

North Park – Maintenance Assessment District Community Advisory Committee Minutes June 13, 2011

The regular meeting of the North Park (NP) Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:01 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
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association
Karen Gross, San Diego County Apartment Association
Dennis Byrne, Burlingame Neighborhood Association
Carl Moczydlowsky, Resident Homeowner

Absent:

Gary Weber, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association
Lucky Morrison – North Park Planning Committee representative
David Cohen, North Park Community Association (NPCA)

City Staff:

Anthony Bernal, City Council District 3
Beethoven Burks, Parks and Recreation
Cory Peterson, Parks and Recreation
Andy Field Parks and Recreation

Guests:

Liz Studebaker, North Park Main Street
Roger Lewis, resident

2. Approval of minutes – May 9, 2011 meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes as provided made by Amy Colony, the motion was seconded by Kitty Callen, approved 4 in favor, none opposed and 3 abstaining.

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

Report: There was no public comment.

Anthony Bernal gave an update on activities within the City and passed out the current District 3 newsletter and the next neighborhood meeting that Councilman Gloria will have on the Saturday, June 25 from 10 to 11:30 am, at the new Bodhi Veterinary Clinic and Animal Hospital at 2200 University Avenue.

4. Report on Operational and maintenance issues.

There was vandalism to several trees on University Avenue east of 32nd Street and just east of Ohio Street. Trees will need to be replaced.

5. Discussion regarding improperly installed tree/Bike Corrals/Urban Body Gym.

As a follow up to discussions the last few months regarding improperly

installed tree grates that damaged or killed several street trees, staff noted that the trees are in the process of being replaced. Staff has also been in discussion with Engineering staff regarding the maintenance of bike corrals and issues are in the process of being resolved so that possible installation of bike corrals may proceed.

6. Update on Georgia Street Bridge. Anthony Bernal reported that the project to repair and restore the Georgia Street Bridge is on hold pending ongoing review of the project by CalTrans. Assemblywoman Atkins office will be contacted to see if any progress can be made in getting CalTrans to finish their review.

7. Update/discussion for reballoting for North Park Business Improvement District Overlay Zone also known as the Clean and Safe Overlay zone. Ballots have been mailed out and there is a 45 day period for property owners to return the ballots. The ballots will be counted on July 12th and the results reported to the City Council at their regularly scheduled meeting that day.

8. Switzer Canyon landscape proposal. There was a discussion of the proposal to landscape the area along 30th Street where it crosses Switzer Canyon. There are several problems in the proposal to plant trees along that part of 30th Street. On the west side, there is a very large conduit (up to 3 foot wide) of electrical transmission lines along the street put in when the 30th Street high voltage transmission lines were undergrounded several years ago that many preclude being able to plant trees on the west side. On the east side there is not sufficient space between the guard rail and the curb to do cut outs for trees without interfering with ADA requirements for sidewalk width. On each side there is limited availability to plant trees down the slope because some of the slope is considered open space. Roger Lewis, an area resident, spoke regarding the history of the original Switzer Canyon project which called for an extensive project that would also contribute to traffic calming.

9. MAD Agendas/Minutes/Website posting changes. Carl Moczydlowsky reported that the new website (npmad.org) is almost completed and will enable the agendas, minutes and additional information to be posted.

10. Discussion of Story Boards. No new information to report.

11. Discussion of New Trashcans. No new information to report.

12. Discussion of “dark” in July. Based upon schedule of activities, it was decided that it would be better to skip July’s meeting and hold the next meeting in August when the results of the North Park Clean and Safe balloting will be known. Motion made by Dennis Bryne to skip July, seconded by Kitty Callen and approved unanimously.

13. New Business. Steve Hon asked for an update at a future meeting on the status of the installation of the remaining street lights.

14. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm on a motion by Karen Gross, seconded by Amy Colony and approved unanimously.

Next meeting: August 8, 2011