

**GREATER NORTH PARK COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 20, 2004**

Called to order at 6:28 p.m.

Attendance

Attendance at this meeting

Elaine Boyd, Michael Branch, Lan Bubb, Jason DeFay, Peter Dennehy, Vicki Granowitz, Richard Kurylo, James Longley, John Stewart McGaughy, Mike Petrogeorge, Michael Powers, Keoni Rosa, Al Smith, Maureen Westfall.

Absent was Judith O'Boyle (excused)

Subcommittees, liaisons, and leadership roles since previous meeting

Elaine Boyd:	None
Michael Branch:	None
Lan Bubb:	Public Relations (Co-Chair) in combination with Bylaws
Jason DeFay:	Bylaws (Co-Chair) in combination with Public Relations, North Park MAD (Alternate)
Peter Dennehy:	La Boheme Information Meeting
Vicki Granowitz:	Balboa Park Committee, Clean Needle Exchange Program, Rec Council, North Park MAD, Vice Chair
Richard Kurylo:	La Boheme Information Meeting, Theatre Plaza Meeting, Sustainability Building Training, North Park Main Street, Secretary
James Longley:	Transportation (Chair), Project Area Committee
John Stewart McGaughy:	La Boheme Information Meeting, Theatre Plaza Task Force, Sustainability Building Training, North Park Main Street
Judith O'Boyle:	Not reported
Mike Petrogeorge:	North Park Main Street, Rec Council
Michael Powers:	Bylaws in combination with Public Relations, Transportation, Law Enforcement, Chair
Keoni Rosa:	Sustainability Building Training
Al Smith:	Bylaws (Co-Chair) in combination with Public Relations, North Park MAD, Project Area Committee
Maureen Westfall:	Public Relations (Co-Chair) in combination with Bylaws, Theatre Plaza Task Force, Treasurer

Announcements

None at this time.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Michael Powers said that Jason DeFay was, in fact, excused from the June 15 meeting.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE GREATER NORTH PARK COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2004, WITH THE CORRECTION THAT JASON DEFAY WAS EXCUSED. (Smith/Westfall). Motion passed 10-0-0.

Treasurer's Report

The balance as of June 30 was \$463.28. There were no deposits. There was an \$11.00 service charge, which was then waived. The old checkbook surfaced. Former Board Member Larry Teves had it.

Official's Report

- Todd Gloria from U.S. Congressional District 53 (Congresswoman Susan Davis) distributed the July/August *Davis Dispatch* newsletter. The Post Office is constructing a carrier facility. The carrier trucks will be moved out of North Park, but retail and service aspects will remain in North Park. There are a number of events in North Park during the month of August. These are included in the newsletter.
- Robert Young from the Office of the Mayor (Mayor Dick Murphy) thanked attendees for participating in the City budget process. There is an increase in police and fire department budgets. There are reductions in other areas. Some libraries were able to stay open on Sundays, and some recreation centers were able to maintain hours. A charter change is on the ballot for a five-year trial for a "strong mayor" form of government. There is more information on the City's website: www.sandiego.gov. The Mayor will be taking e-mail addresses to provide occasional updates. Young's phone number is (619) 236-7064.

- Lisa Hom from County District 4 (County Supervisor Ron Roberts) said that motorized bikes and motorized scooters are problematic in other neighborhoods. Driver's licenses and helmets are required. Information is available on the County's website. A survey named the County of San Diego one of the top ten "digital county governments."
- Diana Spyridonidis from Council District 3 (Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins) distributed the July edition of *The Toni Times* newsletter. The North Park Community Service Center (CSC) closed July 1. The Police storefront is looking for a new space. The City Heights CSC remained open because they had a greater number of walk-ins and use of the facility. Council actions for the month of June are included in the newsletter. Spyridonidis's phone number is (619) 236-6633.

