

# North Park – Maintenance Assessment District Community Advisory Committee Minutes

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

## May 13, 2013

Rob Steppke, Chair, called the regular meeting of the North Park (NP) Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Community Advisory Committee to order at 6:08 p.m. at the North Park Adult Activity Center, 2719 Howard Avenue, in San Diego, CA.

### 1. Roll Call

#### Present:

Chair Rob Steppke, North Park Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC)  
Secretary Beth Swersie, North Park Community Association (NPCA)  
Jody Surowiec, North Park Historical Society (NPHS)  
Kevin Clark, North Park Main Street (NPMS)  
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association (ANA)

#### Absent:

Vice-Chair Lucky Morrison, North Park Planning Committee (NPPC)  
Virginia Sherwood, Burlingame Neighborhood Association (BNA)  
Karen Gross, San Diego County Apartment Association (SDCAA)  
Beryl Forman, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association (ECBBIA)

#### City Staff:

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

### 2. Approval of minutes – April 8th meeting

Approved 5-0-0.

### 3. Chair's Report

Rob noted that although he had been scheduled to speak at the April 24th NPCA meeting, their program was over when he arrived at the scheduled time. He will send them some notes regarding the MAD.

### 4. Non-agenda Public Comment - none

### 5. Councilmember's report – Anthony Bernal

- Anthony distributed the D3 newsletter.
- Anthony noted that May is Bike Month and MAD was recognised for its role in maintaining NP bike corrals.
- Community members may chat with CM Gloria at the Festival of the Arts and at an upcoming coffee meeting.
- The proposed city budget includes \$2mil to build the NP Mini Park behind the NP Theatre.
- Anthony has a new title: Director of Business and Community Projects.
- CD3 is donating 2 dumpsters and tipping passes for the NPCA pre-RockNRoll marathon cleanup on May 18th.

### 6. Report on Operational and Maintenance Issues

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

- A palm stump in front of the Soup Shop will be removed.
- Insurance claims are made whenever there is an accident that causes damage to MAD facilities.
- The solar light on Grim north of Myrtle will be repaired.

- Some "innovative" planters have been placed on ECB near 30th, at a tree well. Mike will talk to the business owner regarding their maintenance. MAD is okay with them as long as they are maintained by the owner and don't create problems with the tree in the well.
- Kevin noted that there have been complaints from residents on Iowa St that Shoreline is blowing trash there from University Ave early in the morning, and not picking it up. Mike will investigate.
- Anthony asked if trash cans will be emptied just before the Festival. Yes.

## **7. Further discussion of trash cans appliques**

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.

- Rob inspected those in City Heights - they are clear plastic that go about 2/3 of the way around the cans. Although they are not new, they don't show much wear.
- Rob suggested we each bring an idea to next month's meeting about what a sticker might say. After we select language, we will create a design.

## **8. Ideas/opportunities/discussion regarding reballoting**

- Rob will be talking again to NPCA. He suggests that other groups can be ambassadors to the community regarding what the MAD does and how their assessments are spent. Previous reballots have been unsuccessful because we didn't find out what the community wants.
- Kitty said we need something to hand out. Anthony suggested we submit info to the NP News.
- Andy is scheduled to speak to us in June regarding a timeline for the reballoting process.

## **9. Letter endorsing planning award for NP mini-park plan process**

The NP Mini Park received a local APA award and is being nominated for a state-level award. Although it is not currently supported financially by the MAD's AER, we voted 5-0-0 to prepare a letter of support for the nomination.

## **10. Nomination/Election of vacant Homeowner seat to MAD Board**

Current NPCA representative Beth would like to run for the vacant Resident-Homeowner seat. If elected she will vacate the NPCA seat and NPCA will select another representative. Beth was nominated (Kitty/Jody) and elected 5-0-0, and resigned from the NPCA seat. She will send notice to NPCA and Rob will discuss new representation with them.

## **11. New Business for Next Agenda**

- ideas for trash can sticker
- status of Main Street reballoting efforts (Kevin)
- reballoting process (Andy)
- median at Alabama St and others in the University Av Mobility Plan

## **12. Adjournment at 7:00 pm**

**Next meeting: June 10, 2013.**



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**Trees:**

- MTS plans to trim the three Tipuana Tipu trees next to its bus stop on the east side of 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>St:**

- 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> Street. It is to be determined whether remaining funding is enough to construct these locations.
- **Switzer Canyon/30<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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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