

**NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)**

**Agenda: April 19, 2022 6:30 pm**

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**I. Parliamentary Items**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Attendance Report (6:30 p.m.)**

**2. Seating of the New Board**

1. Election of Board Officers

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

2. Appointment of Subcommittee Chairs & Liaisons

- a. Urban Design Committee Chair & Vice Chair
- b. Transportation & Public Facilities Chair & Vice Chair
- c. Appointment of Liaisons: Maintenance Assessment District, North Park Main Street, Adams Ave Business Improvement Association, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association, North Park Community Association, University Heights Community Association, CPC

**3. Modifications to the NPPC Agenda**

1. **Urgent Non-Agenda Action Items:**

2. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. Urban Design/Project Review Subcommittee  
**Tentative Map, 3735 31st Street, Project No. 1048505**

Tentative Map to consolidate two lots into one for creation of four condominium units, located at 3735 31st Street. The 0.03-acre site is in the RM-2-5 zone within the North Park Community Plan area, Council District 3.

**MOTION: To approve the Tentative Map for Project No. 1048505.  
Renner/Ripper (5-1-0)**

4. **Agenda:** Adoption of the April 19, 2022 Agenda. *If necessary*
5. **Minutes:** Approval of the March 15, 2022 Minutes.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
7. **Consideration of Board Member Pounaki's Resignation (effective 4/30/2022)**

**II. Non-Agenda Public Comment: (7:20-7:25pm)**

Limited to Items not on the Agenda and non-debatable. Two-minute maximum, Chair can award more time.

**III. Announcements & Event Notices:** Limited to One minute each. *none* (7:25 p.m.)

None scheduled.

**IV. Elected Official & Planner Reports:** Reports are limited to 2 Min Max (7:25-7:30p.m.)

1. **Aaron Burgess, Hon. Nathan Fletcher, SD Board of Supervisors Dist. 3,** (619) 531- 4936, [Aaron.Burgess@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Aaron.Burgess@sdcounty.ca.gov).
2. **Kohta Zaiser, Hon. Todd Gloria, Mayor of San Diego,** [ZaiserK@sandiego.gov](mailto:ZaiserK@sandiego.gov).
3. **Christopher Vallejo. Toni Atkins, State Senate Dist. 39,** 619-645-3133,
4. **Ryan Darsey, Hon. Stephen Whitburn, City Council Dist. 3,** (619) 236-6633 [RDarsey@sandiego.gov](mailto:RDarsey@sandiego.gov).
5. **Jeffrey Ryan, Planning Department,** (619)235-5221 [JTRyan@sandiego.gov](mailto:JTRyan@sandiego.gov)
6. **Chris Gris, Hon. Chris Ward, State Assemblymember,** [Christopher.gris@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Christopher.gris@asm.ca.gov)

**V. Action Items: (7:30pm-7:55 p.m.)**

1. **Review of Motion by Joint Meeting of the NPPC Board Officers and Election Subcommittee in Regards to the Challenge to the 2022 NPPC Election**

The 2022 NPPC Election received 1 formal challenge. The complaints were reviewed and responded to by the Election Subcommittee and a review of these responses was undertaken by a Joint Committee of the 2021-2022 NPPC Board Officers and the Election Subcommittee in accordance with the by-laws. This action item is meant to review the motion from that joint meeting, as well as the city's input. Accompanying materials included as an Appendix in this agenda Presenter: Peter Hill

## VI. Information Items: (7:55 pm-8:20 p.m.)

### 1. 2022 NPPC Board Priorities

The 2022 NPPC Board has a number of new board members, this information item will be a guided conversation to discuss what issue areas and priorities the new board should focus on. The goals and priorities laid out in this session are meant to assist the new chair in planning out the year. Presenter: Aria Pounaki

## VII. NPPC Reports (8:20 - 8:35 p.m.)

1. **Chair's Report.**
2. **Subcommittee Reports:** : (Limited to Items Not on the Agenda & 5 Min. Max. each)
  1. Urban Design/Project Review (Tyler Renner, Chair): Next Meeting March 7, 2022, Zoom.
  2. Public Facilities & Transportation (Arash Kahvazadeh, Chair): Next Meeting March 8, 2022, Zoom.
3. **Liaisons Reports:** Limited to 1 Min. Max per Report
  1. Balboa Park Committee. Howard Blackson
  2. Maintenance Assessment District. Matt Stucky.
  3. North Park Main Street. Steve Billings.
  4. Adams Avenue Business Association.
  5. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Assoc.
  6. North Park Community Association. Peter Hill.
  7. University Heights Community Association. Tyler Renner
  8. CPC. Aria Pounaki

## VIII. Future NPPC Meeting Dates & Agenda Items: Next meeting is Tuesday, May 17, 2022 – 6:30PM

## IX. Adjournment (8:40 p.m.)

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## Appendix 1: Board Member Pounaki's Formal Resignation Letter

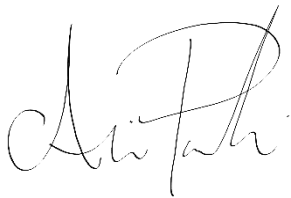
April 16, 2022

Dear NPPC Board,

I am writing this letter to the board to formally resign effective April 30, 2022. Following over 3 years of service, I have decided to pivot to other endeavors and have appreciated the chance to serve the public as both a board member and the chair. I will continue to support our community in other ways and ask for your support in accepting my resignation.

