

North Park – Maintenance Assessment District Community Advisory Committee Minutes March 08, 2010

The regular meeting of the North Park (NP) Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in at the North Park Adult Activity Center, 2719 Howard Avenue, in San Diego, CA, by Steve Hon, Chair.

1. **Roll Call** (please confirm who is **Present/Absent**)

P – Steve Hon, North Park Historical Society (NPHS)
P – Rob Steppke, North Park PAC
P – Gary Weber, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association, >6:05
A – Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association
A – Carl Moczydlowsky, Resident Homeowner
P – Mike Forbes, North Park Community Association (NPCA)
P – Amy Colony, North Park Main Street
A – Ryan Silva, North Park Planning Committee
P – Karen Gross, San Diego County Apartment Association
P – Dennis Byrne, Burlingame Homeowners Association (BHA) >6:05

Note from Chair: to avoid assessment of overtime fees to MAD, it is essential to lock-up the facility by 8:00pm; so adjournment of meetings will be planned not to exceed 7:45pm.

City Staff:

Beethoven Burks, Parks & Recreation
Cory Peterson, Parks & Recreation
Anthony Bernal, City Council District 3

Guests:

Donna Dowd, Resident
Martin Chevalier, Resident
Liz Studebaker, North Park Main Street

2. **Approval of minutes – January 11, 2009 meeting**

Motion by: Rob Steppke – Approve minutes as amended.

2nd by: Amy Colony

Motion passes: by attending members (in favor:6, opposed:0, abstained:1)

3. **Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)**

There were no comments.

4. Report on Operational and maintenance issues

City Staff

A. Streetscape Issues and maintenance update

B. 50/50 Sidewalk Program – Information and discussion

As follow up to the item brought up at the February meeting, Mike Forbes states that he believes that property owners who apply for the program should not have to wait for refunds from the MAD for the 12.5% MAD contribution. He presented one example of a property owner who, in 2003, had to wait 10 months for a refund. Mike believes more property owners would participate if they did not have to wait for the MAD refund. He wants the MAD to recommend to Council District 3 that the Council policy be revised. This item will be brought back for discussion and possible vote at the April meeting. Although Mr. Forbes represents NPCA on the MAD, he indicated that NPCA had taken no position on the issue.

C. Tree update

Beethoven updated Membership on recent maintenance and plantings.

D. MAD Map Update – No update

E. Storm Damage update – No update

F. Urban Corps expanded services status update – information

Cory provided an update regarding cost clarifications - Urban Corps representatives confirmed cleaning includes graffiti, litter pick-up on side streets, plus one additional person per day (16 hours/week) or 30% increase in labor (2496/year).

Labor is \$22/hour, plus incidental costs (vehicle insurance, supplies, bins and other materials), which average \$30 per week. Current cost is \$39,640/year.

Proposal is \$55,625 per year (effective 13-MAR-10) to expand service to include: Ohio, Illinois, 32nd, Bancroft. Representative offered a graffiti clean-up day at no cost if we agree to new proposal.

An action item to approve increase to operating budget will be added to April Agenda.

G. Switzer Canyon Project Update – no update

5. Role and Responsibility of Advisory Committee

Karen Gross asked to review the roles and responsibilities as detailed in

the EAR. Mike Forbes questioned the intention of the EAR pointing out examples, such as Switzer Canyon. The discussion continued with an open dialog to various interpretations of the EAR and its application.

6. Communication process – Discussion – All

Rob Steppke discussed access to the MAD agendas and minutes – the currently identified link is not working. Rob asked City Staff if there is a way to link to the City website. Cory Peterson said he will investigate the possibility.

Steve Hon added the agenda and minutes have been forwarded to NPCA; however, the postings have not been consistent. NPPC is not setup to support the MAD postings.

7. Nominations Slate for April Officer Election – Action Items

The slate of officers to be voted on at the April meeting was approved unanimously. The slate is Rob Steppke, Chair, Dennis Bryne, Vice-Chair, and Steve Hon, Secretary.

8. Councilmember’s report & introduction of new Council representative

– Anthony Bernal

Anthony introduced himself, distributed the latest issue of the “District Three Dialogue” and shared his direct telephone number: 619-236-6633. The next “community coffee” meetings are March 20th, 10:30am @ City Heights Library, and March 27th, 10:30am @ Kensington Café.

9. Status of light installations – no update

10. Adjournment: 7:23pm

Next meeting: April 12, 2010