Public Comment

- Charlie Kaehler said that he has a "paper" street next to his residence. A neighbor petitioned to cut down a tree in the paper street. City of San Diego policy favors trees being cut down. A report is presently circulating through the City. It would be good for the Planning Committee to review this issue. Lara Evans will find out the status of the tree report. When a request does come into the City for tree removal, the request is logged and processed. The Planning Committee's Public Facilities/Parks/Housing Subcommittee will review this item if necessary.

Consent Agenda

Richard Kurylo pulled Item 1 from the Consent Agenda. Elaine Boyd pulled Item 2 from the Consent Agenda. No other items remained on the Consent Agenda.

4-Way Stop Signs at the Intersection of Polk Avenue and Mississippi Street

A proposed 4-way stop sign at Polk and Mississippi was brought before the Transportation Subcommittee by a Mr. Smith (not present). The Traffic Department approved the intersection because it had 22 points; 20 points warrants a stop sign. University Heights approved the sign. The Subcommittee approved the item 7-0-0. Richard Kurylo said that the intersection is at the top of a hill, so cars travel slowly from all directions. Al Smith said that there are too many stop signs in that area. The sign would be a permanent sign.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF 4-WAY STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF POLK AVENUE AND MISSISSIPPI STREET.

(Transportation Recommendation). Motion passed 11-2-1.

Registration For Membership Form

The following change was adopted for the changes to the Greater North Park Community Planning Committee Registration For Membership form: "May the North Park Community Association send me e-mail updates about North Park issues and events? All e-mail addresses are kept in strict confidence and are never shared, and all messages are sent by blind copy. Yes_ No____. The Bylaws Subcommittee approved the item 6-0-0. There was some discussion about the wording, particularly "may" versus "can." The final statement agreed upon by all was, "I give the North Park Community Association permission to send me e-mail updates about North Park issues and events." All e-mail addresses are kept in strict confidence and are never shared, and all messages are sent by blind-copies."

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FINAL REGISTRATION FOR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE GREATER NORTH PARK COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE AS AMENDED.

(Bylaws Recommendation). Motion passed 14-0-0.

Action Items

Cingular Palisades Pointe

Cingular Wireless is applying for a Neighborhood Use Permit for a wireless communication facility at Palisades Pointe located at 2828 University Avenue. William Lynch and Steve Chatfield made a presentation. Plans were distributed for review. There would be 12 panel antennas to be face mounted to the exterior of the building with low-profile brackets. The antennas would match the existing color and texture, and skirting would blend and conceal the equipment. Equipment would be housed in the existing structure. The Masonic Temple at Utah Street and North Park Way was considered, but the building was not tall enough. The North Park Theatre was considered, but the lease does not allow such antennas. Lampposts were also considered, but optimal coverage could not be achieved without multiple sites. John Stewart McGaughy said that this item did not come before the Urban Design/Project Review Subcommittee because the Subcommittee did not meet in July. In the absence of more specific plans, there were some concerns about how the antennas would look. The Planning Committee took action in the past against antennae. No one from the Palisades Pointe building has complained, and no residents were in the audience. Mike Petrogeorge asked if an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was necessary. The Cingular representatives said that the City directed them not to do an EIR. This is regulated by the Federal Government, not the City. The Planning Committee's role is to review the project aesthetically. Richard Kurylo jest-fully said that this project actually improves the building, aesthetically. Mike Petrogeorge asked about preventing pigeons from being attracted to the antennas. The Cingular

representatives said that spikes would conflict with operations. A sticky material might deter pigeons. The City requires that Cingular prove that the project meets radio emission standards.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD USE PERMIT FOR A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY CONSISTING OF 12 PANEL ANTENNAS TO BE FACE MOUNTED TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE PALISADES POINTE BUILDING AT 2828 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, WITH ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT PROPOSED IN AN ENCLOSURE AT LEVEL 5 OF THE BUILDING.

(Smith/Longley). Motion passed 12-0-2.

