



# NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

[northparkplanning.org](http://northparkplanning.org)

## Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES: Wednesday, February 13, 2019– 6:00 p.m.

North Park Recreation Center / Adult Center, 2719 Howard Avenue

### I. Parliamentary Items (6:00 pm)

- a) Call to Order\*  
Attendees: Eduardo Velasquez, Steve Doster, René Vidales, Randy Wilde, Peter Hill, Ernie Bonn, Daniel Gebreselassie (arrived at 6:03PM)
- b) Modifications & Adoption of the Agenda: **Bonn/Wilde 6-0-0**
- c) Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes: January 9, 2019 **Hill/Vidales 5-0-2 (Velasquez and Gebreselassie abstained due to not being present at the meeting)**
- d) Announcements
  - a. Bonn: Councilperson Ward mentioned comfort station for Trolley Barn Park. This is opposed by UHCDC and University Heights Recreation Council.
  - b. Vidales: Voice of San Diego article reported Plaza de Panama project is on hold due to increased construction costs.
  - c. Wilde: NPPC Board elections will be held at the March meeting.

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

- Mission Avenue pedestrian warning light is always broken.
- Are meetings being held regarding staging areas on the 30<sup>th</sup> Street pipeline project?

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

#### A. Mission Valley Community Plan Update DRAFT PEIR (6:15-6:45pm)

The Mission Valley Community Plan update includes widening Texas St. north of Madison Ave., as well as cross streets, to mitigate traffic impacts in North Park. See pages 426 and 428 of the PDF in the PEIR: [https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/compiled\\_deir-compressed.pdf](https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/compiled_deir-compressed.pdf)

#### Discussion

Doster: Opposes widening of Texas Street. Cars speed down Texas Street into Mission Valley and many cars drive in the bike lane.

Wilde: Opposes widening of Texas Street and in favor of protected bike lanes down the hill into Mission Valley.

Gebreselassie: Traffic lights need coordination on Qualcomm/Texas Street crossing I-8. Extra width of road would be better utilized for bike lanes.

Bonn: Texas Street shouldn't be four lanes. It would impact residential area. A parking curfew could be implemented along Texas at certain times.

Hill: Mission Valley Community Plan proposes worst-case scenario covered in the North Park Community Plan. Focus should be on Texas Street between Madison Avenue and South Camino del Reina.

Vidales: Opportunity to state support for protected bike lanes and lighting on Texas Street. Does not support Texas Street widening. There is the new historic district Melhorn & Son, parking will be lost, and this is a residential area.

Velasquez: Opposes widening of Texas Street. Read letter from Marissa Tucker stating opposition to the widening of Texas Street.

Public comments:

- Should reduce speed from 40 mph to 25 mph. Opposed to widening.

**SUBCOMMITTEE MOTION 1:**

**To support adding the following improvements on the east side of Texas St. from Camino Del Rio South to Madison Avenue: (1) Physically protected bike lane; (2) Sidewalk; (3) Acorn style lighting to match the west side of Texas St.; (4) Pedestrian guard rail.**

**Vidales/Hill 7-0-0.**

**SUBCOMMITTEE MOTION 2:**

**To oppose widening Texas St. from Camino Del Rio South to El Cajon Boulevard. The segment Texas St. from El Cajon Blvd. to Madison Ave. has single family homes with driveways, and it includes the recently designated “Melhorn and Son” Historic District. The outdated methodology of Level of Service (LOS) should not be the only methodology used to determine transportation impacts, and other methods should be used such as Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). The following recommendations are made: (1) The synchronization of traffic lights north of Camino Del Rio South would improve traffic flow; (2) Adding protected bike lanes from Camino Del Rio South to Friars Road would improve bicycle utilization; (3) adding a northbound right turn lane at Texas St. and Camino Del Rio South would improve traffic flow.**

**Vidales/Wilde. 7-0-0.**

**V. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items (6:45pm)**

**B. Future Agenda Items:**

**1. 30<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Lane**

**VI. Adjournment (6:56pm) Gebreselassie 7-0-0**

**Next PF&T Subcommittee meeting date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

*For information about the PF&T Subcommittee please visit [northparkplanning.org](http://northparkplanning.org) or contact the Chair, Eduardo Velasquez, at [publicfacilities@northparkplanning.org](mailto:publicfacilities@northparkplanning.org) or (619) 535-8875.*

*\*Subcommittee Membership & Quorum: When all 15 elected NPPC Board Member seats are filled, the maximum total of seated (voting) PF&T Subcommittee members is 13 (up to 7 elected NPPC Board Members and up to 6 seated North Park community members). To constitute a quorum, a majority of the seated PF&T Subcommittee members must be elected NPPC Board Members.*

*Community Voting Members: North Park residents and business owners may gain PF&T Subcommittee voting rights by becoming a General Member of the NPPC and by attending three PF&T Subcommittee meetings. Please sign-in on the meeting attendance list and notify the Chair or Vice-Chair if you are attending to gain Subcommittee voting rights.*

*North Park Planning Committee meetings are held on the second floor of the North Park Christian Fellowship (2901 North Park Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), on the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 pm. The next scheduled NPPC meeting is on February 19, 2019. NPPC Agendas are posted in the North Park Main Street window at 3939 Iowa St #2.*

*For additional information about the North Park Planning Committee, please like our Facebook page and follow our Twitter feed:*



[NorthParkPlanning](https://www.facebook.com/NorthParkPlanning)



[@NPPlanning](https://twitter.com/NPPlanning)