

**North Park – Maintenance Assessment District
Community Advisory Committee Minutes**
[DRAFT see next month's minutes for corrections, if any.]
July 14, 2014

Rob Steppke, Chair, called the regular meeting of the North Park (NP) Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Community Advisory Committee to order at 6:06 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)
Virginia Sherwood, Burlingame Neighborhood Association (BNA)
Peter Hill, North Park Planning Committee (NPPC)
Beryl Forman, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association (ECBBIA)
Sean Karafin, North Park Community Association (NPCA)
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association (ANA) - arrived 6:15

Absent:

Chris Clark, SD County Apartment Association (SDCAA)
Kevin Clark, North Park Main Street (NPMS)

City Staff:

Glenn Torio, Grounds Maintenance Manager

Guest:

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

2. Approval of minutes – June 9th meeting

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

3. Chair's Report

- a. Rob noted that Cory would not be at the meeting.
- b. Rob suggested that the Bylaws item about term limits for officers be reconsidered.

4. Non-agenda Public Comment – none

5. Councilmember's report – none

6. Environmental Trash Cans for ECB, Update

Glenn noted that all have been moved, at no cost to the MAD.

7. Update on ECB/SanDAG BRT landscaping

- The Tree Replacement breakdown was reviewed, and previous costs compared to future costs.
- Rob toured the new stations with staff and made suggestions based on aesthetics.
- When the City removes trees they don't replace them because they don't want to maintain them. If we want to replace them, we have to pay the cost to maintain them.
- 2 of the trees that were removed were City trees, 3 were privately maintained, 4 were MAD trees.
- If they are all replaced, there would be a net cost increase of \$275.
- The suggestion was made to place art, a community info/event sign or a business directory sign at some locations. Peter expressed concern re neglect, vandalism, maintenance. Tootie passed around a photo of a sign in South Park. He and Beryl described a sign design project underway by ECB BIA.
- Beryl stressed the importance of streetscape and urged the MAD to replace and maintain the trees.
- Rob noted concerns of the check-cashing place that tree canopy might be conducive to crime.
- Peter asked about process since Rob requested some different locations than previously suggested by Mike.
- Beryl expressed frustration at the delay in MAD decision-making.
- Tootie invited MAD members to the ECB BIA parking design meetings 2nd Wed each month.
- A decision on the issue was tabled to the next meeting.

8. Red Sidewalk Update

Dean Marsden will be invited to discuss this at the October meeting. He wants another soils test (\$8000).

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

No further discussion on this.

10. Report on Operational Streetscape Maintenance

- a. Staff reported on operational and maintenance issues. Copies of the Staff Report for July were distributed earlier by email and are attached to these minutes.
- b. Glenn asked if Main Street is repainting utility boxes.
- c. Kitty noted that sucker growth needs to be trimmed.

11. Discussion re: August meeting "dark"?

All agreed.

12. New Business – none

13. Adjournment at 7:01 pm

Next meeting: September 8, 2014.

Tree Replacement – BRT El Cajon Blvd / North Park MAD

Rob,

Here is the approximate breakdown for the four new bus stations, on El Cajon Blvd (North Park MAD), as to the trees removed and trees proposed to be installed by BRT. The previous tree maintenance costs (Before) are compared to the future costs (After) to the MAD. All trees to be planted at no cost to the MAD.

Before BRT (Maintenance by MAD)

EC Blvd Address	Group 1	Group 2	Cost/Mo	Cost/Yr	notes:
2419	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$0.00	2-City Trees (removed not on MAD Inv.)
2340	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$0.00	No Trees removed -N/W Corner @ Texas
2931	3	1	\$17.06	\$204.72	3-Brisbane box 1- White Iron bark
3001	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$0.00	3- Eucalyptus (Privately maintained)
Total Trees	3	1	\$17.06	\$204.72	Eight Trees Removed-(Four MAD maintained)
After BRT					
2419	2	n/a	\$10.00	\$120.00	Crape Myrtle Trees (Proposed)
2340	2	n/a	\$10.00	\$120.00	Crape Myrtle Trees (Proposed)
2931	2	n/a	\$10.00	\$120.00	Crape Myrtle Trees (Proposed)
3001	2	n/a	\$10.00	\$120.00	Crape Myrtle Trees (Proposed)
Total Trees	8		\$40.00	\$480.00	A net increase of \$22.84 per month or (increase of \$275.28 per year)



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PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
NORTH PARK MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
JULY 14, 2014 STAFF REPORT

Trees:

- General maintenance, trees are being hand pruned as needed to keep clear of cars and pedestrians with occasional rinsing off.

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

- General cleaning, graffiti, gum, cigarette Butts, sticker/"garage sale" signs removed as normal.
- Power washing under trash containers still improving.
- Utility Box painting. (who is painting, looks good)

El Caion Boulevard:

- General cleaning as usual, difficult with the road construction.
- Mulching continues on the medians in prep for fall plantings.
- The medians with the irrigation upgrade are working well.
- The Trash/Recycle containers have been moved to their new positions.
- Rob, Cory and Mike met with Gary (BRT) on planting locations of replacement trees at new bus stops. Concrete cutting and planting is still estimated at 1½- 2 months away.

North Park Gateway/Boundary Street and Ann Mudge Project:

- General graffiti removal and maintenance continues as normal.
- 2 bougainvilleas were damaged and removed from a traffic accident near the south Mudge Project at the bridge entrance. Looking into obtaining the police report to find out if cost can be recovered from drivers insurance prior to replacing.

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. No update at this time.

- **Red Sidewalk Replacement on University Avenue** – Engineer, Dean Marsden, would like to attend a MAD meeting to discuss the project, perhaps September.

Respectfully submitted,

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