



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

North Park Recreation Center / Adult Center, 2719 Howard Avenue

I. Parliamentary Items (6:00 pm)

- a) Call to Order*
Velasquez, Vidales, Hill, Bonn, Callen, Steppke, Campbell
- b) Modifications & Adoption of the Agenda
Hill/Vidales (7-0-0)
- c) Approval of Previous Minutes: August 9, 2017
Campbell/Callen (6-0-1); Bonn (absence)
- d) Announcements
 1. Vidales: San Diego Chapter Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP) Award for Outstanding Plan, Ordinance, or Policy received by North Park and previous North Park Community Planning Group Chair, Vicki Granowitz for the North Park Community Plan. City Staff attended awards ceremony.
 2. Callen: SoNo Event at the Lafayette Hotel
 3. Bonn: Announced parking district changes that are not final, but we should look at funding, as it is in a shared pot for all communities.
 4. Bonn: University Heights is holding the Taste of University Heights.

II. Non Agenda Public Comment (2 minutes each)

III. Information Item(s) (6:15pm) – *Order and timing of items are estimates only; items may be heard earlier than the time shown.*

A. Proposed Locations for Bikeshare Stations (6:15-6:45pm)

The bike share program is expanding in North park. Background information on the program and specific proposed locations information will be provided. Ahmad Erikat, Associate Engineer-Traffic, City of San Diego.

Erikat reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding existing DecoBike bikesharing program and six (6) proposed new North Park locations:

- 1) El Cajon Blvd./Florida Street (8 docks, on sidewalk, and no loss of parking)
- 2) El Cajon Blvd./Oregon Street (8 docks, adjacent to bus stop, no loss of parking)
- 3) El Cajon Blvd./30th Street (8 docks, no loss of parking)
- 4) 3011 El Cajon Blvd./30th Street (8 docks, loss of 2 non-metered parking spaces, MTS recommended location)
- 5) 3409 30th Avenue (Upas Street/30th Street) (8 docks, loss of 2 15-minute parking spaces, MTS recommended location)
- 6) 4683 30th Street (30th Street/Adams Avenue) (8 docks, loss of 2 15-minute parking spaces, MTS recommended location)

Erikat reviewed City's siting criteria. Staff is not looking for a vote or recommendation from the full Community Planning Group, but any public input is due in two weeks. Instead staff requests that each Subcommittee member provide comments as representatives of the community. Staff will not present to Business Improvement Districts representing proposed locations, but had informed, and will not do so.

Subcommittee Comments:

Recommend using non-physical docking stations, as is done in other U.S. cities.

Subcommittee needs more detailed data about usage of DecoBike in North Park, including ridership totals, patterns, number of docking stations added and removed from community over time, usage by station, etc.

If truly want community input, then should allow more than two-week comment period.

When Subcommittee gets requested data, then it will provide comments to staff. The whole Community Planning Group should provide comments and this will take longer than two weeks.

This item requires action and should have been advertised as a voting item on the agenda. Because it was not, the subcommittee cannot vote on it to provide full Subcommittee comments.

20th and Pershing Drive needs a docking station.

Advertising on the stations blocks visibility and distracts drivers; therefore, not safe.

Staff: They are not located within intersection sight distance triangles.

Should look at placing one at the North Park Theater.

Specific locations with sidewalk interference, safety concerns, and parking issues:

El Cajon and Florida Street (on sidewalk, which presents concerns)

30th Street and Upas Street (terrible location for docking station)

3011 El Cajon Blvd.

El Cajon and 30th Street (potential for loss of landscaping is concern)

Comments by Public:

Ted Martell (Oregon Street and El Cajon Blvd. location) – Stated that his business needs the parking and loss would severely impact business. There is a parking problem now, particularly, with his having to place TVs in customer vehicles.

Rick Piles (Upas Street and 30th Street) – Staff needs a better location for this docking station.

B. Update on previous request for traffic improvements on Upas St. between Ray St. and Pershing Drive. (6:45-6:55pm)

Vidales presented item and read from staff email hand-out written by Matthew Schmidt (9/27/17). Staff recently adjusted the lane widths for westbound approaches at 30th (west) St. & Upas St. to help improve traffic flow, specifically for MTS buses. Speed profile study completed at Upas Street, between Utah Street and Granada Avenue (85% of drivers at or below 33 MPH, but speed limit is 25 MPH). Stop signs were installed along Upas Street at Granada Avenue.

Public Comment:

Rick Pile: Stated that traffic calming enhancements are more appreciated and slow traffic than stop signs. Also concerned about the inability to leave parallel parking spaces due to slow moving vehicles approaching stop signs – there is no gap between vehicles to pull-into traffic flow.

Subcommittee suggested updating CIP list for Upas Street based on staff's email.

C. Update on previous requests for enhanced crosswalks on 30th St. at Dwight St., 30th St. at Myrtle St., and 30th St. at Thorn St. (6:55-7:05pm)

Vidales read from that same staff email regarding 30th St. at the intersections of Dwight St., Myrtle St., and Thorn St. The intersections of 30th St. & Dwight St. and 30th St. & Myrtle St. are both receiving new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) which include blinking pedestrian amber signal lights, along with striped crosswalks and other striping changes. In addition, two new solar-powered speed feedback signs (v-calm signs) along 30th St. will be installed to act as a traffic calming measure. This project is expected to be completed within the next 120 days. The request for the Thorn Street/30th Street enhanced pedestrian crossing has been assigned to another traffic engineer (Billy Reyes, BReyes@sandiego.gov) and needs follow up.

Subcommittee asked if CIP list could be amended now, or is it too late. Vidales to contact City staff on this.

V. **Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items (7:05pm)**

Discussed that in future, possibly adding “informational items” to “action items” agenda, to avoid issue arising out of bike rideshare discussion, and to provide flexibility to Subcommittee. (Need to verify Brown Act in CA Government Code permits this.)

D. Future Agenda Item(s):

1. Action Item: Re-visit DecoBike proposed stations to provide City with official feedback.
2. Possible Action Item: LimeBike dockless bikeshare program for City of San Diego.

VI. **Adjournment (7:10pm)**

Next PF&T Subcommittee meeting date: Wednesday, November 8, 2017

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