

**North Park – Maintenance Assessment District  
Community Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**[DRAFT see next month's minutes for corrections, if any.]**  
**June 9, 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  
Jody Surowiec, North Park Historical Society (NPHS)  
Chris Clark, SD County Apartment Association (SDCAA)  
Virginia Sherwood, Burlingame Neighborhood Association (BNA)  
Kevin Clark, North Park Main Street (NPMS)  
Peter Hill, North Park Planning Committee (NPPC)  
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association (ANA) - arrived 6:15

**Absent:**

Beryl Forman, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association (ECBBIA)  
Sean Karafin, North Park Community Association (NPCA)

**City Staff:**

Cory Peterson, Parks and Recreation  
Glenn Torio, Grounds Maintenance Manager

**Guest:**

Tootie Thomas, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association (ECBBIA)

**2. Approval of minutes – May 12th meeting**

Approved 5-0-2 (Peter and Kevin abstained, Kitty hadn't arrived).

**3. Chair's Report**

- a. Rob noted that we would discuss the UT article - see #7 below.
- b. Rob noted that we still need to discuss the clarification of Budget items - see #10 below.

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

**5. Councilmember's report – none**

**6. Environmental Trash Cans for ECB, Update – none**

**7. Discussion re: UT article reference to MAD re: flags, etc**

- A citizen emailed us about an article in the UT (<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/may/21/american-flag-hillcrest-san-diego-permit-required/>), asking "why would you have lodged a formal complaint to remove flags from the streets that they have been doing for years?".
- The NP MAD was NOT involved in this. The University Heights CDC questioned the un-permitted drilling of holes and placement of cinderblocks (with flags in them) in city sidewalks on Park Blvd between Meade and Adams Ave. They called Cory about it in November of 2013, and Cory referred the matter to Code Enforcement ("CE"). The groups that were doing it continued to do so without permits, but CE hasn't enforced the regulations. Finally, CE sent them a "cease & desist" notice right before Memorial Day. CD3 put up money to start the permit so that it could be said that they were "in the process".
- Rob will write an explanation to the complainant and a clarification and request for retraction to the UT.

## **8. Update on ECB/SanDAG BRT landscaping**

- Cory is trying to set up a meeting with SanDAG and other parties to look at the marked-out spots at ECB/Texas and ECB/30th. Rob will be our representative because of his history with the MAD and with SanDAG. SanDAG has agreed to cut the concrete and provide the trees, but not to maintain them.
- Beth requested that Cory provide the number of trees previously watered by the MAD, and the number of new trees that will need to be watered. Cory will also include the level of care required for each of the old and new trees, for comparison.

## **9. Red Sidewalk Update – none**

Cory said this is still in design due to a ramp issue at 30th and University. Also, there is sinking at the doorstep of Claire's coffee shop, which may be resolved temporarily with a tile ramp.

## **10. Clarification on FY2015 Budget - City Staff Information/Action - see attached email from Paul Sirois:**

This is postponed to July, so that members can review the information.

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

- a. Staff reported on operational and maintenance issues. Copies of the Staff Report for June were distributed earlier by email and are attached to these minutes.
- b. Ramp at entrance to Claire de Lune has been repaired.
- c. Kevin noted that there is a diseased tree at the southwest corner of 30th/NP Way.
- d. Kevin mentioned that the driver who took out 3 trees at Fresh & Easy was arrested, so F&E can go after reimbursement from the insurance company.
- e. Peter asked about graffiti trends. Cory noted that there are a lot of stickers and posters on signs to be removed.
- f. Peter noted that around Caffè Calabria there are 3 empty tree wells. Cory said there was a problem with over-watering. Peter asked that the wells be asphalted (rather than concreted) so that they might be reused in the future. Cory noted that there is a City water project on 30th from ECB to University in design now.

## **12. Discussion re: July meeting "dark"?**

Cory is retiring August 1st, no successor selected yet. Rob suggests we meet in July and then consider taking August off instead. All agreed.

## **13. New Business – none**

## **14. Adjournment at 6:58 pm**

**Next meeting: July 14, 2014.**



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**Trees:**

- General maintenance, trees are being hand pruned as needed to keep clear of cars and pedestrians.
- Carrotwood trees on University Ave. have been pruned. (Red Sidewalk)

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

- Graffiti, Gum, Cigarette Butt removal, cleaning, etc. continues as normal. Noticed
- Power washing under trash containers improving.
- Ramp at entrance to Clair De Lune scheduled for repairs.

**El Cajon Boulevard:**

- Graffiti removal, cleaning, etc. continues as normal.
- Mulch continues down on the El Cajon Blvd. medians once cleared of debris and old plants.
- Irrigation upgrade of medians completed, inspected and being prepped for fall planting.

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

- Graffiti removal, cleaning, ect. continues as normal.
- Bougainvillea trimmed along Boundary Street Fence lines

**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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