



# NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

**DRAFT MINUTES: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.**

North Park Recreation Center / Adult Center, 2719 Howard Avenue

### I. Parliamentary Items (6:05 pm)

#### A. Call to Order\*,

NPPC board members: Hill, Velasquez, Gebreselassie, Doster, Callen

Community voting members: Carlson, Bonn, Steppke (6:15)

#### B. Modifications & Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: to adopt. Carlson / Gebreselassie 7-0-0

#### C. Approval of Previous Minutes: March 14, 2018

Motion: to approve. Carlson / Bonn 4-0-3

#### D. Announcements

Velasquez: Traffic signal at El Cajon Blvd. & Mississippi being installed.

### II. Non Agenda Public Comment (2 minutes each).

Bonn : Ernie asked traffic info to City traffic engineer re parking lifts – Tanner French.

Public : - conversions on 29<sup>th</sup> St. – Velasquez: tonight re process, not conversions per se

### III. Action / Information Items

#### A. List of requested considerations re: conversion from parallel parking to angle (head-in) parking

Committee will draft letter of requested practices for noticing and implementation. Follow up action regarding March 14, 2018 presentation by City Staff regarding proposed parking conversions for multiple locations with expected net parking gains. Approved by Community Parking District. Notices to be provided to affected residents and business owners.

**Discussion:** (focus: points for letter from NPPC)

#### **Board:**

Carlson – drafted letter to city. (attached)

Velasquez – don't need #1 – notice renters – Carlson – no, still need. Discussion.

Callen – agrees w Carlson – poor noticing on undergrounding

Carlson – explained item 3

Velasquez – rephrase 3 re checkbox.

Gebreselassie – his issue covered w 8 – wants “wherever possible” removed.

Bonn / Carlson / Callen – re curbs 6 – also lights into houses – Carlson -

Doster – 2 noticing letters? – vote and before construction? No. velasquez. Carlson – add NPPC notification to breaking ground

Gebreselassie – lanes not aligned across intersections. Carlson – center line striping does this. Sugg. add “align etc.”

Hill – rephrase end of 3.

**Public:**

Q. 51% per block? Velasquez – yes; 51% against (opt out) needed to take to SDCC.

Velasquez; proposed editing intro re this.

Q. from 29<sup>th</sup> St. What addresses sent to? Can get? Velasquez – ask: county / realtor

Explanation of voting process re renters and property owners.

**Motion: to approve draft letter as edited; shown below**

Carlson / Steppke 8-0-0

**B. McLellan Street Vacation -info only**

Proposed street vacation consisting of existing access and utility easements along McLellan St. between Fir St. and Grape St. The Vacation also includes a portion of Fir St. east of McLellan St. and a portion of McLellan St. north of Grape St. The total area to be vacated is 70,316 sq. ft. Michael J. Pallamary, PLS, Licensed Land Surveyor and president of Pallamary & Associates

*(from OpenDSD 4/11/18; not on distributed agenda:*

***GREATER NORTH PARK. (Process 5) **Public Right of Way Vacation and Site Development Permit** to vacate unimproved portion of McClellan St. between Grape and Fir St., Block 134 Map 351 located at the 1900 Blk of McClellan St in the RS-1-7 Zone with Sensitive Vegetation and Brush Management overlay zones. Council District 3. DSD Project Manager; Anthony Bernal [AQBernal@saniego.gov](mailto:AQBernal@saniego.gov) PTS 602437***

**Discussion:**

**Board:**

Velasquez asks Hill to lead discussion.

Hill: site development permit?

Pallamary: No.

Carlson: address of location to be vacated?

Hill: 3637 Grape St.

Pallamary:

- professional land surveyor and consultant, accompanied by client.
- Presented diagram, location of site, and multiple aerial views and key map.
- Streets are not maintained by city; no public improvements.
- City has preference for a “marginal” street.

Hill: what is purpose for vacating?

Pallamary: Vacation eliminates public rights to street. Vacate to improve safety, security, assumed ownership by petitioning resident. Furthermore, street serves no purpose.

Hill: clarifies that need of petitioner relates to security of property.

Carlson: question regarding city access.

Pallamary: city would still have access

Hill: access via north end is not physically possible.

Have owners of northwest parcels been contacted?

Pallamary: not yet.

Callen: nervous about abuse by petition applicant for other use of property than what is being presented.

Steve: what is gained from change?

Pallamary: provides ability to maintain and secure property.

Hill: clarifies ownership of parcels.

Pallamary: applicant owns residence, has trust for another parcel, and is partner of bank that owns remaining land.

Daniel: not comfortable with vacating; does not view change as significant for greater security and interfacing with law enforcement; does not want inhibit city’s ability to development of parks

Client: spoke to parks department and city has no plans to build parks, and is supportive of vacating

Hill: clarify want of NPPC by presenter

Pallamary: seeking feedback

Steppeke: applicant should pursue fencing now, as property is

Pallamary: cannot because street is a public right of way

Bonn: any other owners involved in application?

