

# North Park – Maintenance Assessment District Community Advisory Committee Minutes November 8, 2010

The regular meeting of the North Park (NP) Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:04 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  
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association (arrived 6:11)  
Karen Gross, San Diego County Apartment Association (arrived 6:12)

### **Absent:**

Gary Weber, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association  
David Cohen, North Park Community Association (NPCA)  
Dennis Byrne, Burlingame Homeowners Association

### **City Staff:**

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

### **Guests:**

Christopher Dye  
Liz Studebaker, NP Main Street  
Patrick Edwards, NP Main Street  
Steve Russell, Consultant – NP Main Street

## 2. Approval of minutes – October 11, 2010 meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Donna Posin, Seconded by Lucky Morrison, approved with unanimously (excepting Karen Gross & Kitty Callen who arrived after this item.

## 3. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker) & Council District 3 Report: There as no public comment. Anthony Bernal gave an update on activities within the City such as the election results including the defeat of Proposition D and the impact on the City Budget and passed out the current District 3 newsletter.

## 4. Report on Operational and maintenance issues

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**A. Streetscape issues and maintenance update.** Two trees on Ohio Street just north of University Avenue were vandalized and destroyed. They will be

replaced. The owner of the Lucky Restaurant on Grim and North Park Way took it upon himself to trim a street tree in front of the establishment. He cut the tree back severely but it is coming back. Beethoven had a discussion with him.

- 5. Discussion of Tree Trimming Criteria.** There was a discussion on the tree trimming criteria to be used for determining which street trees, apart from those normally maintained by the MAD, shall be trimmed and how often. Last year in response to the City dropping all tree trimming, except when there is a clear safety issue, the MAD allocated funds to conduct tree trimming. Additional MAD funds were allocated this year. City staff provided a list of such trees trimmed by the MAD and a map showed the location of those trees. There was discussion on what criteria should be used to trim trees. **Steve Hon made a motion that the NP MAD, subject to the availability of funding, shall support trimming trees on a rotational basis, not to exceed the former City schedule for trimming of such trees. Exceptions to the rotational schedule can be made in the event of a public safety issue. Donna Posin seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**
- 6. Street light installation.** Carson Smith and Fernando Lasaga provided an update regarding the location of the remaining street lights to be installed by the MAD. The NP PAC still 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 PAC meeting.
- 7. Update re: Installation/Relocation of trash cans: NWC Utah & University; SEC University & 30<sup>th</sup>. Amy Colony. Information/action** There was follow up discussion on the proposal to move an existing trashcan from a spot in front of Heaven Sent Dessert on University Avenue westward approximately 20 or 30 feet to a location on 30<sup>th</sup> Street. After a lengthy discussion, **Donna Posin made a motion to move the trash can and it was seconded by Amy Colony. Motion approved unanimously.**
- 8. New Business.** North Park Main Street presented (Liz Studebaker, Executive Director of NP Main Street, and Steve Russell) on a proposal for a re-balloting for setting up a separate MAD for the area covered by the NP Business Improvement District (BID). They have hired Steve Russell to work with them on the project including a new Assessment Engineers Report (AER). Main Street is requesting the allocation of \$10,000 or 20% of existing MAD funds budgeted for re-balloting for the NP MAD. The 20% amount was based upon the % of MAD revenue generated by the properties in the NP BID. Liz handed out a copy of a letter sent on November 5<sup>th</sup> to Andy Field regarding this matter. Since this was not an action item on the agenda, no action can be taken on the request, but it was decided to have a MAD Community Advisory Committee meeting in December to vote on the issue (normally the MAD does not meet in December).
- 9. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. There will be a MAD meeting in December on the 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Main Street rebaloting request and to review the 2011-12 MAD budget.

**Next meeting:** December 13, 2010.