



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	Steve Billings	Steve Doster	Daniel Gebreselassie	Arash Kahvazadeh	Marc Gould	Sarah McAlear	Aria Pounaki	Jen Spencer	Chelsi Sparti	Melissa Stayner	Matt Stucky	Tim Taylor	Eduardo Velasquez	René Vidales	Randy Wilde
Attendance	1	2			3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12
Late															
Absences			1	1								1			

2. Modifications to the NPPC Agenda

a. Consent Agenda Items:

i. Public Facilities & Transportation. Members present: Steve Doster, René Vidales, Ernie Bonn, Robb Steppke

1) **Robinson Avenue Improvements.** Proposed improvements on a “paper street” that are currently in disrepair. Randy Walsh and neighbors of the Kahlos and Florida Manor nearby complexes. ***SUBCOMMITTEE MOTION:*** *To support adding the following project to the North Park Capital Improvement Program Project Prioritization List: Robinson Ave. from Florida St. to the Alley east of Florida St. The project should complete the improvements both on the north side and the south side to match Robinson Ave. west of Florida St. to include curb, gutter, sidewalk, drainage, re-grading of the street, and address all safety concerns from the neighbors. This project should not preclude the implementation of the SANDAG Mid-City Bike Corridor segment on Robinson Ave. In addition, the “paper street” should be removed and this street segment should be added to the inventory roster of street-division maintained assets. Vidales/Doster 4-0-0* ***MOTION:*** **To approve Consent Agenda. Velasquez/PF&T On Consent 12-0-0**

3. **Minutes:** Approval of the March 19, 2019 Minutes. ***MOTION:*** **To approve March 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Stayner/Wilde 11-0-1 (Stucky abstained due to not enough information)**

4. **Treasurer’s Report:** Chelsi Sparti/Randy Wilde. With the additional collection of \$119 from last month, the current account balance is \$1,050.26

II. Election of Board Officers, Appointment of Subcommittee Chairs & Liaisons

1. Election of Board Officers.

MOTION: To approve René Vidales as Chair. Gould/McAlear 11-0-1 (Vidales abstained due to being the subject of the motion)

MOTION: To approve Steve Doster as Vice Chair. Gould/Wilde 11-0-1 (Doster abstained due to being the subject of the motion)

MOTION: To approve Marc Gould as Secretary. McAlear/Stayner 11-0-1 (Gould abstained due to being the subject of the motion)

MOTION: To approve Chelsi Sparti as Treasurer. McAlear/Doster 11-0-1 (Sparti abstained due to being the subject of the motion)

MOTION: To approve Tim Taylor as Community Planners Committee (CPC) Alternate. Rene Vidales/Steve billings 12-0-0

2. Appointment of Subcommittee Chairs & Liaisons.

The following members were appointed by the Chair:

- a. Melissa Stayner as Chair and Aria Pounaki as Vice Chair of the Urban Design/Project Review Subcommittee
- b. Steve Doster as Chair and Arash Kahvazadeh as Vice Chair of the Public Facilities & Transportation Subcommittee
- c. Confirmation of Vicki Granowitz as Balboa Park Committee (BPC) Liaison since this position is appointed by the Mayor's office
- d. Matt Stucky as Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Liaison
- e. Steve Billings as North Park Main Street (NPMS) Liaison
- f. Chelsi Sparti as Adams Avenue Business Association (ABBA) Liaison
- g. Randy Wilde as El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association (ECBBIA) Liaison
- h. Peter Hill as North Park Community Association (NPCA) Liaison
- i. Randy Wilde as University Heights Community Association (UHCA) Liaison

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

1. Susanne Thompson. Read a statement from Matt Thompson welcoming the new board and to remind them that they are representing all constituents with responsibilities that include big picture thinking, weighing opposing viewpoints on their merits, exercising realism of funding, implementation, and enforcement of proposals.

