



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES: Wednesday, May 19th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. – **SPECIAL MEETING**

Zoom Registration Link: bit.ly/publicfacilitiesreg

I. Parliamentary Items (6:00 pm)

- a) Call to Order: 6:01 p.m.
Board Attendees: Arash Kahvazadeh, Matt Stucky, Beau Benko, Basil Mournian, Ginger Partyka, Pat Sexton (sitting as voting subcommittee member)
- b) Modifications & Adoption of the Agenda - **No modifications**
- c) Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes: April 13th, 2021
Motion: Sexton/Stucky 6/0/0
- d) Announcements:
Angela Landsberg of North Park Main Street announced an event on May 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the intersection of 30th and University to "Shine a Light."
Randy Walsh and Angela Landsberg announced the installation of North Park wayfinding signage throughout the community.

II. Non Agenda Public Comment (2 minutes each)

No comments

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. Greater utilization of North Park Garage - (6:15-7:15 pm)

Informational/action Item

Presenters/speakers:

- **Ryan Darsey** - Director of Community Engagement, Office of Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn (RDarsey@sanidiego.gov)
- **Kohta Zaiser** - Community Representative, Office of Mayor Todd Gloria (ZaiserK@sanidiego.gov)
- **Angela Landsberg** - Executive Director, North Park Main Street (angela@northparkmainstreet.com)

Presentation: North Park Main Street (NPMS) has worked with the garage operator in the past and wants to continue to collaborate on connecting businesses to garage for validation and promotion. City staff and management believe lighting is adequate and any security concerns are on adjoining property. Any attempts to "fix" the garage contingent on broader use.

Potential for hosting events in the garage for public to learn about it.

Comments: Who sets the rates? Who manages and controls decisions concerning the garage? City staff will seek answers from Civic San Diego and Ace Parking.

NPMS expressed interest in placing signs advertising current rates.

Randy Walsh: interested in seeing overall financial statements including commercial leases in ground floors and monthly/quarterly operating statements.

Pat Sexton: suggested that signs be put on posts for high visibility from a distance and to avoid concerns about being stolen. From community, hears that garage is dark, smells, and lacks security. Landsberg reported that there are no records of significant criminal history in the garage. Also suggested there should be a number to report trash or mess.

Kate Callen: questioned NPMS's position on removal of on-street parking.

Paul Jamason: expressed he had no safety issues when he has used the garage. Disappointed to hear garage is underused and losing money. Questioned need for additional parking based on low use. Questioned need for city to subsidize business outreach to promote garage.

Steve Oechel: suggested real value in using parking garage is overnight parking. Would be valuable to nearby property owners to advertise to tenants. Appreciative of saxophone player in the garage that gives community character.

Darsey: shared that adding more security would potentially cause rates to increase.

Victor Torres: supports increasing utilization of the parking garage, but benefit of use diminishes quickly for businesses farther away. Notes that garage has a perception in the community of being unsafe.

Yvette Marcum: statistics for garage won't be entirely accurate unless people make report. Expressed need for individuals to walk together and perhaps businesses to assist customers.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Pat Sexton: hopes presentation is unrelated to bike lane issues to push people into paid parking. Also expressed concerns about distance of garage from many businesses in the community. Good for young, able-bodied people, but not the majority of the population.

Matt Stucky: perception of safety issues is just as important as actual safety problems. Would like to see crime report to address either way.

Basil Mournian: curious if there is a study about use of parking garages based on radius of destination.

Arash Kahvazadeh: summarized concerns and asked city staff to follow up:

- follow up with Jeff at Civic San Diego about businesses currently contracting with garage
- NPMS to send email blast to other businesses
- who defines rates?
- signage possibilities
- potential for events and discounts for events at garage
- financial information and lease status (Walsh clarification: 36 months of itemized income and expenses and current lease abstracts)
- information from SDPD from reported crimes
- who to call about sanitation and security issues
- promotion to property owners/tenants

V. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items (7:30 pm)

B. Future Agenda Items:

1. City update on expected timeline for North Park Library upgrade: Matt recently obtained contact information for library staff, will follow up.
2. Research possibility of creating a North Park parking district: Arash received information to review on past efforts.
3. Review/update of capital improvement projects
4. Updating Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Assessment Engineers Report (AER): on hold for PBID reballoting.
5. Update status on Sewer-Storm Drain Group Job 828, Project No. 652296 per community recommendations for local mitigation & use of alternative energy dissipater designs: hoping to have follow-up conversation with city staff after past meetings to discuss alternative designs, which then will be reported to subcommittee.
6. Status update on University Ave Mobility project per community recommendations regarding improved lighting, use of historic lamps, improved crossings, and bike rack additions: some improvements have been made, but others are beyond the scope of the budget for the current project. Sexton comment that rampant bike theft means no racks will be used. Marcum: could we add bike lockers to parking garage? Jamason: better quality bike racks would be helpful.
7. Research sidewalk improvement designs (app-based parking instead of meters, ideas for replacing parking signs installed on sidewalks, etc): Marcum: does not like apps for parking, but suggested considering use of MTS smart card for meters rather than apps.

VI. Adjournment 7:40 p.m.

Next PF&T Subcommittee meeting date: Tuesday, June 8th, 2021

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