



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)

Draft Meeting Minutes

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I. Parliamentary Items

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Attendance Report

Member	Kate Callen	Steve Doster	Kathleen Ferrier	Daniel Gebreselassie	Marc Gould	Peter Hill	Megan Kucharski	Sarah McAlear	Dang Nguyen	Chelsi Sparti	Melissa Stayner	Tim Taylor	Eduardo Velasquez	René Vidales	Randy Wilde
Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Late															
Absences							2								

2. **Minutes: Motion: To approve the April 17, 2018 Minutes. McAlear/Nguyen 14-0-0**

3. **Treasurer’s Report:** Bank account currently has balance of \$996.35. No reimbursement checks were written during last month. Treasurer Sparti made a proposal to make a payment of \$93.71 to René Vidales for 2 folding tables and supplies as well as a payment to purchase NPPC business cards for the cost of \$21.59. Total cost to be \$115.30.

Motion: To approve the \$115.30 in payment. McAlear/Callen 13-0-1 (Vidales abstained)

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Public: Announcement that several homeowners on 29th street do not support parking conversions proposed by the city. A map of homes who do not support as well as a petition with 93 signatures opposed will be submitted to the city,

Vidales: The movie ‘Citizen Jane’ will be showing May 30 at 6:30 pm at Digital Gym in partnership with SD American Planning Association.

Hill: There will be a meeting at Birney Elementary on June 7 at a 6:45 pm with members of San Diego Unified School District Board of Trustees to discuss development proposal for property on Normal Street.

III. Announcements & Event Notices

1. **North Park Thursday Market (Farmers Market).** Every Thursday 3pm-7:30pm year-round, North Park Way from 30th St. to Granada Ave.
2. **Art Around Adams Avenue.** Saturday, June 2, 12-8 pm, Adams Avenue between Oregon and Vista Streets
3. **Rock ‘n’ Roll Marathon.** Sunday, June 3, 6:15 am to 2:30 pm. Map course link: <http://www.runrocknroll.com/san-diego/the-races/course/>

4. **Ray at Night.** San Diego's largest and longest-running monthly art walk. Second Saturday of every month from 6-10pm. Next event is June 9
5. **Taste of Adams Avenue.** Sunday, June 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

IV. Elected Official Reports & contact Info

1. **Jessica Poole, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congress Dist. 53,** 619-208-5353, Jessica.Poole@mail.house.gov. Reauthorization of Farm Bill.
2. **Nick Serrano, Hon. Todd Gloria, State Assembly Dist. 78,** 619-645-3090, Nick.Serrano@asm.ca.gov. In the middle of budget process, big gains this year. CASA legislation to incentivize work force housing.
3. **Toni Duran, Hon. Toni Atkins, State Senate Dist. 39,** 619-645-3133, Toni.Duran@sen.ca.gov
4. **Tyler Renner, Hon. Chris Ward, City Council Dist. 3,** 619-236-6633 TRenner@sandiego.gov. City Council voted in May to join amicus brief supporting the California Values Act, and opposing Trump administration's lawsuit against sanctuary city laws. Per neighborhood concerns on the coming of angled parking, Chris Ward's office will send letters to residents and property owners with news of the proposed changes to reinforce City letters.
5. **Planner's Report:** Elizabeth Ocampo Vivero, 619-236-6301, EOcampo@sandiego.gov. Reintroduced herself after returning from maternity leave. Reminded NPPC board members who did not attend the COW training to complete the eCOW

V. Action Items

1. **Letter of Support for Community Housing Works' (CHW) Arizona Street Development & North Park Seniors Project.** Letter to support APA California 2018 Award Nomination for recently inaugurated project with 76 senior apartments in San Diego's first LGBT-affirming senior community located at Texas Street and Howard Avenue. Sylvia Martinez, CHW Senior Project Manager and Chair Vidales shared a draft letter of support. **Motion: To approve letter of support drafted as presented. McAlear/Gould. 14-0-0**
2. **2017-2018 NPPC Annual Report.** Report consisting of approved meeting minutes from April 18, 2017 to March 20, 2018. The annual report is to be submitted to the City after approval from NPPC. **Motion: To approve the annual report as written and submit to City as requested. Gould/Gebreselassie. 14-0-0**
3. **Grand Jury (GJ) Report on Community Planning Groups.** Opportunity to comment on report and give perspective on the statements and recommendations made by the Grand Jury. Comments due to City May 24. Report available at: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/grandjury/reports/2017-2018/SanDiegoCommunityPlanningGroups.pdf>.

