

North Park – Maintenance Assessment District Community Advisory Committee Minutes [DRAFT] September 10, 2012

Lucky Morrison, Chair, called the regular meeting of the North Park (NP) Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Community Advisory Committee to order at 6:05 p.m. at the North Park Adult Activity Center, 2719 Howard Avenue, in San Diego, CA.

1. Roll Call

Present:

Chair Lucky Morrison, North Park Planning Committee (NPPC)
Co-Chair Rob Steppke, North Park Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC)
Secretary Beth Swersie, North Park Community Association (NPCA)
Steve Hon, North Park Historical Society (NPHS)
Kevin Clark, North Park Main Street (NPMS)
Virginia Sherwood, Burlingame Neighborhood Association (BNA)

Absent:

Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association (ANA)
Molly Kirkland, San Diego County Apartment Association (SDCAA)
(vacant), Resident Homeowner
Gary Weber, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association (ECBBIA)

City Staff:

Anthony Bernal, Council District 3
Cory Peterson, Parks and Recreation
Mike Rasmusson, Grounds Maintenance Manager

Guests:

Laurie Coskey, candidate for Resident Homeowner seat
Bettie Vasey, Pamela Lawrence, Sydney Longfellow, Roy Davis, residents of Utah Street

2. Approval of minutes – August 13th meeting

August minutes approved as submitted (Steve/Rob, 5-0-1)

3. Chair's Report

Lucky noted that Agenda Item #6 should read "Nomination for Resident Homeowner seat".

4. Non-agenda Public Comment

Rob requested that at the next meeting, there be discussion of the role of the MAD regarding sidewalk repair.

5. Councilmember's report – Anthony Bernal

Anthony reported about the Balboa Park Lily Pond damage and repairs, the Utility Undergrounding Workshop on September 24th, and the dedication of the bike corral at 30th/North Park Way (he noted that the MAD will maintain the bike corral). There will be a Coffee with Councilmember Gloria on September 15th, with an introduction to the Walk Survey smartphone app.

6. Nomination for Resident Homeowner Seat

Laurie Coskey introduced herself - she is a Rabbi and Executive Director at the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice of San Diego County. Laurie is familiar with the work of MADs through work she has done with the city.

Rob Steppke, currently PAC representative, would like to remain on MAD as a resident homeowner if/when the PAC is dissolved. Beth noted, and Steve confirmed, that the bylaws don't limit the number of resident homeowner seats. Rob requested that next month the MAD consider an action to change the PAC seat to a resident homeowner seat.

A motion was made and passed to nominate Laurie and Rob for the resident homeowner seat. (Steve/Kevin, 6-0-0)

7. City Report on Operational/Streetscape Maintenance

Cory and Mike reported on operational and maintenance issues. Copies of the Staff Report for September were distributed earlier by email and are attached to these minutes. In addition to the information on that report, there were the following discussions:

- **Public trash bins possibly being used for business/restaurant trash disposal:** Staff notes overfull trash bins; Main Street has discussed with some businesses.
- **Solar Street Lights:** Yesco checks the 12 solar lights monthly. All but one are working right now; that one is under investigation. One needed a new battery, which costs about \$800. See Item #8 below about the Future of Solar Lighting in North Park.
- **Trash on Utah Street & North Park Way:** A group of residents from Utah Street asked if the MAD does the trash cleanup there. The Masonic Temple had assured residents that they would clean up trash following events at their facility, but is not currently meeting that obligation. This area is not within the limits of the MAD's trash collection services.

8. Future of Solar Lighting in North Park

- Comments:
 - a. There is a limit on the MAD budget for services provided.
 - b. It costs \$10-18K to install a solar light.
 - c. There are several clusters of solar lights, with 2-3 lights in one/two block areas.
 - d. We need to look at the historical reasons for having installed them.
 - e. There may be residents' concerns if we remove them.
- Questions:
 - a. Can we continue to maintain solar lights?
 - b. Could we put in more regular lights for the same cost?
 - c. Should we remove existing solar lights and replace them with regular lights?
 - d. What are the actual costs for installing/repairing/maintaining the solar lights that we have?
 - e. What are those costs for regular lights?

