



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES: Wednesday, March 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: Steve Doster, René Vidales, Randy Wilde, Peter Hill, Ernie Bonn, Daniel Gebreselassie, Robb Steppke
- b) Modifications & Adoption of the Agenda **Wilde/Vidales 7-0-0**
- c) Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes: February 13, 2019 **Vidales/Wilde 6-0-1** (abstention by Steppke – did not attend 2/13/19 meeting)
- d) Announcements
 - School district meeting on 4/3 at 6pm at school district office
 - Target is open

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

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

A. **30th Street Bike Lane** (6:15-6:45pm) – information only

Presenters: Tyler Renner (Councilperson Ward's representative) and Everett Hauser (Program Manager for City of San Diego, Transportation & Storm Water Department)

- Due to the 30th Street pipeline project that is now underway, there is an opportunity to restripe 30th Street for enhanced bike lanes between Juniper Street and El Cajon Boulevard
- Class III is current configuration on 30th Street. City looks at opportunities for improvement.
- What is feasible? Eliminating all parking is not feasible.
- Proposing a mix of Class II and Class IV bike lanes.
- Uphill sections of 30th Street would have separate bike lanes while downhill portions will share the street with cars and marked with "sharrows".
- Request is to have the NPPC to vote on this plan since this proposal is a variation from the North Park Community Plan and Bike Plan.
- Tyler reviewed the Fact Sheet. Goal is to have approved recommendation by May or June in order to have time to incorporate the design changes to Pipeline Project.

Community Input

Resident 1: Polls for parking conversions – did NPPC see results?

Answer is no, the NPPC has not seen the parking poll results. A resident of the community brought in the idea to add bike lanes to 30th Street since the Pipeline Project is happening.

Resident 2: Does proposal have Class I bike lanes for Switzer Canyon? Are there curbs between car traffic and bike lanes?

Everett – There are no curbs in the proposal, resurfacing of 30th Street for the Pipeline Project will only allow for painting bike lanes only.

Resident 3: Does parking meter money go towards this proposal?

Tyler – No, parking meter money goes to mobility projects. Mid City parking district has low funds. Money for this proposal is coming from City operational budget.

Resident 3: Concerns over removing parking for businesses. Will people going to the businesses park on the blocks that are having parking conversions? Will residents that voted for the parking conversions know this is the case?

Tyler – Outreach to businesses is occurring about parking and impact of this bike lane proposal.

Resident 4: It will be a good thing to remove parking spot in front of Jack in Box at Upas for bike safety.

Resident 5: How many parking spots will be lost?

Everett – It is not determined yet the exact number of parking spots that will be eliminated.

Subcommittee Member Comments

Bonn: This area is in the area for new density building zones.

Gebreselassie: Always concern about parking spots. Alleys are best place to ride bikes.

Hill: Generally support safer bike lanes. Chairs MAD Citizens Committee for the Switzer Canyon beautification project. Look forward to working on the beautification portion of Switzer Canyon.

Steppe: Generally supportive of the project. Okay with elimination of turning lanes to slow down traffic.

Wilde: Are detailed designs available yet? (No) Comparing to similar streets with this type of project is helpful for comparison. 30th Street is unsafe for bikers and this is an important project for making this a connector to other bikeways. Should separate parking conversion from this bike lane project. Would like to see more protected bike lanes. Like having one type of bike lane along 30th Street rather than switching from one bike lane class to another.

Vidales: Good things in this initial proposal. Need clarification on several items.

This proposal is not in compliance with the Bike Plan. Will that get updated? (No, not until there is a comprehensive update to the Bike Plan). Intersections need enhanced crosswalks, more safety features, consider other safety features at intersections other than paint. Does MAD lose parking meters at 30th Street & University Avenue? Will those meters be replaced with other revenue? What will be presented at next meeting? Need a block by block schematic of what parking spots will be lost. These issues need to be addressed for this proposal at future meetings.

Doster: Support adding bike lanes to 30th Street. Like the idea of having shared car/bike lanes on downhill portions to keep more parking spots. Bike lanes will also help keep scooters off the sidewalks by making designated bike lanes on 30th Street.

Additional Community Input

Resident 1: MAD money comes with strings. Will MAD provide money to make protected lanes? (Answer - Have to honor the original intent of the engineers report, which is primarily beautification)

Request that NPPC look into SANDAG funds for protected bike lanes.

Resident 2: What is the process for this proposal? (Decision makers at the City in the Mayor's office will provide final approval/disapproval after the NPPC and North Park Main Street provide their input for the bike lane proposal.)

What is deadline for input? – (NPPC and North Park Main Street will be the final vote for community input. NPPC will probably vote at the May 14th NPPC meeting.)

Resident 3: As a scooter rider, he supports the bike lane improvements. Difficult to find one contiguous route with consistent class bike lanes for safety. The improved bike lanes University Avenue are sufficient for safety.

Resident 4: Hope narrower lanes can be added as a traffic calming solution.

Resident 5: Getting hit by parked car doors is the most dangerous problem for bicyclists. Likes using next street over on 29th Street with access for bikes.

Resident 6: Should include south of Juniper Street to continue the bike lane improvements.

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

B. Future Agenda Items:

1. 30th Street Bike Lane

VI. Adjournment (6:50pm)

Next PF&T Subcommittee meeting date: Wednesday, April 10th, 2019

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