



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL: Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Registration Link: bit.ly/publicfacilitiesreg

I. Parliamentary Items (6:00 pm)

- a) Call to Order*
Arash Kahvazadeh, Steve Doster, Aria Pounaki, Peter Hill
- b) Modifications & Adoption of the Agenda **Doster 4-0-0**
- c) Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:
August 11th, 2020 **Kahvazadeh/Doster 3-0-0 (Hill abstained - not in attendance)**
October 13th, 2020 **Arash/Aria 4-0-0**
- d) Announcements - none

II. Non Agenda Public Comment (2 minutes each)

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

A. SANDAG Roundabouts in University Heights (6:15-6:50pm) Action Item

Presenter: Tyler Renner, Director of Community Outreach, Councilmember Ward's office,
TRenner@sandiego.gov

SANDAG's Georgia-Meade Bikeway Project is currently under construction. The project includes roundabouts at several intersections in the North Park Planning Committee area. There are two roundabouts (one at Meade Ave & Alabama Street, and one at Meade Ave & Louisiana Street) that are in the University Heights neighborhood, as identified in the North Park Community Plan. These two roundabouts have been completed and sandblasted with the name "North Park" as decorative elements. SANDAG submitted final design plans to the City of San Diego's Development Services Department and were approved with the decorative elements included. Residents of University Heights, including the leadership of the University Heights Community Association, are requesting these two roundabouts to be updated to read "University Heights" instead of "North Park". Community identity is important to Councilmember Ward and our office has worked with SANDAG to discuss design solutions to reflect this neighborhood identity.

Requested Action: Seek community input from NPPC on which design options are preferred for these two roundabouts. Funding for these changes will be determined by SANDAG and the Mayor's office.

Speakers: Tyler Renner (Councilman Ward's office), Danny Veeh and Natalie Cushman (SANDAG representatives)

Presenters and PFT Subcommittee discussion

- SANDAG did outreach to community and NPPC throughout the planning process
- SANDAG chose to add a decorative element to add names of planning areas very late in the planning process
- SANDAG had City Planning Department review and approve the final designs, but public and NPPC did not have input on the final decorative elements

- Two roundabouts named “North Park” when they are located in the University Heights neighborhood
- Options
 - Leave as-is – no cost
 - Remove “North Park” and replace with “University Heights” – approximate cost is \$40,000-\$50,000 total for both roundabouts
 - Remove “North Park” and leave blank - approximate cost is \$40,000-\$50,000 total for both roundabouts
 - Leave North Park and add signage for University Heights - \$200 to \$400
- Costs will be covered by City and SANDAG
- City has infrastructure budget that this cost would come from if not from SANDAG budget for this project
- Arash – Why wasn’t final design shown to NPPC?
- Danny Veeh – Looked at the community plan names to use for roundabouts. They used the City’s officially designated General Plan.
- SANDAG’s process is to go through the City Planning Department
- Adding the community names was a feature added towards the end so there was not much time to get community input
- Tyler – University Heights is split between two planning groups. They don’t get the advocacy that other neighborhoods have
- Steve – Supportive of the change. However, concerned about the cost during pandemic, budget cuts, and business closures. Could UHCA do a fundraiser to help with the cost?
- Aria – North Park Community Plan shows University Heights as going all the way to 30th and University. What is officially University Heights? These two roundabouts clearly are in University Heights neighborhood. Other roundabouts farther east could be called into question.
- Peter – Generally supportive of correcting the name. Community Plan specifies to help identify and call out the neighborhoods within the North Park planning area. Agrees with making the change to remove North Park and add University Heights to the roundabouts

Public Comment

Speaker 1 – Where did the cost for adding signage come from? (Danny doesn’t have an official cost estimate, but SANDAG makes signs often) Is cost estimate for one or both roundabouts? (Danny – The cost is total for both) Christine will be attending future NPPC meetings. Feels that the NPPC did not represent UH residents and NPPC should take accountability for this.

Would like this cost to be covered by the City. UH will not offer to help pay for this change.

Speaker 2 – What would be the timing? (Danny – Would finish before end of project in Spring of 2022. Could get a change order to make that quicker). Could wait until the end of the project and funds could be available in SANDAG budget, Covid pandemic could be over towards end of project.

Speaker 3 – Maybe NPPC could help keep UH updated on issues. Unfortunate SANDAG did not have liaison for NPPC. SANDAG should have received input from NPPC.

Motion: Kahvazadeh / Doster 4-0-0

Support the removal of “North Park” from the two roundabouts on Meade Avenue Bikeway at Alabama and Louisiana Streets and replace with “University Heights” as long as the estimated \$50,000 cost is paid by SANDAG’s budget.

V. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items (6:50pm – 7:00pm)

B. Future Agenda Items:

1. Wireless Ordinance – have a wireless company present on future installation of new lamp posts

VI. Adjournment (7:00pm) Adjourned 7:04PM

Next PF&T Subcommittee meeting date: Tuesday, January 12th, 2020

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