

North Park – Maintenance Assessment District Community Advisory Committee Minutes

[DRAFT see next month's minutes for corrections, if any.]

April 8, 2013

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)
Vice-Chair Rob Steppke, North Park Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC)
Secretary Beth Swersie, North Park Community Association (NPCA) (arrived 6:10)
Virginia Sherwood, Burlingame Neighborhood Association (BNA)
Jody Surowiec, North Park Historical Society (NPHS)
Kevin Clark, North Park Main Street (NPMS)
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association (ANA) (arrived 6:16 p.m.)
Karen Gross, San Diego County Apartment Association (SDCAA)

Absent:

Beryl Forman, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association (ECBBIA)
Laurie Coskey, Resident Homeowner (resignation announced below)

City Staff:

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

2. Approval of minutes – March 11 meeting

Approved 5-0-1 (prior to Swersie, Callen arrival).

3. Chair's Report

- Lucky noted that Laurie Coskey resigned due to other commitments. The Resident Homeowner seat is declared vacant.
- Lucky read from a letter from Ernie Bonn of University Heights Community Development Corporation. She noted that the University Heights Community Association wants to place banners (about an event on August 10th at Trolley Barn Park) on street lights that were installed by the MAD. Her concern is that the UHCA does not contribute to the MAD. Anthony noted that the city is reviewing its banner policy/ordinance.

4. Councilmember's report – Anthony Bernal

- Anthony distributed the D3 newsletter and noted that CM Gloria will hold a coffee meeting on April 13th and a cocktails meeting on May 1st.
- Anthony noted that police coverage is based on calls for service.
- Rob asked about action concerning a cart selling tamales on University between Arizona and Hamilton that is blocking the sidewalk. Kevin said that with Steve Hill's help, he got code enforcement out there to enforce what is a right-of-way issue. Code enforcement had initially thought it was a health-and-safety issue and had been referring callers to County Public Health.

5. Non-agenda Public Comment - none

6. NORA letter from DSD - NP Main Street Sidewalks

Notice Of Right to Appeal Environmental Determination regarding replacement or repair of sidewalks along University Avenue (see attached for details) - This work was approved by the MAD in 2010/2011 budget discussions. The budgeted amount was \$200,000. Work needed exceeds that amount so items of work have been prioritized. This is a one-time expense. There are safety issues (tripping hazards).

7. Status of MAD stickers for trash cans

This is a continuation of an earlier discussion about putting stickers or plaques on the trash cans that the MAD has paid for and maintains.

- Stickers are about \$1 each but require continual replacement.
- Metal plaques are more expensive and need to be designed. Main Street had metal plaques designed/made/installed but the lettering comes off when they are bent to install on the cans. Previous MS rep was to ask Christopher Dye about designing plaques for the MAD.
- Beth asked if it is worth the cost and effort - how many people look that closely at trash cans? If it is for purposes of getting credit for the trash cans in light of a possible reballoting effort, perhaps a more valuable effort would be to distribute a map of all the MAD-supported cans, lights, replacement sidewalks, etc.? Rob said that Karen had suggested that at one time. Cory said that they are working on that.
- Rob noted that City Heights has something on their cans. Anthony suggested contacting Enrique at CH BID.

8. Report on Operational and Maintenance Issues

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

- Regarding trees in front of Para News - these were put in by La Boheme as a permit requirement, but they don't maintain them. They are not MAD trees. The bus company has been pruning them back severely. Kevin will research background on trees (installation/maintenance requirements). Mike will provide a list of better trees for the areas. Cory will talk to La Boheme.

9. Election of Officers

Chair- Rob Steppke, Vice-Chair- Lucky Morrison, Secretary- Beth Swersie.
Slate approved 8-0-0, effective at May meeting.

10. New business for future agendas

Reballoting - will ask Andy for a presentation on the timetable and process.

