



**Minutes for Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 6:00 PM until approx. 8:15 PM**  
**Normal Heights Community Center**  
4649 Hawley Avenue

Attendance: Emily Colwell (Absent – Attended Late)

Motions & Votes are underlined and denote the maker of the motion, second, & vote tally.

**6:00 Call to order**

1. Opening “reflection”
2. Introductions of Board members.
3. Agenda Setting/modifications
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes as sent via email – Secretary/Brian Schrader
  - Motion: Jim & Brian, unanimous
5. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer/ Frances Prichett
  - New Account Balance \$1332.46

**6:15 Non-Agenda Public Comment**

6. Non-Agenda Public Comment regarding NH land use & related NH community issues (2min pp).
  - Adam: Jim will take care of FB group admin issues.
  - Jim: Ward canyon park update. Park & Rec has \$1.4m left and Jim is attempting to figure out the other money went.
  - Paul: Where the group’s plan is for getting to the city’s 108,00 units? Get him info on when the Mid-City group meets.
  - Amy(?): Asks the group to oppose the unsafe camping ordinance.
  - Scott: AABA Endorsed the measure
  - Brian: Spoke about the housing/homelessness intertwined-ness.
7. Digital Communications Monitoring from, Nextdoor, Facebook, Email, etc.
  - None

**6:30 Action/Decision Items** (Board member roll call may be performed for recording votes)

8. Fenton Parkway Bridge Project
  - Paul Jackson, Program Manager for SDSU, will present on the Fenton Parkway
    - Project EIR should be submitted in January 2024.
    - 2-lane Bridge crossing the river from Camino Del Rio N.
    - Sidewalks and bike lane in both directions.
    - Asking for community feedback by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - Jim referred to the City & Bike Coalition regarding the bike lanes.
    - Paul advocated for existing cycle track.
    - Resources can be found at: <https://bfa.sdsu.edu/campus/facilities/planning/eir>
    - Francis is concerned about the park’s relation with the bridge & routing.
    - Gerald asks about the bike trails connecting further north.
    - Adam asks about bridge sculpture and artwork.
    - Paul Coogan asks about city land and other nearby utilization.
    - Emily Kamen asks about the project’s impact on zoning & the inclusion of this in the ballot measure from 2020.
    - The crossing at Fenton will be at-grade.

- Gerald asks about flooding over the 100 year flood plan.

Bridge Project via Zoom – Q&A to follow.

#### 9. Letter of Support for Street Fair

Proposed motion: The board shall write a letter of support to the AABA supporting the upcoming Adams Ave Street Fair, Sept 23rd & 24th '23.

- Motion to approve: Jim & Adam, unanimous

#### 10. Communications Compliance

Proposed motion: All email communications by board members regarding board business use or include the nhcpc-board@gmail.com address to maintain a record of communications with a 5 year retention period and provide public access upon request as per City Council Policy 600-24 Section II.C.

- Motion to approve: Jim & Brian, unanimous

#### 11. Candidate Qualifications

Proposed motion: Remove previous meeting attendance qualification for board candidates as per City Council Policy 600-24 Section II.D

- Jim suggests we request a variance from the city to require members to have visited at least one additional visit.
- Paul Jameson speaks in opposition.
- Adam says that the meeting requirement is moot.
- Taylor adds that diversity is harmed by in-person participation requirements & pushes for more hybrid.
- Motion to retain previous qualification requirements: Jim & Francis,
  - o Brian & Allan oppose the motion; all others approve.
- Jim asks that a motion for the next meeting have a motion for asking for variance.

#### 12. Advisory Committees

Proposed motion: Advisory committees shall establish a completion date and scope of deliverables in writing upon establishment which may be amended by public vote in a regular board meeting.

The following categorizations were drafted:

- Advisory Committee
  - o Utility Undergrounding (End Date: 12 months)
  - o Cal-Trans Grant Submission (End Date: October)
  - o DEI Program (End Date: 9 months)
  - o Tree Replacement (End Date: 12 months)
- Standing Committee
  - o Joint Mid-City Communities Plan Update (Standing)
  - o Historical Property Review Report (Standing)
  - o Park and Trail Development (Standing)
  - o Traffic Issues (Standing)

Motion to approve categories: Jim & Brian, Scott abstains

#### 13. Community Engagement

Proposed motion: The board shall create a report of community concerns by developing and distributing a survey to the public and delivering the completed report to public officials.