Client: reiterated ownership structure

Bonn: property value will increase

Client: as will property taxes

Carlson: concern that increase in property will increase developable land; have seen instances of large developments following consolidation of adjacent properties; desire for city to maintain easement to Grape St.

Velasquez: invites Pallarmary to return if/when seeking formal action from NPPC.

**Public:**

None.

**C. ofo Dockless Bikeshare – information only**

**Discussion: (get card) – no**

Not normal to drop into city like they did – pushed by competitors

Addresses equity, climate, etc.

Global company – 32M rides daily – diff from station (docked) bikes

How it works (flyer) – ground crew reallocates bikes.

Parking: typically 1-2 months chaotic then drops off. Less abuse of system. Now halfway to this point.

Going to BIDs, planning groups, neighborhood groups. Looking for ways to support community. Looking to subsidize / help low income ppl. for connecting to transit.

**Board:**

Bonn – contact number for left bikes? Need courtesy rules for riders.

Contact info on bike bumpers – local contacts.

Courtesy rules: 1. Good visual cues. 2. On bikes 3. App requires educ to use. 4. Tracks abuse of system.

Steppke: similar concerns to Ernie's – bad parking of bikes. Need more training of customers.

Gebeselassie; total bikes? Can't give number (proprietary). Territory? City. Liability? App has T&Cs. Ofo covers. Also with City.

Sugg. Email blast to customers re problems; SF req 1 bike parking slot for each 2 bikes. Park bikes btwn 2 cars on street.

Eduardo – likes dockless bikes – user education piece important. Q. how responding to Little Italy / Coronado crackdown? LI – now legal issue.

Hill – sharebikes raise profile of all cyclists.

Doster – starting multiple bikeshares at once was main shock. A. competitor drove launch. Normally more engagement up front. Q. crew re-balancing? Yes. Relocating based on use. Retrieve broken bikes. How homeless getting? A. Month of March was free. Need credit card to open bike lock. Ofo working with homeless populations.

Callen: when educating public; consider how are you shifting rush hours commuters to bikes.

Dionne: Aware of SANDAG bike lanes in midcity? Software compatible with MTS Compass Cards? Opportunity to do that? A. difficult to integrate.

Carlson: Sugg follow up mis-parked bikes with education after the fact.

Public: not a biker. Used free bike, liked.

**V. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items:**

**D. Future Agenda Items**

1. SDG&E Utility Undergrounding

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/politics/sd-me-utility-underground-20180218story.html>

**VI. Adjournment (7:30 pm)**

PH/DG unanimous.

**Next PF&T Subcommittee meeting date: Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

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**NPPC Public Facilities Subcommittee Meeting 04/11/2018**

*Motion: to approve draft letter as edited; shown below*

*Carlson / Steppke 8-0-0*

**Draft Letter/motion for discussion on Item III A “Conversion from parallel parking to angle (head-in) parking”**

Due to the large number of requests for increased parking, the difficulty of obtaining responses from absentee property owners, the success of NPPC’s pilot Head-in Parking project at Kansas and El Cajon Blvd, and the success of subsequent head-in and angled parking conversions; NPPC supports the Mid City Parking District’s request to change from an “Opt-in” to an “Opt-Out” system for Parking Conversions from Parallel to Head-in or Angle parking.

As a result of NPPC’s extensive past experience with parking conversions, NPPC requests that, in order to ensure both public satisfaction and public safety, each parking conversion project (Head-in or Angle) include the following:

1. Notice to both residents (including renters) and property owners on each impacted street.
2. Notice to include a clear drawing showing the Proposed parking conversion vs. Existing parking plan, the number of existing spaces, the number of spaces After proposed conversion and any Disabled Parking, Loading zones, etc. clearly marked, along with the location of any red curbing required.
3. Notice to include an Opt-out check-box and a space to write where the recipients are **encouraged** to give the city feedback on any improvements/concerns they might deem advisable/desirable, whether they support the project or not.
4. Center Line striping, particularly when Head-in or Angle parking switches from one side of the street to the other on the next block. Ensure alignment across intersections.
5. A white stripe delineating the limit of how far the Head-in/Angled parked vehicles may extend into the traffic lane without causing a hazard.
6. Sufficient Attention paid to project design area to ensure that curb height and drainage in Parking Conversion project areas are sufficient to prevent the parked vehicle from parking too far forward, thus encroaching over the curb and into the Parkway or PROW.

7. Attention be paid to intrusions in the PROW (utility boxes, etc.) that might impede the safe implementation of such projects without further impeding pedestrian accessibility.
8. Disability spaces should be placed on the ends of the block as parallel parking spaces. So-doing helps ensure better visibility around corners, and thus public safety. It also makes for easy ingress to and egress from the disabled parking spot.
9. Electronic notification to NPPC with Parking Conversion implementation Dates and Times, for distribution as blocks are designated for conversion.