IV. Announcements & Event Notices:

1. **North Park Thursday Market (Farmers Market).** Every Thursday 3pm-7:30pm year-round. More info at: <https://northparkmainstreet.com/events/farmers-market/>
2. **Housing the Next 1 Million (HN1M).** Will hold community team support meetings online twice a month. Next meeting is April 20, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Link to subscribe to HN1M announcements: <https://hn1m.us7.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a89c2e364cd272edc30ddf0a4&id=18208232ed>
Link to join the meeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/580590949>
HN1M Website: www.hn1m.org
3. **SDSU Water Days.** Fostering partnerships for science and solutions. Tuesday, April 23rd at San Diego State University. 1st annual all-day event. FREE event includes: presentation on the future of SDSU at Mission Valley; breakout groups to identify research priorities and visions for the Mission Valley campus; opportunities to meet and interact with researchers, stakeholders, and water professionals; boxed lunch. RSVP at <http://sdsuwaterdays.com/>

4. **Adams Avenue Unplugged.** Saturday, April 27 noon-10pm. Unplugged, formerly the Roots Festival, is a musical walk-about. Acoustic performances are held on 24 stages inside businesses on Adams Avenue. This is one of the best times to experience all that Adams Avenue has to offer. More info at: <https://www.adamsavenuebusiness.com/event-info/adams-avenue-unplugged/>
5. **2019 SDCCU Festival of Arts in North Park.** Saturday, May 11th from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM. This unique and vibrant neighborhood festival brings live music, art, crafts, food and Craft Beers. More info at: <https://www.explorenorthpark.com/festival-of-arts>
6. **50th Annual San Diego Greek Festival.** Music, food and vendors. Friday, June 7 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, June 8 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, June 9 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saint Spyridon Church at 3655 Park Blvd. <http://sdgreekfestival.com>
7. **Hess Fest – Hess Brewing Anniversary Party.** June 22, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Grim Ave. between University Ave. and North Park Way.
8. **First Annual Scoop San Diego Ice Cream Festival.** June 23, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., North Park Way between Granada Ave. and 30th St.
9. **Bird Park Summer Concerts.** July 6 & 20, and August 3 & 17, 3-8 p.m. at the northeastern portion of Balboa Park. More info at: <http://www.northparksd.org>
10. **Visioning Open House Workshop for Citywide Parks Master Plan.** Tuesday, April 23rd 2019 at Balboa Park Club Ballroom 2150 Pan American Rd W, San Diego 92101

V. Elected Official & Planner Reports

1. **Jawad Albaghdadi, Hon. Susan Davis, US Congress Dist. 53,** 619-208-5353, jawad.albaghdadi@mail.house.gov
2. **Mathew Gordon, Hon. Todd Gloria, State Assembly Dist. 78,** 619-645-3090, Mathew.Gordon@asm.ca.gov. Community updates: (1) 17th Annual Easter Basket Wednesday April 17th Located at 1642 University Avenue #100 San Diego CA, 92103 6PM-7PM; (2) California Latino Legislative Caucus Foundation Scholarship program is calling for all qualified students to apply for \$5,000 scholarship. Deadline is June 1, 2019. App. Available at www.CLLCF.org. Legislative updates: (1) **AB 1477** (Introduced) empowers large California cities to confront deceitful businesses by allowing the municipality to collect all civil penalties awarded as a result of prosecution by the city. Historically, fifty percent of awarded civil penalties were required to go to the district attorney even if the case was entirely prosecuted by a city attorney. (2) **Other Bills:** Assembly member Gloria is co-author of a couple housing bills currently moving through the legislative process (a) **AB 68** (Granny Flats/Casitas): This bill will would require permits for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) be issued in 60 days rather than 120 days and prohibit local ordinances that apply lot coverage, lot size, or floor area ratio requirements to ADUs; and (b) **AB 816** (Flexible Housing Program): This bill establishes a consolidated funding source for homelessness and housing. The bill appropriates \$450 million to the program annually, which is then made available to cities, counties, and continuums of care to fund a variety of housing options and services. (3) **AB 1734** (Missing Middle Tax Exemption): This bill provides a property tax exemption for multi-family rental housing for middle-income households.
3. **Toni Duran, Hon. Toni Atkins, State Senate Dist. 39,** 619-645-3133, Toni.Duran@sen.ca.gov (1) Funding is now available from Senator Atkins' bill, SB2, for cities to update their community plans and address our housing crisis. (In January, \$2.5mil came to San Diego from SB2 to combat homelessness. That funding went to the Regional Task Force on the Homeless). (2) The California Department of Housing and Community Development awarded \$40.7 million to San Diego County to build permanent housing with supportive services for people who live with severe mental illness and are experiencing homelessness or chronic homelessness or are at-risk of chronic homelessness. This funding comes thanks to California voters, who approved Prop 2 this past November, allowing the "No Place Like Home" program to move forward. (3) SDG&E consumers - \$31.32 "California Climate Credit" on electricity bill this month. This is part of the State's efforts to combat climate change. You'll see another rebate in October. (4) Go-Biz announced the latest round of CA Competes Tax Credits last Thursday 4/11. San Diego County did extremely well, netting 25% of the

