at 11/1 urban design/project review subcommittee.

V. Approval of Previous Minutes: 9/21/10. Item 5A add “City Council must approve installation of angled parking on Centre, Lincoln and Polk. Item 13B change to Gary Pence from city transportation division. **MOTION:** To approve as changed. Callen/Morrison. 11-0-1. (Barry)

VI. Treasurer’s Report. \$566.22 in the bank account as of 9/30/10.

VII. Announcements

- A. CD3 Budget Town Hall: 10/28/10, 6-7 p.m., Balboa Park War Memorial Building.
- B. CPCI Introductory Training Session on Historical Resources, 10/28/10, 6-8 p.m.

VIII. Planner’s Report/Marlon Pangilinan

Thanks to committee and public for participating in the three-day charrette.

IX. Non-agenda Public Comment

- A. Liz Studebaker/North Park Main Street. NPMS is looking to negotiate a contract for an engineering report that will lead to a Maintenance Assessment District in the commercial district.
- B. Joyce Summer/CCDC. City Council voted where to place public restrooms downtown. City Council discussing two alternate locations for winter shelter in emergency meeting.
- C. Kathy Morrison. Problems with North Park bars. Asked committee to encourage fewer bars; more regulation.

- D. Lucky Morrison. Crime stats show violent crime in North Park has surpassed Pacific Beach and is highest in city. SDPD increasing coverage in North Park.
- E. Rene Vidales. Unsafe intersection in Kearny Mesa; Vidales wrote letter to city. Intersection was improved.

X. Elected Official Reports

- A. Katherine Fortner, Hon. Susan Davis/US Congressional District 53. Co-sponsor of HR1670, which does not raise age for entitlement under Social Security Act. No COLA this year for SSA.
- B. Anthony Bernal, Hon. Todd Gloria/City Councilmember District 3. Einstein School achievements. Permanent homeless facility at 6th and A streets.

XI. Consent Agenda

- A. **To approve V-Calm signs (electronic signs that display vehicle speed) on Upas between Pershing and 30th Street** (Supported at Public Facilities but identified as an Info Item instead of Action Item) **MOTION: To approve consent agenda. Carlson/Elliott. 12-0-0.**

XII. Information Items

- A. **Jacob's Balboa Park Plaza de Panama, Parking & Circulation Project Proposal.** Mark Johnson Design concept for proposal by Irwin Jacob to return pedestrian uses to the Plaza de Panama, West El Prado Promenade and the Organ Pavilion Esplanade; Will include a 67,000- to 154,000 square-foot parking structure with two-acre rooftop park, which would result in a net gain of 250-350 parking spaces in the central mesa; traffic coming east across the Laurel Street Bridge will be rerouted behind the House of Charm, over a new bridge approximately 265 feet in length and 30 feet wide; current concept would preclude westbound traffic across the Laurel Street Bridge. Project to be funded at \$33 million (\$15 million for parking garage), estimated to require 18 months, and needs to break ground by mid 2013. Jacob selected design team and is a member of the Plaza de Panama committee but not the conservancy. Heritage Architecture and Planning involved in planning and is advising team on preservation issues. Concerns from public and committee about public participation in design and environmental review; insufficient cost estimates; and how bicycles can be integrated into pedestrian and car environments. Ideas: add underground parking below Pan American Plaza and move parking close to hospital; maintain road through plaza for circulation and drop-offs. Presenter said project seeks to use existing plan to save time and money.
- B. **Explanation of differences between Neighborhood Use Permits and Conditional Use Permits.** Marlon Pangilinan, presenter. Handout provided. NUP is a new use, change in use or expansion of existing uses, and requires a Process 2 staff approval to ensure zone compliance. CUP is for uses not allowed in a zone, reviewed case by case for potential impacts, and requires a Process 3 (HO), 4 (PC) or 5 (CC) approval.

XIII. Action Items

- A. **Mid City Rapid Bus Project.** Rene Vidales presented an alternative plan for Park Boulevard to eliminate displacement of parking to side streets and angled parking on Centre Street and Lincoln and Polk Avenues. SANDAG is analyzing plan to see if it can be implemented.
MOTION: To deny the removal of parking spaces on Park Boulevard from University Avenue to El Cajon Boulevard and to deny the mitigation measures consisting of installation of angled parking on Centre Street, Lincoln Avenue, and Polk Avenue for the following reasons:
 - **There have been changes in circumstances since the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Mid-City Bus Rapid Transit project was circulated for public review, from a net gain of four parking spaces along Park Boulevard as cited in the Final Environmental Initial**

Study and a loss of 12 parking spaces in the Technical Appendix of the FEIS; to a current net loss of nine parking spaces along Park Boulevard in the addendum to the MND;

- The addendum to the MND citing a net loss of nine parking spaces along Park Boulevard is considered new information that was added to the MND;
- The lack of city policy for removal of parking spaces in general.

