

North Park – Maintenance Assessment District Community Advisory Committee Minutes April 12, 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 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
A – Gary Weber, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association,
P – Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association
P – Carl Moczydlowsky, Resident Homeowner
P – Mike Forbes, North Park Community Association (NPCA)
P – Amy Colony, North Park Main Street
A – North Park Planning Committee representative
A – Karen Gross, San Diego County Apartment Association
P – Dennis Byrne, Burlingame Homeowners Association (BHA) >6:05

City Staff:

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

Guests:

Donna Dowd, Resident

2. **Approval of minutes – March 8, 2009 meeting**

Motion by: Rob Steppke – Approve minutes as amended.

2nd by: Michael Forbes

Motion passes: by attending members (in favor: 5, opposed: 0 abstained: 1)

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

There were no comments.

4. **Status of light installations – no update**

5. **Report on Operational and maintenance issues**

City Staff

A. Streetscape Issues and maintenance update. Nothing significant to report by City staff.

B. 50/50 Sidewalk Program – Information and discussion

As a follow up to the item brought up at the March meeting, Mike Forbes further brought forward his proposal 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 passed out background information in support of his proposal. There was discussion by all Committee members on the proposal. Andy Field provided a handout summary on the background of the MAD participation in the program as well as data on the amount of MAD funds distributed by individual

property owners over the past several years. The MAD Assessment Engineers Report (AER) originally voted on and approved by North Park property owners contained a provision for a \$100 rebate for the 50/50 program and the MAD later raised the amount available to a percent (12.5%) rather than a flat amount but it was still linked to a rebate methodology as called for in the original AER. After further discussion, no motion was made to recommend changing the methodology since there was no apparent support for a second to the proposal. As an alternative, a suggestion to recommend approving a higher percentage of MAD contribution for 50/50 program was discussed. After discussion the following motion was made by Rob Steppke to request that District 3 explore means of increasing funds for the 50/50 program, Michael Forbes suggested an amendment to further explore means of reducing capital required by people applying for the program. Second by Carl Moczydlowsky The vote was 5 in favor and 2 opposed.

C. Urban Corps expanded services status update – Action Item

At the March meeting, Cory provided an update regarding cost clarifications - Urban Corps representatives confirmed cleaning includes graffiti, litter pick-up on side streets, plus one additional day of service. Proposal is \$55,625 per year, 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. Motion made by Amy Colony and seconded by Rob Steppke. Approved Unanimously.

D. Switzer Canyon Project Update – no update

E. Thorn Street Median Project. Anthony Bernal gave an update on the Thorn Street median project which should begin within the next few months. Funds for maintenance have been identified for the next five years. No MAD funds can be used for the maintenance.

F. Replacing decorative tile on University Avenue. Amy Colony presented a handout on options to replace the ceramic tiles along University Avenue. Currently, a contractor is replacing the broken tiles in the block in front of the North Park Theatre. The issue is what approach should be to replace all of the tiles since the original design has been found to be prone to cracking and breaking. At this point in time no further action is planned other than replacing the broken ones. Andy Field pointed out that it might be more efficient to tie in the project to the work planned for the next several years in conjunction with the work related to the University Avenue Mobility plan.

G. Street Light and Traffic Signal Mast Arm painting on University Avenue. There was discussion regarding the proposal to paint all of the street lights and traffic signals along University Avenue. Previously, the MAD had paid for painting all the historic street lights along University Avenue a hunter green color. This would paint the rest of the streetlights which are not of historic design the same color including the traffic signal mast arms. The City's contractor had painted some of these six feet up the poles to cover the old color and to cover graffiti. The entire project could be relatively expensive because of the need to close traffic lanes to paint the mast arms. There is also some concern that that bird droppings would be deposited on the traffic poles relative soon after the painting. No decision was made.

6. **Website Issue Update.** Rob did not have anything significant to report on the website issue but will report back a future meeting.

7. **Election of Committee Officers for the next 12 months – Action Item**

The slate of officers for the next twelve months is:

Chair: Rob Steppke:

Vice-Chair, Dennis Byrne;

Secretary: Steve Hon

Motion made by Carl and seconded by Kitty. Approved unanimously.

8. **Councilmember's report.**

– Anthony Bernal

Anthony gave an update on District 3 activities and passed out a copy of the District 3 newsletter.

9. **Status of light installations – no update**

10. **Adjournment:** 7:20pm

Next meeting: May 10, 2010