

North Park – Maintenance Assessment District Community Advisory Committee Minutes October 11, 2010

The regular meeting of the North Park (NP) Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in at the North Park Adult Activity Center, 2719 Howard Avenue, in San Diego, CA, by Rob Steppke, Chair.

1. Roll Call

Present:

Steve Hon, North Park Historical Society (NPHS)
Rob Steppke, North Park PAC
Amy Colony, North Park Main Street
Donna Posin, Resident Homeowner (arrived 6:02)
Lucky Morrison – North Park Planning Committee representative
David Cohen, North Park Community Association (NPCA)
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association (arrived 6:03)
Karen Gross, San Diego County Apartment Association
Dennis Byrne, Burlingame Homeowners Association (arrived 6:110)

Absent:

Gary Weber, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association

City Staff:

Anthony Bernal, City Council District 3
Andy Field, Parks and Recreation
Carson Smith, Streets Division
Beethoven Burks, Parks and Recreation

Guests:

Beth Swersie
Christopher Dye

2. Approval of minutes – September 11, 2010 meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Lucky Morrison, Seconded by Amy Colony, approved with Karen Gross abstaining.

3. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker) & Council District 3 Report:

Anthony Bernal gave an update on activities within the City and passed out the current District 3 newsletter. Amy Colony asked that an item on Commercial District MAD be added to the agenda. Lucky Morrison made comments regarding opening of Urban Pizza Restaurant and issues regarding liquor license and use of the parking lot behind the North Park Theatre. He also commented on issues with palm trees at Ray Street and Landis Street.

4. Website – Beth Swersie.

Beth Swersie introduced herself. She used to maintain a list of community meetings in North Park on the North Park Community Association (NPCA) website. NPCA is no longer providing a calendar of meetings but Beth has developed a new website devoted entirely to a listing of community meetings in North Park. She has added a section on the North Park Maintenance Assessment District and it will include

minutes, agendas, and other background information. The address of the website is www.northparkmeetings.info

5. **Report on Operational and maintenance issues** **City Staff**
 - A. **Streetscape issues and maintenance update.** Discussion on this item was devoted to discussion of parameters on MAD funded ancillary tree trimming in the North Park area for trees otherwise not maintained by the MAD. The MAD voted to devote funds for tree trimming for services previously done by the City using General Funds. The City used to trim trees in an area approximately every three years but stopped doing so, with the exception of damaged trees creating a safety hazard last fiscal year. City staff has already been getting requests for tree trimming this year of Queen Palms that the MAD trimmed last year in Burlingame. There was discussion of the policy the MAD should adopt for such tree trimming and this will be brought back to the MAD at the November meeting as an action item.
 - B. **Status of Street light and traffic signal mast arm painting on University Avenue.** All the work has been done on this project per Beethoven.
6. **Status/discussion of streetlight installation including update/discussion for proposed El Cajon Double Acorn Streetlights - Information/action– Andy Field/Carson Smith.** Carson Smith provided a handout showing the location of the remaining street lights to be installed by the MAD. Although the PAC has not yet approved the installation of the double acorn street light project for El Cajon Blvd that would impact one proposed MAD street light at Oregon and El Cajon Blvd it may be more resolved by the November meeting. Carson also provided a list of other locations for installation of another street light should the one on Oregon and El Cajon Blvd be taken off the list of MAD streetlights. No action this month deferred until the November meeting.
7. **Update re: Installation/Relocation of trash cans: NWC Utah & University; SEC University & 30th. Amy Colony. Information/action** Christopher Dye from the NP Main Street Design Committee and Amy Colony presented on the proposal to move the trash can on University Avenue in front of Heaven Sent Dessert a few feet to be on the 30th Street side of the intersection. There was a long discussion of the pros and cons of the move and no consensus was reached. The item will be carried over to the November meeting. There was also discussion on the request to add a trash can on the Northwest corner on Utah and University Avenue. There is one on the Northeast corner but it is next to a bus stop. After more discussion, Steve Hon moved that the MAD pay for an additional City standard issue concrete trashcan to be placed on the Northwest corner of Utah and University Avenue. The motion was seconded by Dennis Bryne and without further discussion the motion was approved unanimously.
8. **New Business.** Amy Colony stated that North Park Main Street is starting a preliminary analysis of whether to seek a separate maintenance assessment district for the commercial area along University and 30th Street currently served by the North Park MAD.
9. **Adjournment.** Moved by David Cohen and seconded by Karen Gross to adjourn. Time 7:07 pm.

Next meeting: November 8, 2010