

North Park – Maintenance Assessment District Community Advisory Committee Minutes

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

March 10, 2014

Rob Steppke, Chair, called the regular meeting of the North Park (NP) Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Community Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 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)
Virginia Sherwood, Burlingame Neighborhood Association (BNA)
Chris Clark, SD County Apartment Association (SDCAA)
Beryl Forman, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association (ECBBIA) - arrived 6:02
Sean Karafin, North Park Community Association (NPCA) - arrived 6:12
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association (ANA) - arrived 6:21

City Staff:

Cory Peterson, Parks and Recreation
Mike Rasmusson, Grounds Maintenance Manager
Paul Sirois, Assistant Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation
Adrian Granda, CD3 Representative

2. Approval of minutes – February 10th meeting

Postponed to April meeting.

3. Chair's Report

- a. There was a last-minute meeting on Friday, 3/7, on site for the BRT project, regarding possible landscaping.
- b. Cory and Mike will provide their cell numbers to Rob.

4. Non-agenda Public Comment – none

5. Councilmember's report

- a. Adrian noted new staff members in CD3.
- b. Adrian is facilitating conversation among stakeholders regarding BRT project. NPPC is included.

6. Update on Switzer Canyon

- a. Paul met with Public Works and ROW Engineering regarding the median design for traffic calming. It will include a median and bike lanes. The MAD's funds are being used only for design. Design should be done soon and will go to Public Facilities subcommittee of the NPPC.
- b. Ginny asked why there will be bike lanes, when there are no bike lanes on the rest of 30th St.
- c. Peter noted that the speed limit may have to be raised if the "usual" speed is higher than the current limit. It was noted that it had once been raised but then lowered following community complaints.
- d. The project runs from Laurel Street to Olive Street.

7. Environmental Trash Cans for ECB - Beryl Forman

Mike said the cans have not yet been moved. He is still talking with other departments, so he hasn't got a cost yet.

8. Landscape plan & maintenance ECB/SanDAG BRT

- a. Beryl discussed the meeting on Friday, 3/7, about possible locations for landscaping. there are no provisions in the project for water for landscaping. ECB BID has no money for it.
- b. Rob suggested that SanDAG be asked if there are funds for it.
- c. Staff suggested there may be locations depending on what's underground. Pots may be used.
- d. Will SanDAG do cuts in the concrete for one tree at the NW corner of Texas and ECB?
- e. Noted that Texas will be even more of a major thoroughfare when the project at the quarry in Mission Valley is completed. Also, Community Housing Works is working on a project at Texas and Howard.
- f. Beryl said that the conversation started with SanDAG's proposal for light posts that don't match what's already in the area. ECB BID reminded them that there are MADs for landscaping. Ideally, they would like trees at all 4 corners at each station, but SanDAG would probably not pay for all of them.
- g. Adrian said locations will be dependent on other facilities and on business owners input.

9. Red sidewalk Update

Cory is still working on this. More cost-efficient to do it as part of UAMP.

10. Clarification on FY2015 Budget - City Staff Information/Action

- a. Why is there an increase of over 24% on Special Districts Administration from FY2014 to FY2015?
Paul talked to the Budget Analyst. The original SDA \$35K was an estimate of 10% over the previous year. The final figure of \$40K was due to ???
- b. Why is there a "more conservative" estimate of the Gas Tax Fund contribution?
Paul said that revenue dropped. ???

11. 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.

12. Nomination of Officers - Information/Action.

Bylaws call for 1st nominations in February, confirmation in March, election in April.
Nominations confirmed: Beth for Secretary, Karen for Vice Chair, Rob for Chair.

13. New Business for Next Agenda

Peter noted that bicycle corridors are coming up that will require street modifications and possibly streetscape projects. Kitty questioned the use of scarce water supplies for landscaping. Beryl noted that trees play a role in the environment. Rob said we would have this conversation in the future.

14. Adjournment at 6:39 pm

Next meeting: April 14, 2014.



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
NORTH PARK MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
MARCH 2014 STAFF REPORT**

Trees:

- General maintenance. Spraying for weeds in tree wells throughout N.P.
- Tree contract has been awarded to West Coast Arborist.

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

- Graffiti removal, cleaning, etc. continues as normal.
- Power washing contract has been awarded to San Diego Power Clean, Inc.
- An Orchid tree fell during the storm, on 31st st. It was able to be saved. Tree has been double staked.

El Cajon Boulevard:

- Graffiti removal, cleaning, etc. continues as normal.
- Meeting to discuss trees to be planted by Sandag on El Cajon Blvd.
- A few Euc. Limbs fell during the storm, and were picked up.

North Park Gateway/Boundary Street and Ann Mudge Project:

- Graffiti removal, cleaning, ect. continues as normal.

Capital Projects:

- **Switzer Canyon/30th 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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