Chair Vidales explained that in this case when a Grand Jury report is distributed, the Mayor is required to respond, and this is generally led by the office of the Independent Budget Analyst.

a. Board comments:

- Taylor: Took issue with some of the comments on the report, such as the lack of diversity delays projects, and consolidation could speed up the process. These do not seem to be further supported in the report.
- Callen: Seems to be flawed report, e.g. GJ interviewed city staff, planners, CPG Chairs, but *not* residents and especially residents impacted by growth. Early in GJ report, a news article is referenced but not properly cited.
- Gould: Report was slightly offensive. Could be challenging to draft a detailed motion.
- Ferrier: Agree with previous comments, but would respectfully disagree that this group is diverse.
- Doster: Agree with comments and recommended bullet points.

- Hill: Would like to replace Ferrier’s recommendation on “demographics” to “affiliations” to be consistent with the report.
 - Velasquez: Agree that draft motion is succinct yet representative of perspectives from Board.
 - Sparti: Agree with draft motion and agree that consolidation of CPGs would change representation and intent of CPGs
 - McAlear: Agree with Kathleen re: comments on demographics. Agree that being succinct in motion is best way to go.
 - Nguyen: Question: Should we address consolidation in general or just to NPPC? Answer: Best to leave as is.
 - Gebreselassie: The CPC is a venue where multiple planning groups are represented.
 - Wilde: Agree with draft motion. Agree with McAlear that NPPC could take leadership position on this issue. Would like to see specific language re: timing/potential delays of project review with requirement of multiple committee review.
 - Stayner: NPPC meetings are already rather long and consolidating meetings would make for even longer meetings. A larger CPG (consolidated) would lead to less familiarity of projects/knowledge of community plan/events, etc. Would be helpful to have City Planners at Subcommittee meetings, not only monthly meetings.
 - Vidales: Consolidation could lead to loss of institutional knowledge as each election will be very competitive. NPPC did not support previous efforts to annex University Heights to another CPG.
- b. Public Comments:
- Rob Steppke: This report wasn’t really addressing NPPC, as the committee doesn’t have the problems addressed.
 - Dionné Carlson: Recommends NPPC to keep succinct language and have individuals make more specific comments, e.g. having a planner available at all meetings, could be changed to be at the request of the Chair.

Motion:

Whereas the North Park Planning Committee (NPPC) is a very large CPG in terms of population with a consistently large work load, competitive elections and fully staff boards, and a recently updated Community Plan that took 8 years in the making and that is currently being implemented;

WHEREAS the NPPC Board is made up of diverse affiliations, and although NPPC already identifies business owners, homeowners, and renters, as well as their neighborhoods, which helps identify a very diverse CPG membership; sees value in all efforts to further connect with the community and recruit new candidates;

WHEREAS NPPC has found the attendance of a Planner at its meeting helpful in giving immediate input on matters at hand;

WHEREAS NPPC requests for project modifications have consistently been related to the project, have carried out its mission to convey community input, and more specifically been based on meeting those required findings which are within the scope of its members’ expertise to comment on;

WHEREAS NPPC broadly supports and encourages training and education of all its members, and sees value in the Community Orientation Workshop (COW) and eCOW trainings given by the Planning Dept.;

BE IT RESOLVED that the NPPC

- **Opposes any consolidation of the NPPC CPG with other CPGs**
- **Supports all efforts to support increasing engagement and candidate recruiting, especially to increase diversity**

- **Supports having its assigned Planner attend meetings when specifically requested by the Chair**
- **Supports timely guidance from the city Planning Department**
- **Supports requiring all members to attend eCOW training each time they are elected**

Hill/Ferrier. 14-0-0

A letter with this motion will be sent to the City on behalf of NPPC.