In the coming weeks, you have my commitment to assist in a smooth transition as the board considers a new chair. I will ensure that passwords, accounts, information, and physical property belonging to the NPPC is adequately transferred. You also have my commitment to continue to help advise the incoming chair in informal mentorship until such a time until they feel comfortable with the new tasks they will be charged with. I will also make myself available for trainings and other information for new Board Officers as well.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aria Pounaki".

Aria Pounaki  
NPPC

# Appendix 2: Election Subcommittee/2021 Board Officers Joint Meeting - Draft Minutes

## NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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**AD HOC ELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES:**  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87942469738>

### I. Parliamentary Items

#### A. Call to Order (6:00pm)

*NPPC Election Subcommittee Board Members: Hill, Spencer, Pounaki*

*NPPC Board Member: Molitar*

*NPPC Election Subcommittee Community Members: Sexton, LaRose*

*Hill taking minutes*

#### B. Modifications & Adoption of the Agenda

#### C. Approval of Previous Minutes

*Hill: original minutes incorrectly showed Bob LaRose present and have been corrected March 21, 2022 Minutes:*

*Motion to approve. Maker Sexton, Second LaRose. Passed (5-0-0) Molitar not voting*

#### D. Announcements

#### E. Chair's report

*Hill explained reason for postponing prior March 7 meeting. Maker of motion requested postponement and provided additional material same day prior to meeting, which the subcommittee required additional time to review. This material was distributed with the announcement for this meeting. Hill explained that bylaws specify that the NPPC Board member present will "give input"; the subcommittee reads this as participation in discussions but not participating in voting.*

### II. Non-Agenda Public Comment (2 minutes each)

*NPPC Board member Steve Oechel asked if he was considered a member of the subcommittee for this meeting. Pounaki clarified he was not, only NPPC Officers.*

*Vicki Granowitz explained that in the past, this meeting held a vote of officers and elections subcommittee. Intent was to broaden subcommittee. Disagreed with decision to not include Board Member Molitar in voting. Hill agreed to open voting to Molitor.*

### III. Action Items: 2022 Election Challenge

*Hill announced that he would be abstaining from voting and choosing not to participate in discussion, to avoid any potential conflict of interest due to his personal friendship with the maker of the challenge. Hill read an email received concerning the challenge (attached).*

#### A. Tabled from Mar. 21: Challenge Item 3: Bylaws Violation, Online Voter Registration (Includes supplemental information provided by maker of challenge)

*Discussion of how to proceed with item, with decision to have Granowitz present / speak.*

*Granowitz explained process for voter registration at registrar of voters. Only recourse is to have photo id; vouching is not sufficient. Previously required i.d. Important to be consistent requiring i.d., otherwise it diminishes the value of subcommittee.*

*(unrelated discussion about additional nppc members attending meeting)*

**Board comment:**

*Pounaki requested subcommittee input.*

*Sexton: contacted the city of san diego planner for North Park, who gave input on status of CPGs (Community Planning Groups), which need to follow Council Policy 600-24 and their own bylaws. He further described limits on city involvement with the CPGs. CP 600-24 established minimum requirements, otherwise they are self-governing entities with limited city involvement. Sexton cited NPPC bylaws re eligibility requirements, which specify allowing "alternative reasonable means".. These allowed establishing identity using alternative documents to photo I.d.*

*Pounaki explained that voter registration criteria are different than county, etc. The NPPC bylaws allow an alternative means to establish i.d. These reflected a concern for equity and inclusion.600-24 and bylaws don't technically require it.*

*Larose commented that the subcommittee went to great lengths to establish eligibility and residency in North Park.*

**Public comment:**

*None*

*Motion: to close this item as being without merit. Maker LaRose, Second Sexton  
Motion Passed (5-0-1) Hill abstained (reason above)*

**B. Rebuttal to Subcommittee Decision on Challenge item 10: Conflict of Interest, Election Subcommittee: participation of individual connected to slate of candidates** *(incorrectly identified in rebuttal materials as item 9)*

*Hill read rebuttal information.*

**Board Comment:**

*Pounaki noted that he participated / led in a slate and that all voter approval decisions were done by the whole subcommittee. The issue is not addressed in 600-24 and there was not overrepresentation on the subcommittee.*

*LaRose stated he was unaware of Pounaki's slate participation. Slates weren't raised as an issue in the subcommittee, and he felt it was fair.*

*Spencer agreed.*

*Molitar asked for clarification, stating no way to vote online for a slate. No "slate " was presented on the ballot and it doesn't qualify as slate voting.*

*Pounaki noted that official slates are not acknowledged by the subcommittee in language.*

Public Comment:

*Granowitz spoke of the future risk of loopholes being taken advantage of. The subcommittee should err on the side of caution and is not doing it.*

