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## PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, AND PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 6:00 p.m., North Park Recreation Center/Adult Center  
2719 Howard Avenue, San Diego, CA 92104

### Attendance:

**Seated Board Members:** René Vidales (Vice-Chair; Acting Chair), Vicki Granowitz, Peter Hill

**Community Voting Members:** Ernie Bonn, Rob Steppke, Kitty Callen

**Board members not seated:** None

**Also present:** Project reps listed below

### Parliamentary Items:

**Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

**Approve September 12, 2012 Agenda. Motion: Approve Agenda. Granowitz/Bonn. 6-0-0**

**Chair's Comments.** Rene Vidales filling in for Dionne Carlson

**Approval of Previous Minutes, June 13, 2012.**

**Motion: Approve June 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes with the following revisions: XX. Steppke/Callen. 5-0-1 (Granowitz abstained)**

### Announcements:

- 2012 San Diego County Infrastructure Report Card.** The Local Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers released the [2012 Infrastructure Report Card for San Diego County](#) to raise awareness about the current state of our region in order for legislators to support investment in infrastructure.
- North Park Initiative.** The New School of Architecture released their annual magazine named "[Cartouche](#)", with a 4-page article devoted to Sustainable North Park Main Street titled "North Park Initiative" which consists of describing sustainable practices in Energy, Water, Open Space, and Tenant Operations.
- New train timetables make travel easier.** [The new consolidated timetables](#) combine the schedules of Amtrak Pacific Surfliner, COASTER, and Metrolink trains for travel between San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego counties. It's the first time that the schedules of all SoCal rail services have been integrated into one document. The consolidated timetables include a system map, train information, and local transit connection information.
- Construction has begun for I-15 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).** Construction is underway to upgrade the Del Lago and Rancho Bernardo transit stations in preparation for the 2014 launch of Bus Rapid Transit service (BRT) in the Interstate 15 corridor. The future BRT system, the first of its kind in the region, will pick up commuters and other riders at the upgraded transit stations and use the I-15 Express Lanes to quickly transport passengers to destinations between Escondido and Downtown San Diego. The reliable and convenient buses will run at high frequencies throughout the day, similar to a trolley system. Construction began Aug. 6 and will continue for approximately six months. Upgrades will increase the number of bus bays at each station, provide new shelters, and incorporate new signs to provide bus arrival times.

5. Major schedule changes in MTS bus routes were effective Sept. 2. Also changes in trolley lines and schedules to allow direct trips to downtown on all lines. MTS is making Day Passes available on Compass Cards starting Sept. 17.
6. Utility undergrounding workshop Sept. 24, 6-8:30PM, Santa Fe room of Balboa Park club. RSVP to [toddgloria@sandiego.gov](mailto:toddgloria@sandiego.gov)
7. Free recycling event for Oil, batteries and more. Sept. 29, 9-1, Balboa Park: Park Blvd. & Presidents Way

**Non Agenda Public Comment:**

- A. Ernie Bonn: Walk San Diego to host Sept. 19 Mayoral Debate. USD Shiley Theater 7PM, doors open 6:30
- B. Ernie Bonn: Walk San Diego to host Sept. 26 Visioning SD Forum. NewSchool of Architecture & Design 12PM. RSVP [walksandiego.org](http://walksandiego.org)
- C. Ernie Bonn: Sept 16 Taste of University Heights. Noon to 3; [www.uhcdc.org](http://www.uhcdc.org). Sept. 16 University Heights Arts Open. 11 to 5; [www.uharts.org](http://www.uharts.org)

**Information Items:**

- A. Water and Sewer Group Job 687B:** Replacement and/or realignment of approx. 17,220 linear feet (LF) of sewer mains and 493 LF of water mains. With the exception of the abandonment of 4,710 LF of sewer mains and 16 sewer manholes, all work will be within the City right-of-way in developed and paved streets and alleys. The following streets and adjacent alleys will be affected by the project: Meade Ave., Howard Ave., Polk Ave., Lincoln Ave., University Ave., Bancroft St., and Boundary St. The sewer mains would be installed primarily through open trenching, at depths ranging from 4 to 20 feet. The abandonment of 200 LF of sewer mains is located in easements on privately-owned property.

