

# North Park – Maintenance Assessment District Community Advisory Committee Minutes September 12, 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  
David Cohen, North Park Community Association (NPCA)  
Gary Weber, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association

### Absent:

Dennis Byrne, Burlingame Neighborhood Association  
Carl Moczydlowsky, Resident Homeowner  
Karen Gross, San Diego County Apartment Association  
Lucky Morrison, North Park Planning Committee  
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association

### City Staff:

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

### Guests:

Steve Russell, North Park Main Street Consultant  
Robin Taylor, Burlingame Neighborhood Association  
Grant Merkel, Burlingame Neighborhood Association  
Ruselie Alldtoo, National University Nursing Student

## 2. Approval of minutes – August 8, 2011 meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes as provided was made by David Cohen, the motion was seconded by Amy Colony, approved 4 in favor, none opposed and 1 abstaining (Gary Weber) who was absent from the August meeting.

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

**3 Report:** There was no public comment. Steve Hon thanked MAD staff for arranging the parking lot behind the North Park Theatre and adjoining streets to be cleaned prior to the North Park Historical Society Car Show on September 10, 2011. Anthony Bernal gave an update on Council actions including issuance of \$10 million for additional street improvements.

## 4. Report on Operational and maintenance issues.

There have been some instances of vandalism toward MAD street trees. Three trees have been replaced; two in the 4400 block of 30<sup>th</sup> Street and one in the 3100 block of University Avenue. Contractors have also been working on graffiti removal on Ray Street.

- 5. Analysis of Clean and Safe Initiative results.** There was a discussion of the Clean and Safe Initiative to create a MAD overlay zone that recently failed. Handouts include a breakdown of voting results by property category and also a map of voting results by property parcel. Analysis of the results will be part of an ongoing discussion and analysis at future meetings.
- 6. Expansion of bike corral maintenance to include bike racks.** North Park Main Street is still working with the City to install bike racks using Community Development Block Grant funds. Locations for 37 additional bike racks have been identified. The City is now requiring identification of a maintenance budget for the additional bike racks. Bike rack maintenance costs are minimal. After discussion, it was moved by Steve Hon that up to \$2,000 be budgeted for maintenance related to additional bike racks. Seconded by David Cohen and approved 5-0. Actual cost to the MAD of additional maintenance costs should be minimal since MAD previously approved maintenance support for up to 6 Bike Corrals and it appears that only two will be installed.
- 7. Switzer Canyon landscape proposal.** There are still discussions going on regarding possible landscaping along the embankment. Issues with the amount of space for landscaping remain. Andy Field is reviewing how much in funding is currently available for the project. There is about \$15,000 currently available in the MAD budget for any capital work. Previous funding of approximately \$25,000 in District 3 funds for the project was removed due to overall City budget issues. Another \$40,000 (approximately) was transferred out due to a decision by City Financial staff and is retained in the MAD reserves. They can be returned to MAD capital funds either through Council action or by adding them to MAD budget for next fiscal year. Robin Taylor and Grant Merkel from Burlingame Neighborhood Association discussed what they have considered to date regarding the project. Nothing has been finalized. This item will be continued at the October meeting.
- 8. Chula Vista lighting replacement program.** Andy Field provided information on a City project to replace City Street lights with more energy efficient bulbs. The City is divided into separate zones on what kind of lighting is appropriate including consideration of light pollution interfering with the Observatories on Mount Palomar.
- 9. Discussion of New Trashcans.** There was a continuation of the discussion of several possible locations for new metal trash cans. Some locations brought up again included the northwest corner of North Park Way and 29<sup>th</sup> Street as well as the southwest corner of North Park Way University Avenue. No action taken but it will be discussed at the October meeting.
- 10. New Business.** No new business was discussed. At the next meeting there will be discussion of trash can locations, the Clean and Safe Initiative results, and proposals for Switzer Canyon.
- 11. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**Next meeting:** October 10, 2011