- Taylor asks if the Street Faire could be the venue for this.
- QM Code to Survey Monkey, FB, questionnaire.
- Jim clarifies that this would be related to Land Use Issues only.

Motion to approve: Scott & Adam, unanimous

#### 14. Opposition to SB10

Proposed motion: The board shall write a letter to the planning commission opposing the adoption of SD10 into the Housing Code Update 2.0

- Delayed to the next meeting since adequate notice was not posted.

### 7:30 Reports/Updates

15. City, County, and State government agency representatives, if present.
  - Lydia Marshal – City Parks & Rec - presentation on Ward Canyon GDP development
    - i. *Update provided by written email report, read aloud.*
  - District 9 Councilmember Elo-Rivera – Ben Mendoza, 619-236-6699
    - i. Budgeting
    - ii. *During the update, Emily Colwell joined in attendance.*
  - Mayor’s Office - Lucero Maganda <LMaganda@sandiego.gov>
    - i. Budgeting
  - ~~County Supervisor Fletcher~~ – (removed until further notice) Ana Laura Martinez 619-531-5525
  - State Senator Atkins – Andi McNew -- 619-688-6700
    - i. [Andi.McNew@Sen.ca.gov](mailto:Andi.McNew@Sen.ca.gov)
  - Assembly Member Ward – Christopher Gris -- 619-280-7801
    - i. *Not present.*
16. Chair report
  - Community Planners Committee – Paul Coogan
    - i. Creation of dispensaries (fully allocated). Additional licenses have been requested.
    - ii. Board members still needed for the Park & Rec Group
  - Need board members for rec group – Paul Coogan
    - i. Meeting takes place at 4th Wednesday at 6pm
17. Community Group updates when present
  - Adams Avenue Business Association – Scott Kessler
    - i. Preparing for Taste of Adams
    - ii. AABA used the Owl system for Hybrid Meetings
    - iii. Reballoting the MADs that stretch down Adams Ave & 30<sup>th</sup> to raise revenue for the energy bills for street-lights, trash pick up, etc.
    - iv. AABA budget has returned to pre-pandemic levels
  - El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association – Gary Weber
    - i. Additional development is planned along El Cajon Blvd.
  - NH Community Association and NH Urban Arts – Greg Stone/Norma Stafford
    - i. Community bike ride around the neighborhood. Meet up before.
      1. Free to attend. 6/24 9:30-12.
    - ii. Butterfly Mural will go up this summer.
  - Adams “Community Recreation Advisory Group” – Nancy Lawler
    - i. Mot is the first project in the Ward Canyon Park.
    - ii. 35<sup>th</sup> St. Ball Field foul balls damage cars. Park & Rec will raise the fence.
  - NH for Smart Growth – Paul Coogan
    - i. Board meeting, focused on more dialogue between stake holders.

### 7:45 Standing and Advisory Committees

18. Utility Undergrounding & Street Lighting MAD – Emilie Colwell & Francis Prichett
  - News from SDGE
  - There is no priority list, but the city can advocate for neighborhood priority.
  - ‘District Creation’ this summer – the definition is unknown. Schedule to follow.
19. Caltrans Grant Submission - Paul Coogan, Jim Baross, Greg Stone, Taylor Everich
  - Decision will be made in September.
20. DEI Program - Paul Coogan, Scott Kessler, Jim Baross
  - AABA will begin sending out FB ad messaging.

- Needs help with Spanish translations.
- 21. Tree Replacements - Greg Stone, Emilie Colwell, Gerald Schoelen
  - *No Update*
- 22. Joint Mid-City Communities Plan Update Committee – Paul Coogan, Greg Stone, Scott Kessler
  - Administrative overall. Work starts next month. 2-3 year effort.
- 23. Historical Property Review Report – Dan
  - *No update*
- 24. Parks & Trail Development – TBD
  - *No members*
- 25. Traffic Issue Taskforce – Allan Harjala
  - No word back on the large list.
  - Crosswalk from Shell to the Bridge was rejected.

NOTICE: Next meeting will be July 11<sup>th</sup> as the usual date would be the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**8:15 Adjournment**

Motion: Jim & Brian, unanimous