



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)

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I. Parliamentary Items

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Attendance Report (6:33 p.m.)

	Kenny Bedoya	Steve Billings	Kate Callen	Lynn Elliott	Claudia Flores	Marty Graham	Arash Kahvazadeh	Steve Oechel	Tyler Renner	Mark Spitzer	Victor Torres				
Attendance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Late															
Absences															

2. Modifications to the NPPC Agenda: None

MOTION: To approve the July Agenda. Torres/Elliott (10-0-0)

3. Minutes: Approval of the June 21, 2022 NPPC meeting Draft Minutes.

MOTION: To approve the June Minutes. Elliott/Torres (10-0-0)

4. Treasurer's Report: Victor Torres reported that our balance is \$1,124.47, reflecting a \$6 Google charge, and he thanked past chair Aria Pounaki for helping us gain access to the account.

II. Special Election Results

Tyler Renner announced four elected Board members and their vote totals are Brian Saull (114 votes), Carmen Cooley-Graham (112 votes), Janine Rochelle (107 votes), and Jim Greene (103 votes). There

were 77 write-in votes for various candidates. Tyler thanked Claudia Flores, Marty Graham, Bob LaRose, and Pat Sexton for serving on the Subcommittee.

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- Yvette Renee asked if NPPC was tracking changes to short-term vacation rental regulations.
- Lynn Elliott reported from NP Rec Council that two dog parks are open in NP Community Rec Center area and staff are serving lunch to children. She also reported crime stats from SDPD rep Jenny Paul: 5 residential burglaries, 14 vehicle break-ins, 11 stolen vehicles, 1 assault.
- Kate read a portion of a written warning from Walt Pennington that NPPC's northparkplanning.org is not secure and poses a security threat to website visitors [statement attached to minutes].
- Pat wanted to clarify June minutes: neither NP Community Plan nor City Master Plan call for parking removal or Class 4 bike lanes; both say North Park needs more parking; NP Community Plan has not been updated since 2016.

Announcements & Event Notices:

- Balboa Park Committee meeting on Thursday, July 21; agenda will include Park Blvd. Reconfiguration.
- "Day to Day Vintage Market" will take place at the NP Mini-Park, 3rd Saturday of the month, July through December 2022, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

IV. Elected Official & Planner Reports

Abbey Reuter, Hon. Nathan Fletcher, SD Board of Supervisors Dist. 3, (619) 531- 4936, Abbey.Reuter@sdcounty.ca.gov. Abbey reported County budget passed on June 28 included \$71.8 million for behavioral health system and \$11.9 million for affordable housing to reduce homelessness [statement attached to minutes].

Yvette asked for accountability criteria and clear goals be established for non-profits that receive grant awards for homeless services; Abbey will follow up.

Kohta Zaiser, Hon. Todd Gloria, Mayor of San Diego, ZaiserK@sandiego.gov [could not attend, report statement attached to minutes].

Stophor Vallejo. Toni Atkins, State Senate Dist. 39, 619-645-3133; could not attend

Ryan Darsey, Hon. Stephen Whitburn, City Council Dist. 3, (619) 236-6633 RDarsey@sandiego.gov.5. Ryan said the City's short-term rental info website is: <https://www.sandiego.gov/treasurer/short-term-residential-occupancy>. He reported that the Council voted to implement Disparity Study recommendations and approve Community Parking District FY2023 plans; official opening of NP Community Park dog park coming soon; shade structure for NP Mini-Park still in the works.

Jeffrey Ryan, Planning Department, (619)235-5221 JTRyan@sandiego.gov; could not attend; Kate thanked Jeff for his service to NPPC during the past four transition months.

Chris Gris, Hon. Chris Ward, State Assemblymember, Christopher.gris@asm.ca.gov; could not attend

V. Information Item

1. Rebuilding NPPC

Introduction of Subcommittee Chairs: Kate reported the next step after tonight's Special Election will be rebuilding the two Standing Subcommittees, and she introduced the new Chairs: Mark Spitzer for Urban Design/Project Review (UD/PR), which will meet Monday, Aug. 1, reported that his experience as a builder makes him familiar with UD/PR topics; he hopes to communicate more with City and community on apartment buildings with scarce on-site parking and mitigating the impact of new housing on carbon emissions.

Steve Oechel for Public Facilities/Transportation (PF/T), which will meet Tuesday, Aug. 9, reiterated the PF/T mission and invited community members to become involved.

Kate reported Subcommittees have five voting members: three Board, two community; she asked community members to attend meetings and Board members to consider serving on one or both.

Liaison Positions: Kate identified positions for NPPC liaisons to other community groups:

1. Balboa Park Committee: filled by Howard Blackson (absent tonight)
2. North Park Main Street: filled by Steve Billings, he will continue
3. Maintenance Assessment District: unfilled
4. Adams Avenue Business Association. unfilled
5. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: unfilled
6. North Park Community Association: Lynn will check on NPCA status
7. University Heights Community Association: unfilled

Yvette expressed interest in UD/PR.