Regen Owen & Celina Vega from the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) presented the project.

Contractor not yet assigned, est. late fall. Start Summer 2013, finish summer 2014. Approx \$5.5M budget.

Discussion:

- Kitty Callen: concerns about Boundary St. segment. Heavy traffic. R. Owen shared concern, contractor will manage traffic.
- Bonn: Sidewalk stamps preservation; freshly paved streets; door hangers. R. Owen will follow up on plan for handling these concerns approx March with PF/PA, once contractor on board.
- Granowitz: would be helpful to cover common questions in overview material.
- Vidales: concerned about in-kind replacement of concrete & asphalt. Also notification of people living on alleys.
- Bonn: trash collection.

- B. Sewer Main Replacement Group 691:** This project will bring existing sewer mains originally installed in the early 1950's to current standards and will relocate inaccessible sewer mains to the public right-of-way. The project consists of replacing approx. 4,988 LF of concrete vitrified clay pipe, abandonment of approx. 2,442 LF of existing sewer main, street resurfacing, curb ramp installation and/or replacement. The project will involve open trench replacement in most areas and trenchless method in the Balboa Golf Course and Switzer Canyon area. Construction of this project is estimated to begin in August 2014 and complete in April 2015.

Jerricho Gallardo from the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) presented the project.

\$1.9M total cost.

Discussion:

- Vidales: why SDP? Gallardo: 28<sup>th</sup> St is in environmentally sensitive lands.
- Bonn: access roads in Balboa Park? Gallardo: no. Existing roads only.
- Vidales: pipe bursting? Gallardo: laying new pipe in existing pipe / pipe space (trenchless).

## **New Business**

**A. Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget:** Each fiscal year, a CIP conformance review is conducted to ensure that proposed CIP projects are consistent with their respective community plans and the General Plan. Council Policy 000-02 requires that City's CIP budget be submitted to the City Council for approval. The CIP conformance information is provided to make each community aware of CIP projects scheduled for their communities and to provide the CPG's a better opportunity to review the CIP which will be presented to the City Council

Vidales gave overview of CIP Budget Development Process. By early November NPCC will need to contact other interested community groups. Deadline: Nov. 7 for recommendations to CPC.

List of NP projects distributed. CPC documents distributed and discussed.

Granowitz gave background of CPC projects process and goal of public participation in CIP.

Extensive discussion and clarification of NP projects on list. Prioritizing of NP projects.

Granowitz: started local outreach in NP. Main Street, etc.

Discussion of next steps. Steppke: Univ Mobility Plan and NP Mini Park already have extensive public exposure, should be priorities. Best to cut large projects into smaller slices to make funding more likely. Additional discussion of specific projects.

Hill: encouraged staying top-level, not getting into too much city process. Focus on residents' concerns & perspective.

After further discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: To recommend a tentative priority list for CIP projects in the following order:**

1. **University Ave. Mobility Plan**
2. **NP Mini Park**
3. **McKinley Elementary Joint Use Improvements**
4. **Lumped projects into traffic calming & safety category**
5. **Library: North Park / University Heights**

**Vidales/Callen 6-0-0**

Motion carries.

## **Old Business**

**A. Texas Street Improvements:** Construction update on improvements to Texas Street from Madison Avenue to Camino Del Rio South, part of the mitigation improvements for the Quarry Falls (Civitas) Development in Mission Valley: Opening ceremony is being planned possibly for some time in October.

**Next meeting:** October 10, 2012

Future Agenda items: Utility boxes, CIP Process, Traffic calming best practices for CPU

**Adjournment. Motion: To adjourn meeting Vidales/Callen. 6-0-0.** Meeting adjourned 7:42 p.m.