awards - far greater than our % of state population (8%). [9 companies, \$19.3 million in tax credits, \$247.5 million in investments, 772 new jobs]. The number of companies in SD County that have received awards since 2014 is similar to that of LA County, whose population is about three times larger. (In 2018 the program was extended for an additional five years with at least \$180 million in tax credits available for allocation to business each year through 2023.)

4. **Tyler Renner, Hon. Chris Ward, City Council Dist. 3**, 619-236-6633 TRenner@sandiego.gov. (1) Councilmember Ward voted against moving the Citizens Initiative, “Yes for a Better San Diego” to the March 2020 ballot due to concerns over Measure L and voter participation. (2) The Mayor released his proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget, which includes more funding for infrastructure and homelessness. (3) Over the coming weeks, the City Council will comb through the budget for every City department to understand that impact to neighborhood services. Funding for the North Park Mini-Park is included in the budget. (3) The public is invited to attend the evening budget meeting on Monday, May 13th at 6:00pm at the City Council. (4) Tonight, the community will hear information for improved bicycle facilities for 30th Street. The North Park Planning Committee will make a recommendation at their May 14th meeting.
5. **Elizabeth Ocampo Vivero**, 619-236-6301, EOcampo@sandiego.gov. There is an upcoming Community Orientation Workshop (COW), which is a requirement for new board members of all community planning groups, May 18, 2019 from 8:45 a.m. – Noon at 202 C Street, San Diego (City Concourse, Silver Room), RSVP required to attend. Attendance by all elected planning group members at a COW session or by completing the Electronic COW (E-COW) after being elected or appointed to a planning group satisfies the requirement for planning group members to complete an orientation training session. In order to meet the criteria for indemnification this training must be completed within 60 days of being elected or appointed. The session discusses City Council Policy 600-24, “Standard Operating Procedures and Responsibilities of Recognized Community Planning Committees,” and is a great opportunity to hear dialogue about operations of community planning groups. This four-hour workshop includes breakout sessions with speakers from a variety of City departments.

VI. Information Item:

(7:10 p.m.)

- 1) **Proposal for the implementation of Bike Lanes along 30th Street from Howard Avenue to Juniper Street.** The 30th Street Pipeline project, which will replace water pipelines from Howard Ave. to Juniper St. is currently underway and resurfacing presents an opportunity to add improved bike facilities. The pipeline construction timeline is from April 2018 to July 2020, and repaving will occur in phases after construction, beginning at Juniper St. and ending at Howard Ave. Everett Hauser, Mobility Program Manager at City of San Diego, Transportation & Storm Water Department made a presentation.

The presentation gave some background on the North Park Community Plan and its vision and policies, as well as City policies such as the Climate Action Plan and Vision Zero which aims at reducing fatalities due to collisions between cars and bikes or pedestrians. 30th Street currently has a Class III Bike Route designation which consists of a shared lane condition with bikes and autos, with ‘sharrows’ striped on the road. A graphic was shown depicting that 51-56% of the total population may not bike at all if bicycle facilities do not meet needs for perceived comfort, while 5-9% of the population generally prefers some separated facilities but are comfortable riding in bicycle lanes or on paved shoulders if need be, and finally 1-2% of the total population would be comfortable riding with traffic and would use roads without bike lanes. The 30th St. bike lanes would connect with the SANDAG bikeway projects at Howard Ave. and at Landis St.

- **Segment 1: Howard Ave. to Upas St.** with three options:
 - i. **Option A. Cycle Tracks (No Parking).** This option offers a Class IV protected bike lane on both sides of the street. This option maintains the center turn lane and removes 258 on-street parking spaces.
 - ii. **Option B. Cycle Tracks (Floating Parking).** This option offers a separated bike lane with ‘floating’ parking spots between the bike lane and travel lanes. This option removes the center turn lane and retains some on-street parking but removes 142 parking spaces.