Basil Mournian expressed interest in PF/T, prior attendance should qualify him to vote.

Jessica Ripper expressed interest in UD/PR, prior attendance should qualify her to vote

Carmen volunteered for University Heights liaison, may be interested in El Cajon Blvd., UD/PR, PF/T

Two Proposals for Community Engagement: Kate reported the proposals were: first, form a new standing subcommittee on Community Engagement, and second, establish a new Communications Director position. Either would require bylaws changes. NPPC's northparkplanning.org website, which NPPC is not required to maintain, needs revamping; an ad hoc subcommittee could take on that task.

2. **Conversation with Newly-Elected Board Members**

Newly-elected members were asked what motivated them to serve the North Park community.

Carmen said her recent experience with Save Park Blvd taught her the importance of involvement.

Jim said he wants to hold the City accountable for its actions that impact the community.

Janine said she has attended NPPC meeting and felt it was time to represent her neighbors.

Brian said his expertise as a civil engineer will help him navigate processes of working with the City.

VI. **Chair's Report:**

Hybrid Meetings: Kate reported that North Park Christian Fellowship Church, the long-time NPPC meeting site, has technical capability for Zoom/in-person hybrid meetings; she asked for community and Board input on whether NPPC should consider that option.

CPC: Kate reported she will nominate Marty Graham as alternate CPC rep and ask the Board's approval in August. She reported that four issues have held up Councilmember Joe LaCava's CPC reform: removal of CPG waiver of appeals fees; 2-year hold on termed-out CPG members returning; designation or quotas of CPG seats for renters; appointment of CPG members by Mayor and City Council.

Ryan Darsey clarified that Councilmember Whitburn has asked the City Attorney if designated CPC seats would be feasible, and he noted that 63% of District 3 residents are renters.

VII. *New Business:* Mark suggested appointing a Parliamentarian to take responsibility for learning NPPC Bylaws, Council Policy 600-24, Robert's Rules, the Brown Act, and the North Park Community Plan.

Motion for adjournment at 8:10 p.m., Spitzer/Flores, 10-0-0

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From Abbey Reuter, Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher's Community Representative

The County budget was adopted on June 28th and it included several big wins:

- Additional \$71.8 million and 115 new positions for the ongoing transformation of the behavioral health system, moving away from crisis response, and into a prevention and continuous care model.
- \$11.9 million from one-time stimulus funds to develop affordable housing to reduce homelessness.
- \$10 million increase to help people experiencing homelessness region wide by working with cities to fund shelters and places for people to stay.
- 100 new positions for Child Welfare Services to support quality placements for children in care, to strengthen prevention services and connect families to community-based services.
- 100 new positions for essential services including CalFresh and Medi-Cal, to help people get the food and healthcare they need.
- 60 new positions for In-Home Supportive Services for older adults and people who are blind or disabled.

Link: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/openbudget/en/home.html#:~:text=Our%20new%20%247.36%20billion%20budget,Board%20of%20Supervisors%20has%20established.>

From Kohta Zaiser, Mayoral Deputy Director of Community Engagement

Links to resources described at June 21 meeting:

ProjectFinder: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a1c45c92fb6d46efa4b1209941f58c8a>

This shows all active permits and projects Citywide, ranging from a Special Event to a Stormwater improvement.

Streets: <https://streets.sandiego.gov/>

This shows the status of all roads in San Diego, including past, present, and planned work, as well as OCI (Overall Condition Index) which indicates the quality of a street.

July Report:

Homelessness

Safe Parking Program with JFS approved unanimously by Council to expand hours at Mission Valley site to 24 hours (Kearney Mesa sites open 6pm – 7am every day); \$1.43 million to expand program through June 30, 2023; \$440,000 to extend hours

City of San Diego is looking at additional facilities to expand the Safe Parking Program

Palm Avenue non-congregate shelter will temporarily provide a place to live for unsheltered San Diegans who have access to a housing voucher or a pathway to permanent supportive housing; 22 available rooms, shared kitchen and communal spaces, laundry facilities, case management and meeting rooms

The Mayor and Homeless Strategies and Solutions Department has launched their website containing resources, metrics and information about the city's efforts to support its homeless population:
<https://www.sandiego.gov/homelessness-strategies-and-solutions>

Infrastructure

The Mayor's [2023 Ready to Rebuild Budget](#) includes a total of \$77 million in the coming fiscal year, with another \$12.8 million to fix sidewalks in 600 locations around the city, improve traffic flows at intersections, and remove graffiti and weeds.

Public Safety

Public safety was *fully* funded in the [2023 Ready to Rebuild Budget](#) as the City has reached labor agreements w/ all 6 represented public safety employee groups; additionally the City has allocated \$100,000 for San Diego Police Department to enhance recruitment efforts

Job Opportunities

The Mayor has launched "Employ + Empower" to provide 1,000 youth with paid positions at the City. Learn more [here](#).

The City is hiring for various positions, to look through the available job postings visit the [Employment Opportunities](#) page.