Subcommittee Reports/Liaisons

Urban Design/Project Review Subcommittee

- There was no meeting in July. There is a lot on the agenda for the August meeting.
- The assessment letter for the Lafayette Hotel project was received. Lara Evans suggested that it not be reviewed in August.
- A house and an apartment are being torn down. This is an issue of concern. Demolition permits have been issued for both structures.
- The University Avenue Mobility Plan will be reviewed in September.

Public Facilities/Parks/Housing Subcommittee

- There was no meeting this month.
- The parcel at 32nd and Landis IS City property. This could be developed into a park. County District 4 will help with the funding.
- There will be a sewer project in Burlingame starting soon.
- The sidewalk study is progressing. Walkability data and drainage-problem maps were given to the consultant. The consultant will inform us of where they think flooding areas are.

Transportation Subcommittee

- In addition to the Polk and Mississippi intersection, the Subcommittee also reviewed 32nd and Juniper because of visibility problems. This will be on the next agenda.
- Palm and 29th will be reviewed for 4-way stop signs. This will be on the next agenda.
- Palm and Felton also has visibility problems.
- There are signage conformity issues at the North Park Community Park. One side has limited parking; the other side doesn't. The side that has unlimited parking has problems, like people sleeping in their cars overnight.
- The University Avenue Mobility Plan will be reviewed for full Planning Committee review in September.

Public Relations

- There was no meeting in July.
- The June meeting was a combined meeting with Bylaws.
- Items discussed in June included T-shirts or polo shirts for Board members, ordering more brochures, and noticing for elections.
- The election will be announced on the top of the agenda for the Greater North Park Community Planning Committee from September through the election.

Bylaws Subcommittee

- Bylaws met yesterday.
- Participation incentives for Board Members were discussed. Plaques or certificates were suggested as an annual award. Subcommittee participation will be included in the minutes.
- Subcommittee voting procedures will be standardized. This may be brought before the Committee in October.
- There will be no meeting in August.
- Conni Musser suggested publicizing the Subcommittee attendance.

Community Planners Committee (CPC)

- The meeting was cancelled.

North Park Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC)

- PAC liaison Roger Lewis was not present.

- The PAC meeting place, the Community Service Center, is closing. The next meeting will be in building in the North Park Community Park.
- Last week's meeting was short. There were no major action items.
- A special meeting on Thursday was about Theatre Plaza on 29th Street. Different options for the street were reviewed. Four choices were narrowed down to two. Both options had two lanes opens in both directions from University Avenue to North Park Way. One was the "chicane" or curved road option; the other was the "promenade" or straight road option. Theatre developer Bud Fischer offered to help fund the "promenade" plan, with conditions.
- La Boheme construction began on Tuesday, July 6. A construction update is available on the North Park Community Association and North Park Main Street websites.

Law Enforcement Committee

- Bertha Klan attended a meeting on June 22. There are a lot of car prowls and car thefts. Computers, files, cell phones, wallets, and other items were stolen from cars. A map showing crime sites was displayed.
- The police will leave the Police Storefront soon. The new Storefront may be in the Rec Center or the Lafayette Hotel.
- A police crime report could be e-mailed regularly on request.

North Park Library Task Force

- Vicki Granowitz gave a history of the project. Council District 3 will support the Task Force's recommendation, which was different from its subcommittee's recommendation.

Balboa Park Committee

- The circulation study will not be brought before the Planning Commission until September.

Clean Needle Exchange Program

- Michael Powers did not attend the meeting. Vicki Granowitz gave a report. The report from SANDAG was completed. It's on the SANDAG website. Granowitz will attend the next meeting since Michael Powers will be on vacation.

Announcements (Continued)

Beth Swersie of the North Park Community Association announced that the San Diego Cajun Playboys will be playing at the free Summer Concert on July 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Bird Park.

New Business

None.

Future Agenda Items

The August will be short, but the September meeting will be a very busy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Kurylo
Secretary