- iii. Option C. Buffered Bike Lanes. This option offers a Class II separated, painted bicycle lane on both sides of the street. This option removes the center turn lane and retains most on-street parking but removes 111 parking spaces.
- Segment 2: Upas St. to Juniper St. with two options:
 - i. Option A. Cycle Tracks (No Parking). This option offers a Class IV protected bike lane on both sides of the street. This option removes a total of 162 parking spaces on both sides of the street.
 - ii. Option B. Bike Lane (uphill) / Shared Lane (downhill). This option offers a downhill shared bike lane and an uphill separated bike lane. This option removes 74 parking spaces on the uphill portion of the street.

This presentation has also been made to North Park Main Street (2 previous meetings and one upcoming meeting), Burlingame Neighborhood Association, El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association, Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee, South Park Business Group, North Park Maintenance Assessment District, and North Park Planning Committee (1 previous subcommittee meeting, the current meeting and one upcoming meeting). The majority of the attendees were in support for the proposed bike lanes. Some supported the no parking option, and some supported the reduced parking option, but the feeling was that the protected bike lanes were the best. There were a few business owners and residents that were concerned about parking and where the business patrons will park, and also concerned residents who believe the overflow parking will end up in front of their residences. NPPC will hear this item again in May.

VII. **Action Item:**

- 1) **White Paper on adding Multi-Family Housing to solve the Housing Crisis.** White Paper from Councilmember Scott Sherman. The paper highlights North Park as a prime example of an area that has supplied the largest amount of multi-family development outside of Downtown. The board was briefed on the white paper and decided to take no action at this time.

VIII. **NPPC Reports**

1. **Chair's Report**
 - a. **Upcoming Awards for North Park projects.**
 - i. The *American Society of Civil Engineers* San Diego Chapter will give awards on April 26 to the following projects: AT&T North Park Water Tower Cell Site, Georgia Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project, Upas Street Pipeline Replacement Project, and University Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project
 - ii. The *American Public Works Association* San Diego & Imperial Counties Chapter will give awards on May 16 to the following projects: AT&T North Park Water Tower Cell Site, Georgia Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project, and Upas Street Pipeline Replacement Project
 - b. **Water Tower Public Art Project.** The final conceptual design was presented to the selection committee by the artist team of Bhavna Mehta and Lynn Susholtz on November 7, 2018 and approved by the North Park Historical Society Board on November 15, 2018. An application will be eventually submitted to the City of San Diego Commission of Arts and Culture.
 - c. **Changes to Historic Reviews.** The process for receiving community input about building permits being requested for properties older than 45 years has changed. The City is now just posting addresses on a web page for only 5 days instead of the previous email notification.
 - d. **San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) Visioning Workshop.** Community input was sought on the Ed Center site at Park Blvd./El Cajon Blvd. Workshop held on April 3.

