



## **NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)**

### **Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee **Minutes****

**January 9, 2024 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Meeting (Virtual Via Zoom)**

##### **In-Person Location:**

**Horizon North Park, 2901 North Park Way, San Diego, CA 92104**

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### **Agenda**

#### **I. Consent Agenda Items (6:00-6:05 p.m.)**

- a. Call to Order, Roll Call and Attendance Report
  - i. **Present Board Members included Doug Schueler, Lynn Elliott, Bob Larose plus 13 attendees from the community**
- b. Modifications & Adoption of the November 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes - **Approved**
- c. Modifications & Adoption of the January 9<sup>th</sup> Agenda – **No Changes**

#### **II. Non-Agenda Public Comment (6:05-6:20 p.m.)**

- a. Limited to Items not on Agenda; non-debatable. Two-minute maximum, Chair can award more time.
  - i. **Public comment on use of soccer fields at Jefferson Elementary. Community member concerns of excessive and late hour noise, balls being kicked against wall on south side, and balls being kicked into private property yards. Lynn Elliott responded that this information will be shared with the North Park Parks and Recreation council.**
  - ii. **Traffic calming ideas to make community more walkable and safe for pedestrians shared by community member Jason Vance.**
  - iii. **North Park Way and 805 Exit light update requested.**
  - iv. **General concerns expressed over increased traffic with population growth.**

#### **III. Action and Informational Items (6:20-6:55 p.m.)**

- a. Informational Item 1: University Avenue Mobility Project Status. Pending update from city of San Diego.

[University Avenue Mobility Project | City of San Diego Official Website](#)

Specific update was not provided by the city at the time of this meeting, however, an update to the website link above was provided subsequent to the subcommittee meeting which provides current status and projected completion for the project.

Additionally, the following general update was provided by Logan Braydis, Community Representative for Councilmember Stephen Whitburn:

University Avenue Mobility Project paving (grind and overlay) is scheduled to start Jan. 16th for approximately 3-4 weeks. The last I heard was that a contractor is working to submit a schedule, sequence, and traffic control plan. I will check in to ask if a sequence has been accepted, and will update you on the response I receive. I will also request that they update the website with new information.

I want to assure you that Councilmember Whitburn is actively addressing the concerns about public safety through a series of initiatives:

1. **Lowering Speed Limits:** Councilmember Whitburn has taken a proactive stance on enhancing pedestrian safety by advocating for the lowering of speed limits. This measure is crucial for creating safer streets for pedestrians.
2. **Traffic Calming Measures:** Recognizing the need for immediate action, Councilmember Whitburn is supporting the implementation of traffic calming measures in our community. These measures aim to reduce risks and enhance overall safety on our streets. We have already had success by implementing speed humps and additional all-way stops in the Altadena Neighborhood. We have also requested evaluations for all-way stops at particular intersections of concern in North Park such as Iowa and Polk, following the unfortunate hit-and-run back in November.
  2. **Budget Allocation for Pedestrian Safety:** Councilmember Whitburn is working towards securing budget allocations dedicated to pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures. This underscores a commitment to addressing these concerns with tangible resources. In our first FY2025 budget memo, we have requested funding for a variety of pedestrian improvements and traffic calming measures in North Park. One CIP priority that is included in the first memo is: “North Park Pedestrian Facility Improvements / No CIP # This project provides for the implementation of pedestrian facility improvements on Morley Field Drive from Park Boulevard to Upas Street, as well as sidewalks, lighting, curb ramps, and crosswalks at locations including, but not limited to, the following: Morley Field and the East Mesa areas of Balboa Park adjacent to North Park including Morley Field Drive from Park Blvd to Florida Street, Morley Field Drive from Florida Street to Upas Street, and Upas Street from Park Blvd. to Florida Street.” The best way for concerned community members to voice their specific concerns regarding intersections or locations is through the following avenues:
    1. **[Reach out to Councilmember Whitburn's office:](#)** One of the best ways to share concerns and inquire about ongoing or planned initiatives is to reach out to our office

directly. I distributed this FY 2025 [budget survey](#) to community groups and have promoted this at multiple NPPC meetings as an avenue to submit requests. As we prepare to update our FY2025 budget memo next week, feel free to use this form or send requests over email.

