

# **North Park – Maintenance Assessment District Community Advisory Committee Minutes**

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

## **February 10, 2014**

Rob Steppke, Chair, called the regular meeting of the North Park (NP) Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Community Advisory Committee to order at 6:02 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, Resident Homeowner  
Peter Hill, North Park Planning Committee (NPPC)  
Jody Surowiec, North Park Historical Society (NPHS)  
Kevin Clark, North Park Main Street (NPMS) - arrived 6:02  
Beryl Forman, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association (ECBBIA)  
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association (ANA) - arrived 6:05  
Sean Karafin, North Park Community Association (NPCA) - arrived 6:14  
Virginia Sherwood, Burlingame Neighborhood Association (BNA) - arrived 6:18

#### **Absent:**

Karen Gross/Chris Clark, SD County Apartment Association (SDCAA)

#### **City Staff:**

Mike Rasmusson, Grounds Maintenance Manager

### **2. Approval of minutes – January 13th meeting**

Approved 6-0-0 (prior to late arrivals).

### **3. Chair's Report**

Rob requested a modification to the agenda: Item #11 should be "1st nominations for officers". Bylaws call for 1st nominations in February, confirmation in March, election in April. Approved 6-0-0

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

### **5. Councilmember's report – Adrian was not here.**

### **6. Update on Switzer Canyon – representative not available**

### **7. Environmental Trash Cans for ECB - Beryl Forman**

New businesses on south side of ECB, between Kansas and 30th Streets would like bins. Beryl requested that we move the ones at Alabama St to a location mid-block, near the liquor store. Mike will try to get both trash and recycle bins moved at no cost, but there might be a charge for moving the recycle bin. The ECB BID does not have funds to move them. There are no other structures that will cause obstructions.

Motion (Kevin/Peter) that we authorize not more than \$150 to move the bins. Approved 7-0-0 (prior to arrival of Sean and Virginia).

### **8. Landscape plan & maintenance ECB/SanDAG BRT**

- a. Beryl: we should remind SanDAG that we want to see the plans.
- b. Rob: not sure SanDAG is interested in what the community thinks.
- c. Peter: SanDAG did not coordinate with City when Essex/Park crosswalk was built, then removed for BRT.
- d. Beryl: ECB BID talked to them about coordination of lamp post style, which didn't match. They asked what they could do instead. But they are paying attention now so maybe we could talk to them about landscaping.

- e. Rob: went to outreach meetings on the BRT (which were required) but there were very few instances where public input affected their plans.
- f. Beryl: we should ask them to put in landscaping and the MAD should do the maintenance.
- g. Rob: ask them to come and talk with us.

Motion (Kevin/Jody) that we request SanDAG to come talk with us about landscaping and public improvements on the BRT stations. Approved 9-0-0.

#### **9. Clarification on FY2015 Budget**

Why is there an increase of over 24% on Special Districts Administration from FY2014 to FY2015? Why is there a "more conservative" estimate of the Gas Tax Fund contribution?

Cory and Paul are working with the Budget Analyst to get answers to these questions.

#### **10. Report on Operational Streetscape Maintenance**

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

- Mike noted that the utility box that houses the music for the NP sign has been repaired.
- Paul is scheduling meetings with the Engineer to go over the report on Switzer Canyon/30th St. Bridge Enhancement, and then they will make a presentation to the MAD.
- Beryl asked about moving 2 trash cans, at the request of the ECB MAD. This will be discussed next month.

#### **11. 1st nominations for officers (formerly Vice Chair position nomination)**

Bylaws call for 1st nominations in February, confirmation in March, election in April.

Nominations made and accepted: Beth for Secretary, Karen for Vice Chair, Rob for Chair.

#### **12. Business for Next Agenda**

- SanDAG: landscaping and public improvements on the BRT stations
- 2 budget items - Special Districts Administration amount, decrease in gas tax funds
- Switzer Canyon
- Red sidewalk update
- Confirmation of nominations

#### **13. Adjournment at 6:37 pm**

**Next meeting: March 10, 2014.**



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NORTH PARK MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT  
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**Trees:**

- General maintenance. Spraying for weeds in tree wells throughout N.P.
- Tree contract for the City has been awarded to West Coast Arborist Company. No MAD maintained trees have been trimmed this month.

**North Park Main Street (University Ave, North Park Way, and 30<sup>th</sup>St):**

- Graffiti removal, cleaning, etc. continues as normal.
- Power washing contract has been awarded to San Diego Power Clean, Inc.
- A utility box that houses the music for the North Park sign was kicked over. A proposal has been generated for repairs.

**El Cajon Boulevard:**

- Graffiti removal, cleaning, etc. continues as normal.
- Irrigation projects in process to upgrade the center medians.

**North Park Gateway/Boundary Street and Ann Mudge Project:**

- Graffiti removal, cleaning, ect. continues as normal.
- Two solar lights on Boundary St. turned in for repair.

**Capital Projects:**

- **Switzer Canyon/30<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Enhancement** – This project is with Engineering and Capital Projects for preliminary design and still lacks for sufficient funding.
- **Red Sidewalk Replacement on University Avenue** – Engineer, Dean Marsden, will begin the design phase. Respectfully submitted,

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