- e. **National Park Service Proposes Changes to National Register Regulations.** Proposed changes would give federal agencies power to block National Register listings and eligibility determinations of federally owned properties, and also give large landowners the ability to block historic district and property listings. The changes appear designed to limit the input of local communities in the National Register listing process while giving more power to large corporations.
Proposed regulations: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/03/01/2019-03658/national-register-of-historic-places>
Link to submit comments: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=NPS-2019-0001>
- f. **Circulate San Diego Memo on Legal Concerns with Community Planning Group Structure.** The memo specifies legal concerns regarding compliance with the San Diego City Charter and the application of the California Political Reform Act to CPGs. Link to memo: http://www.circulatesd.org/memo_legal_concerns_with_structure_of_city_of_san_diego_s_community_planning_groups
- g. **Proposal for Citizen’s Committee to overhaul Community Planning Groups.** This is a compilation of the Audit, Grand Jury Report, and CirculateSD proposals. The ideas in the memo are not new, only the Committee is new. The committee is proposed to be comprised of the following: 11 members, 3 from CPC, 2 from small businesses, 1 from BIA, 1 from an infill developer, 1 from Planning Commission (past or present), 1 from Transit/Mobility advocacy organization (such as Circulate SD), 1 from DSD or Planning Department staff, and 1 from Environmental or Climate Action advocacy organization (such as Climate Action Campaign). Link to memo: https://onbase.sandiego.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/ViewDocument/Staff%20Report-%20Citizen%20Committee%20on%20CPG%20reform%20for%20LUH%204.10.19_.docx.pdf?meetingId=1494&documentType=Agenda&itemId=35074&publishId=165588&isSection=false
- h. **Community Planners Committee (CPC).** Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 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>
 - i. **Mixed Use Regulations.** The new zones are intended to be applied in Transit Priority Areas (TPAs), where mixed-use does not currently exist and additional discretionary actions are required to meet the project goals. The zones could also be applied in areas that do not have a strong grid system with defined primary and secondary frontages, walkable blocks and connections to transit. It would be preferable that planning mixed land uses be accomplished by Community Plan Amendments initiated by the City under a public process, as opposed to being initiated by proponents on a more ad hoc basis. The City of Villages Strategy was supposed to provide for this type of development and intensity. The regulations were being sold as a way to get better design. CPC voted to support the regulations.
 - ii. **Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects Prioritization.** This item is coming in the future months.
- 2. **Social Media.** Chelsi Sparti/Randy Wilde. A few posts were generated regarding the election results and the proposed bike ways.
- 3. **NPPC Website Update.** Chelsi Sparti/Randy Wilde. Updated the list of board members on the website
- 4. **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - a. Urban Design/Project Review (UDPR): Peter Hill Chair, Melissa Stayner Vice Chair – NP Adult Center, 6:00 pm 1st Monday. No UDPR meeting in April; next meeting May 6. May action item: NDP for 11-unit building at 3770 Alabama St., between Wightman and Landis. Next meeting May 6, 2019

- b. Public Facilities & Transportation (PF&T): Eduardo Velasquez Chair, Steve Doster Vice Chair – NP Adult Center, 6:00 pm, 2nd Wednesday. Only item heard was in the Consent Agenda. Next meeting May 8, 2019

5. **Liaisons Reports:**

- a. Balboa Park Committee. Vicki Granowitz. (1) Two Special Events during the Summer Moratorium were approved (a) ESRI User Conference on July 10, 2019 and (b) House of Pacific Relations Ethnic Food Fair May 26, 2019. (2) Two Information Items were given (a) Engaging Volunteers as a Service Enterprise by the Balboa Park Conservancy and (b) Botanical Building Restoration Concept Plans by Kotaro Nakamura. (3) Reports (a) City staff starting on Master Plan for Inspiration Point presented by Casey Smith Deputy Director Regional Parks Division; (b) Food Truck Friday starting the 1st Friday in April; (c) Trees to Treasures – Plan to use dead trees to create items to be sold to generate funds for the park; (d) Two incidents of vandalism to the Carousel; (e) Friends of Balboa Park are fund raising to restore the Palm Canyon Bridge at \$1.4 million project; (f) Balboa Park Cultural Partnership has invest \$80 million over the last 9 years. Projected to invest \$200 million in the next 9 years. Cost have gone up exponentially do to having to pay prevailing wages.
- b. Maintenance Assessment District. Peter Hill. Elected Officers: Chair – Peter Hill; Vice Chair – Rob Steppke; Secretary – Jean Samuels
- c. North Park Main Street. Tim Taylor. (1) The Board approved extending the Bid Contract agreement with the City, something done on an annual basis. The contract is unchanged and covers Main Street’s work coordination services within the Business Improvement District. (2) The Board took notice of the additional (3rd) design option for the 30th St. bikeway project, and the fact that it would be discussed at the next NPPC meeting. (3) The Board heard an update on the Festival of the Arts. Main Street expects to exceed their targets for vendors and sponsorships, which is important because of increasing costs. (4) The (Interchange) temporary art project is moving forward with the first of six taking place on the vacant 7-11 property. The next NPMS meeting is June 13th.
- d. Adams Avenue Business Association. Chelsi Sparti. Discussed painting of light poles along Adams Ave.
- e. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Assoc. Randy Wilde.
- f. Florida Canyon Enhancement Planning (SDCL). Chelsi Sparti. Next meeting will consist of a canyon visit on April 20th

IX. **Future NPPC Meeting Dates & Agenda Items:** Next meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 2019 (**NOTE DATE CHANGE TO 2ND TUESDAY FOR THE MAY MEETING**)

X. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm

Meeting Minutes submitted by Marc Gould