

North Park – Maintenance Assessment District Community Advisory Committee Minutes November 14, 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
Gary Weber, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association
Lucky Morrison, North Park Planning Committee
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association (arrived approximately at 6:20 pm)

Absent:

Dennis Byrne, Burlingame Neighborhood Association
Karen Gross, San Diego County Apartment Association
Carl Moczydlowsky, Resident Homeowner
David Cohen, North Park Community Association (NPCA)

City Staff:

Beethoven Burks, Parks and Recreation
Cory Peterson, Parks and Recreation
Andy Field, Parks and Recreation

Guests: Dionne Carlson, Grant Merkel, Chris Puzio

2. Approval of minutes – October 10, 2011 meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes as provided was made by Lucky Morrison, the motion was seconded by Amy Colony, approved 5 in favor, none opposed. Kitty Callen was not yet present.

3. Non-agenda Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker):

There was no public comment.

4. Chairs Report:

Rob noted that this was the last meeting of 2011. The next meeting will be in January 2012. Rob noted that while walking along University Avenue he came across a street tree that had been damaged. A staff from one of the City's contractors was there but was talking on their cell phone and continued talking for a considerable period of time and Rob was not able to get any information on what have happened to the tree. Rob was concerned about the City's contractor not responding reasonably to a question from the public.

5. Councilmember's report:

There was no report.

6. Report on Operational and maintenance issues. (a)

Four street trees along University Avenue have been damaged or destroyed either vandalized or run over by a motor vehicle. In response to the previous month's action on buying more decorative trash

cans; the cost estimate for the 5 approved will be approximately \$5,400 total including shipping costs.

(b) Andy Field also provided background information on the Court decision that invalidated the creation of the MAD for Golden Hill/South Park. The City does not believe the issues in the Court case apply to the North Park MAD or other MADs.

- 7. Discussion of bike rack/bike corral maintenance action.** There was discussion of the cost of providing maintenance for bike corrals. The estimated cost of maintenance is approximately \$900 per year. The City will not install bike corrals unless there is a funding source for the maintenance. Previously the MAD had approved maintenance for up to 6 bike corrals to be installed by North Park Main Street. El Cajon BID wants maintenance support for a bike corral being installed at the Lafayette Hotel. Amy Colony moved that the MAD approve providing maintenance for the proposed bike corral at the Lafayette Hotel. Gary Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with Kitty Callen abstaining.
- 8. Discussion of possible MAD impacts to NPMS Article of Incorporation changed from “public” to “mutual” benefit.** Rob brought up the issue and Amy Colony explained that while North Park Main Street is a non-profit organized under section 501(c)6 of the IRS Code and that means they are a non-profit but donations to them are not tax deductible. Apparently the State of California had them recorded incorrectly as a 501(c)3 but NPMS is now in the process of correcting that error. NPMS does not intend to change their status.
- 9. 2012 MAD Budget Information/action.** Andy Field presented a draft of the FY 2012-13 MAD proposed budget. Andy explained the various columns and budget line items. Staff are recommending increasing the parcel assessment rate in order to have sufficient revenue and maintain adequate reserves. The parcel assessments for the North Park MAD have not been increased since 2006. There was discussion by MAD committee members. Actual vote on the budget will be done at the January 2012 Advisory Board meeting.
- 10. Discussion of ideas regarding ideas regarding MAD reballoting/trash can stickers, tree ties, customer service.** No Discussion.
- 11. Update on Switzer Canyon Proposals. Information/Action.** Grant Merkel from Burlingame Association indicated no decision on what they prefer in terms of a project but indicated they heard a presentation by the architect who prepared the original proposal.
- 12. Update on streetlight bulb replacement program.** No further information or discussion.
- 13. Urban Corp status re: proposed trashcan can SWC North Park Way @29th Street location.** No discussion.
- 14. Relocation of concrete trash can SWC Utah @ 29th Street.** No discussion.
- 15. New Business. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting: January 9, 2012