2. [Traffic Service Request Form](#): The Transportation Department has an online form to submit requests for additional traffic safety measures. After filling out this form, please reach out to our office and we can follow up on the request. The Transportation Department can evaluate problem intersections to determine if additional signage, all-way stops, speed limit reductions, or other traffic calming measures qualify. We acknowledge that some areas may not meet the threshold for a CIP submission. Still, Councilmember Whitburn is committed to exploring alternative solutions to address public safety concerns effectively.
3. [Request Additional Police Patrol](#): The Police Department has an online form to request additional police patrols. This is a useful tool for targeting specific intersections or streets where there is frequent speeding, red light running, etc.
4. [SANDAG Involvement](#): Keep up-to-date with SANDAG's pedestrian safety initiatives and other projects by subscribing to their email updates. SANDAG has different contacts based on the nature of the inquiry. If community members have specific questions about SANDAG and can't find the right contact within the organization, they can reach out to our office for assistance in connecting them to the appropriate contact.
  - o the project has now been posted to the city's website link above.

In response to a request for information on this ongoing project, the following more general information was provided by Logan Baydis, Community Representative for Councilmember Stephen Whitburn:

- b. Informational Item 2: **Notification for review regarding conversion of existing parallel parking spaces on Iowa Street between El Cajon and Howard Avenue.** The City of San Diego is proposing to convert the existing parallel parking spaces to 90-degree angle parking on Iowa Street between El Cajon Boulevard and Howard Avenue. A map with an exhibit is attached to show the proposed angle parking. This new parking configuration will be installed on the West side of the 4200 block of Iowa Street. This new parking configuration will add approximately 8 parking spaces. The City of San Diego provided a 60-day notice to fronting property owners and tenants along the identified block of Iowa Street. Results of the notice indicate 93.3% of property owners/tenants are in favor of the proposed change (6.7% objected or unable to voice objection of the proposal). Please review the attachments provided and discuss at the next community planning group meeting. The planning group will send a notice to the City of San Diego Sustainability & Mobility Department if it objects to the installation of the angle parking.  
Affected Area: See map below.

# Proposed Head-in Parking Exhibit

Iowa St (El Cajon Bl- Howard Av)



Proposed parking changes were presented by the city POC, Claudia Brizuela, and the subcommittee had no objections to the parking plan other than ensuring pedestrian and vehicle traffic flow and safety be taken into consideration with the change.

- c. Informational Item 3: **Notification for review regarding conversion of existing parallel parking spaces on Arizona Street between Monroe Avenue and Meade Avenue.** The City of San Diego is proposing to convert the existing parallel parking spaces to 90-degree angle parking on Arizona Street between Monroe Avenue and Meade Avenue. A map with an exhibit is attached to show the proposed angle parking. This new parking configuration will be installed on the West side of the 4400 block of Arizona Street. This new parking configuration will add approximately 11 parking spaces. The City of San Diego provided a 60-day notice to fronting property owners and tenants along the identified block of Arizona Street. Results of the notice indicate 2.0% of property owners/tenants objected to the proposal and 58.8% of property owners/tenants were unable to voice objection of the proposal due to mailers getting returned to sender. Please review the attachments provided and discuss at the next community planning group meeting. The planning group will send a notice to the City of San Diego

Sustainability & Mobility Department if it objects to the installation of the angle parking.

The proposed parking changes were presented by the city POC, Claudia Brizuela, and the board objected to moving forward with the plan at this time due to lack of responses from the residents in the area.

**IV. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – **6:00 p.m. (6:55 p.m.)**
  - i. **No items brought forward**

**V. Adjournment (7:00 p.m.) Meeting adjourned**

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