9. New business for future agendas

- Explanation of Engineers Assessment Reports
- Review of services and budget

10. Adjournment

Next meeting: October 8, 2012



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
NORTH PARK MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 2012 STAFF REPORT**

Trees:

- Removals:
 - 3936 30th Street (in front of Office bar) – removed Rhus Lancea and added D.G. to tree well. Lots of groundwater at this location. Replanting is pending identification of tree species that can handle lots of groundwater, possibly Melaleuca.
- Trimming:
 - The Orchid Trees and Bradford Pears are set to be pruned on North Park Way.
- Vandalism:
 - 3925 Ohio Street (east side, north of University Ave, near Queen Bee's): the Koelreuteria had its crown snapped; in response, the tree was pruned, and staff will observe tree and try to nurture it back to health

North Park Main Street (University Ave, North Park Way, and 30th St):

- Bike Corral on North Park Way near the Linkery was installed on September 5
- On west side of 30th Street south of Lincoln Avenue (near bus stop), some concrete will be removed around two tree wells and replaced with D.G. This will eliminate possible trip/fall hazard at these tree wells and give tree more room to grow. Staff will report a dip in the sidewalk itself to Street Division.
- Graffiti removal, cleaning, etc. continues as normal

El Cajon Boulevard:

- Medians – pruning underway for Carissa and Lantana in center median. Irrigation checks underway as well.
- Graffiti removal, cleaning, etc. continues as normal

North Park Gateway/Boundary Street and Ann Mudge Project:

- SDG&E Substation – staff notified SDG&E of graffiti on fences surrounding substation and of illegal skate ramps poured in place. SDG&E has removed graffiti; still waiting for response on skate ramps.

Budget and Contract Updates:

- Maintenance Contract
 - The Aztec contract ended on August 31. Aztec became the interim vendor to provide services effective September 1 until the permanent contract is awarded.
 - MAD staff has analyzed the landscape contract bids received and has recommended an award to the low bidder, Shoreline Landcare. A bid protest was received, so staff is working with City's Purchasing & Contracting Department to finalize the City's response to the protest. Following that, the City Attorney will review the contract a final time before official award.

- The new permanent contractor will assume the responsibility for services currently provided by Urban Corps at a comparable cost.
- **Budget Process –**
 - The Fiscal Year 2012 budget ended on June 30, 2012, and the new Fiscal Year 2013 began on July 1, 2012.
 - A preliminary review of estimated actual expenditures indicates that the North Park MAD's Fiscal Year 2012 budget came within expectations both for revenue and expense.
 - Staff will provide detailed accounting information as part of the annual budget presentation in October or November.

Solar Street Lights:

At the last meeting, the advisory committee requested a list of solar street lights:

	Address	Nearest Cross Street	Date Installed
1	4487 Oregon Street	North of Meade Avenue	8/29/2001
2	4170 Alabama Street	North of Polk Avenue	12/31/2003
3	3546 Grim Avenue	North of Myrtle Avenue	8/21/2002
4	4443 Idaho Street	North of Meade Avenue	8/21/2002
5	4028 Florida Street	North of Lincoln Avenue	12/31/2003
6	4074 Alabama Street	North of Lincoln Avenue	12/31/2003
7	4165 Florida Street	North of Polk Avenue	12/31/2003
8	4133 Florida Street	North of Polk Avenue	12/31/2003
9	4321 Boundary Street	South of Meade Avenue	7/8/2003
10	4440 Boundary Street	North of Meade Avenue	10/1/2003
11	4416 Boundary Street	North of Meade Avenue	Unknown
12	4460 Idaho Street	South of Monroe Avenue	Unknown

Capital Projects:

- **North Park Street Lighting (Final Phase)** – This project is with Engineering & Capital Projects. The construction schedule for the final 11 street lights is still pending.
- **Switzer Canyon/30th Street Bridge Enhancement** - The advocate group and Kotaro Nakamura (from Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects) met with the City Engineer on July 20 to discuss the proposed improvement project to the 30th Street Bridge over Switzer Canyon. Andy Field submitted the project through the City's project intake process to the City Engineer on August 28 to initiate preliminary design and determine the cost of the proposed project.
- **Red Sidewalk Replacement on University Avenue** – This project is with Engineering & Capital Projects. It is likely that work will be coordinated with UAMP.

Respectfully submitted,

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