O'Boyle/Carlson. 12-0-0.

MOTION: To table this discussion and send it back to public facilities subcommittee.

Elliott/Cohen. 6-6-0. (motion failed)

MOTION: To have the North Park Planning Committee work with Uptown Planners, the University Heights Community Association and other stakeholders to find additional mitigation for the Mid-City Bus Rapid Transit project. Carlson/Cohen. 8-4-0. (Callen, O'Boyle, Scannell, Elliott)

MOTION: To deny the "Complete Street" Alternative. O'Boyle/Dye. 7-5-0. (Stuebaker, Carlson, Vidales, Dye, Barry)

- B. Response to City Attorney Interpretation of Large Nightclubs & Drinking Establishment Ordinances.** Leo Wilson discussed confusion among residents and businesses over code and enforcement. There is evidence of the city providing incorrect information, and concern over the results of incorrect coding. **MOTION:** To have the North Park Planning Committee work with Uptown Planners to get further clarification from the City Attorney on municipal code sections 141.0614 and 141.0607. O'Boyle/Elliott. 12-0-0.

C. Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

Possible Motion: To support City Council Draft Resolution R-2011-163 regarding Medical Marijuana Dispensaries.

On 9/12/10, City Council adopted, by a vote of 6-1, the recommendations of the Land Use & Housing Committee regarding medical marijuana dispensaries. Requirements: all applications will be subject to a Process 4 CUP; proof of non-profit status required for the CUP; any commercial zones must be without residential use; additional consideration must be given to the zones with PDOs; distance requirement of 1000 feet between dispensaries; additional distance requirement of 1000 feet for parks and places of worship; existing dispensaries must come into compliance on the new ordinance; clear definitions provided for terms describing distance requirements; full cost recovery to mitigate any costs borne by the city.

NPPC's original motion: To support the medical marijuana task force's recommendations to the City Council that they act swiftly to implement and enforce the task force's recommendations with the following changes: that they require a Process 3 or 4 CUP, that they not be located within 1000 feet of each other, that all existing licensed dispensaries have to comply with the new ordinances, that they install signage indicating type of business, that they are required to be a certified nonprofit, that the ordinance adds a 1000-foot distance requirement from parks, and that a moratorium on further dispensaries is enacted immediately. **MOTION:** To support City Council R-2011-163 regarding Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. Barry/Elliott. 12-0-0.

XIV. Liaisons Reports

- A.** Alcohol and Entertainment Working Group/Granowitz. Meeting next week.
- B.** Balboa Park Committee/Granowitz. Caltrans-Laurel St. Bridge improvements and Jacob's Plaza de Panama; Parking Circulation proposal going to Planning Commission for Plan Amendment Initiation 10/21.
- C.** Maintenance Assessment District/Morrison. Decided not to move the trashcan from University to 30th. Streetlight an ongoing issue.

- D. North Park Main Street/Studebaker. Toyland Parade, Dec. 5. Fundraiser on Nov. 4 at North Park home. Seven board members elected (three re-elected and four new). Farmers Market expanded. More interest coming from non-restaurant and bar owners on opening in North Park.
- E. North Park Parking Management Working Group/Vidales. No report.
- F. Project Area Committee/O'Boyle. Approved \$500,000 in funding for four sustainability projects.

XV. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Urban Design/Project Review, Barry/Dye, Lions Club on Utah St. (new location unconfirmed), 6 p.m. 1st Monday. Next meeting: 11/1/10. Did not meet in October. Next agenda will include Bluefoot Bar.
- B. Public Facilities/Public Art, Carlson/Vidales, NPMS, 3076 University Ave, 6:30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday. Hosted Gary Pence from city traffic. Discussed pilot parking project as information item. Will return to subcommittee as action. Waiting to hear about acorn lights for Texas Street. Next meeting: 11/10/10.
- C. Utility Boxes, Barry/Dye. Next meeting TBD.

XVI. Next Meeting Date: November 16, 2010; dark in December

XVII. MOTION: To adjourn. Carlson/Vidales. 12:00

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.