VI. NPPC Reports

1. Chair's Report

- Award of Merit for North Park Community Plan.** The American Planning Association (APA) San Diego Chapter will give the Award of Merit on Comprehensive Planning-Large Jurisdiction to the North Park Planning Committee and City of San Diego on May 17 at the Coronado Community Center. This is the 2nd award to the NP Community Plan, as the first award was given by the Association of Environmental Professionals last October for Outstanding Planning Document. After a search on awards to local community plans in the last few years, only 2 other community plans have obtained the APA award on comprehensive planning, but none have received both awards.
- Community Planners Committee (CPC).** Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 7-9 pm. 202 C St Civic Concourse. Terrace Level Silver Room. For more info: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpc/agendas/index.shtml>
 - Proposal to revise the City's sidewalk repair policy, Council Policy 200-12.** The Board heard an informational item from CM Alvarez on revising the City's policies on sidewalk maintenance. The CM advocated for the City taking responsibility for repairs, rather than property owners. He cited the fact the maintenance is not occurring, as well as the ongoing cost of civil suits as rationale. The idea was well received.
 - New Planning Director Mike Hansen.** The new Planning Director, Mike Hansen, introduced himself at CPC. He promised to return at a later date for a discussion of planning issues.
 - Master Storm Water System Maintenance Program annual update.** A report was heard on the Master Storm Water Maintenance Program.
 - CirculateSD paper on Proposal to Restructure Community Planning Groups with recommendations on elections, membership, meeting structure, education, staff support, social media.** There was a presentation, by Circulate San Diego on their proposals to restructure the CPC process. There was a decidedly mixed response to the ideas presented. There was relatively strong pushback on the proposals for councilmember appointment of CPG members.
 - Grand Jury Report on Community Planning Groups.** The Chair discussed the City's upcoming response to the Grand Jury Report on CPGs. Feedback to the City can be submitted via a vote of the NPPC board or individually.
 - CPC Officers Elections.** CPC elections will be held at the next CPC meeting, May 22nd.
- Chair Vidales read a letter from H.G. Fenton Company with update on potential removal of Eucalyptus trees on El Cajon Boulevard as part of The BLVD development project.

2. **Social Media.** Chelsi Sparti and Randy Wilde. No update

3. **NPPC Website.** Chelsi Sparti and Randy Wilde. Search engine on website has been added.

4. **Subcommittee Reports:** Limited to Items Not on the Agenda & 5 Min. Max. each)

- Urban Design/Project Review (UDPR):** Peter Hill Chair, Melissa Stayner Vice Chair – NP Rec Center Social Room, 6:00 pm 1st Monday. Felton Street project was moved to June meeting and will be an action item. Had informational item on proposed residential project on Alabama Street, discussed Tentative Map approval process and had some good ideas. Next meeting June 4, 2018

- b. **Public Facilities & Transportation (PF&T):** Eduardo Velasquez Chair, Steve Doster Vice Chair – NP Adult Center, 6:00 pm, 2nd Wednesday. Discussed upcoming utilities undergrounding and will post interactive PDF report. This topic will be revisited at next meeting and will develop FAQs and then include on NPPC website for general public. Next meeting June 13, 2018

5. **Liaisons Reports**

- a. **Balboa Park Committee.** Rob Steppke
 - i. Fiesta Botanica coming May 26, Workshop happening June 7
 - ii. City's Park Master Plan is underway including Balboa Park for next 1.5 years – currently evaluating existing conditions. Public meetings will be held to solicit community input.
 - iii. Open Tree Map app now available to identify tree varieties in Balboa Park
- b. **Maintenance Assessment District.** Peter Hill
 - i. 2 empty tree wells on El Cajon Blvd at Iowa, voted to approve payment at \$1,000 total (\$400 each)
- c. **North Park Main Street.** Tim Taylor
- d. **Adams Avenue Business Association.** Chelsi Sparti
 - i. Taste of Adams happening on June 24
 - ii. Pedestrian improvements going to happen on bridge over 805
- e. **El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association.** Randy Wilde.
 - i. ECBBIA may set up ad hoc committee to conduct Visioning Exercise

VII. **Future NPPC Meeting Dates & Agenda Items:** Next meeting is Tuesday, June 19, 2018

VIII. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.