11. Adjournment at 7:05 pm.

**** Next meeting: May 13, 2013.****



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: April 5, 2013

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WBS No. B-10040.02.06

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: North Park Main Street Sidewalks

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Greater North Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

LOCATION: The project is located along University Avenue on both the north and south sides of the road. On north side it runs from Ohio Street to the alley between Kansas Street and Utah Street; and on the south side it runs from Ray Street to Granada Avenue. This project is located within the 30th & University Historical Commercial District.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project would consist of the replacement of damaged sections of existing red sidewalk; the replacement or repair of sidewalk panels (to address movement associated with the clay soil); the staining/ painting of concrete panels; the repair of any holes in the concrete; and the replacement of decorative tiles that are cracked, deteriorated, or missing -- if they are impacted by this sidewalk replacement. In the event that it becomes necessary to replace an entire panel of sidewalk the project may excavate as deep as 2 feet and import up to 170 cubic yards of fill. Otherwise excavation is not expected. The project will also entail the restoration and relocation of storyboards that are embedded into the pavement, if they are impacted by sidewalk replacement; and the installation of curb and gutter as needed. This project will require adjustment of manholes, pull boxes, postal mailboxes, bike racks, street tree wells, signs, water meters and valves. The total project footprint would be entirely within the public right-of-way and would be approximately 26,000 square-feet. This project may be divided into phases. A water pollution control plan will be implemented for this project. This project has been created at the request of the North Park Maintenance Assessment District Advisory Committee.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: Designated City Staff

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines Sections 15301(c) [Existing Facilities]; 15302(c) [Replacement or Reconstruction].

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review which determined that this project meets the criteria set forth in CEQA Sections 15301(c) [Existing Facilities], which allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; 15302(c) [Replacement or Reconstruction], which allows for the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply. This project meets all the CEQA requirements listed above.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT MANAGER: Dean Marsden
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On April 3, 2013 the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Development Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination made by staff (including the City Manager) to the City Council must be filed in the office of the City Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice. The appeal application can be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
NORTH PARK MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
APRIL 2013 STAFF REPORT**

Trees:

- MTS plans to trim the three Tipuana Tipu trees next to its bus stop on the east side of 30th Street at University Avenue (in front of Paras News). These trees are not maintained by La Boheme Owners Association, which is only responsible for maintaining the trees directly in front of Lincoln Avenue, Ohio Street, and part of 30th Street north of this location. The North Park MAD does not maintain them either, as they are a street tree and thus part of “Group 3”/City Streets inventory. Further, at least two of these three trees should not have been planted due to proximity to the awning and bus stop. Due to their location, the trees will always be deformed because of their incredible growth both sideways and upward. Staff recommends correcting this problem by removing at least two if not all three of these trees. The tree wells could be filled in with asphalt/concrete, or a new, smaller tree or palm could be planted to replace them given the tight accommodations here.
- Removals: None
- Weeding: Contractor spraying weeds around tree wells with completion of winter rains.
- Vandalism: None to report this month.



North Park Main Street (University Ave, North Park Way, and 30thSt:

- Graffiti removal, cleaning, etc. continues as normal.
- Natures Elements called to repair tiles on the red sidewalk and the bus stop seating area.
- Service request completed on 31st Street near Bank of America, to patch trip hazard in sidewalk.
- Street benches painted on University Avenue in the red sidewalk area.

El Cajon Boulevard:

- Medians – Irrigation work in progress on El Cajon Boulevard for future plantings.
- Graffiti removal, cleaning, etc. continues as normal.
- Dead queen palm removed at 2850 El Cajon Boulevard (Soup Shoppe).

North Park Gateway/Boundary Street and Ann Mudge Project:

- Graffiti removal, cleaning, etc. continues as normal.
- Weeds sprayed and/or removed on Boundary Street.

University Avenue Improvements:

- Once the new hardscape median along University Avenue near Alabama Street is completed and accepted by Field Engineering, the North Park MAD will begin sweeping and cleaning the hardscape median. Cory will find out the timetable.

Capital Projects:

- **North Park Street Lighting** – Seven locations are complete, and two locations were designed but remain incomplete: (1) Haller Street south of Maple Street and (2) Juniper Street east of 30th Street. It is to be determined whether remaining funding is enough to construct these locations.
- **Switzer Canyon/30th Street Bridge Enhancement** – currently in preliminary design.
- **Red Sidewalk Replacement on University Avenue** – This project has been assigned to Dean Marsden, a project manager with Engineering and Capital Projects. Work will focus on the most damaged sections of red sidewalk. Design began in early 2013, and construction is anticipated in August 2014, ideally in conjunction with UAMP.

Pershing Portal:

- A question arose in March regarding the maintenance of the “Pershing Portal,” which is a small improvement that prevents vehicular traffic from accessing 28th Street from Pershing Drive and Upas Street. This small planted area with monument is privately maintained and is not a part of the North Park MAD’s responsibilities.



Respectfully submitted,

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