*(Flores: attempted to connect but could not).*

*Elliott agreed that Granowitz makes valid point. Elliott explained that after the 2021 election, a group formed to communicate with the neighborhood, and also used various media outlets.*

*Renee stated that it sounds like the City Attorney leaving it up to CPGs. Commented that no option exists to present a slate with individual names, and could structure the board by category (homeowner, renter, business etc.) Suggested an increased number of meetings. Supports full transparency.*

*Pounaki responded that NPPC no longer requires any meetings to vote.*

*(Sexton: got text from Flores, who can't unmute).*

*Granowitz clarified that the City Council no longer requires meeting attendance at CPGs to vote.*

*Motion: Conflicts of interest of this nature are not spelled out for the election subcommittee. This could be considered for inclusion in future bylaws amendments. It was further identified as a freedom of speech issue, with the City's position being that it can't be infringed on. Motion maker Spencer , Second LaRose.*

*Passed (5-0-1) Hill abstained (reason above)*

### **C. 2022 Election Challenge: Review and Revise Draft Resolution Report**

*Per NPPC Bylaws V.C. 15 (excerpted)*

*If there is substance to the challenge, the Election Subcommittee should identify, with input from the planning group's officers, the appropriate resolution. The resolution should be placed on the April agenda for a majority vote of the voting members of the planning group.*

*Pounaki edited draft per discussion.*

*Discussion took place of how to edit.*

*Note: edits discussed below were made to the 2022 NPPC Election Subcommittee's Draft Report on Challenge to 2022 Election and Proposed Resolution*

*2. Brown act violation: ad hoc election subcommittee subject to brown act*

Board Comment:

*Pounaki suggested bylaws mandate or explicitly state the public status of the subcommittee.*

*LaRose asked what Brown Act training to new board members would be.*

*Pounaki explained e-COW, supplemental training on the Brown Act, and proposed a revision.*

Public Comment:

*Renee stated that ad hoc meetings need to be explicitly defined, noticed, and adhere to a planned schedule. She suggested adding language to be explicit . She felt the work was not being done with deceit, but it was necessary to watch the optics leading to perceptions of irregularities.*

#### 5. Bylaws Violation, Voting Flexibility

*Pounaki read report item and asked Hill for clarification of the draft response. Molitar asked if offering either voting option was technically possible. Pounaki responded that it was, and clarified the original error. Pounaki suggested adding more specific language to the form. LaRose gave background the experience during the vote. Molitar suggested bylaws amendment to be more specific. Pounaki proposed revisions. Renee gave input and specific suggestions. LaRose asked what constituted "specific". Sexton was not sure there will be future online voting, and should consider this. Molitar gave a reminder that these are suggestions to the board. Renee suggested adding "as allowed" or "as available" to increase flexibility.*

#### 6. Bylaws Violation, Voting Guide Disenfranchisement

##### Board Comment:

*LaRose stated that next time should start a month earlier. It was tough to get together and timing was a big issue. Pounaki commented on oversight as an issue. Sexton agreed with proposed resolution. Pounaki felt the response suggests the subcommittee is not doing the review, which is not correct. Sexton differed, stated the response is ok as is. Pounaki stated that requirements will change with the City Council's upcoming CPG changes and that bylaws will need to be amended anyway.*

##### Public Comment:

*Renee felt people were disenfranchised and suggested delaying a vote if oversight found problems. Stated the process needed consistency across all communications, asked how to hold the subcommittee accountable. Molitar suggested a bylaws amendment (Pounaki explained it was already in bylaws). He said the election shouldn't be delayed if errors occur. Larose suggested including the election guide and having materials reviewed for consistency. Renee: suggested cross-checking emails going out Pounaki proposed a revised response.*

#### 8. Brown Act / Bylaws Violation, No Subcommittee Minutes

*Pounaki felt Brown Act training was not right answer. Molitar suggested post draft amendments. Pounaki suggested language for the item. LaRose suggested broader language re following the Brown Act. General discussion took place on the revision. Pounaki suggested adding "see item 2 above"*



Report Section: Challenge points Not supported by facts.

Pounaki read through these items and suggested revisions on the following:

4. Bylaws Violation, Voter Registration: period for voter registration not per bylaws

*LaRose spoke about processing online registrations and the extensive work that took place.*

*Renee suggested having high school students help in the election as community service.*

*Discussion on specific language.*

Summary:

*Pounaki suggested revisions and language to say no new election was recommended. Further explained his conversation with the City of San Diego planner for North Park, as well as the various courses of action. Pounaki believed no one item would have changed the outcome of the election. The maker of the challenge stated they didn't want a redo, just attention to concerns and a weak process. Pounaki proposed language for the summary and reviewed the entire document.*

*Motion: Move to adopt draft resolution as revised in this meeting as final.*

*Maker Molitar, Second LaRose. Motion passed (5-0-1) Hill abstained (reason above)*

#### **IV. Adjournment (8:15pm)**

*For additional information please contact [info@northparkplanning.org](mailto:info@northparkplanning.org)*

#### **Attachment: email received**

On Sun, Apr 10, 2022 at 9:06 PM 'Mike Galarneau' via EMAIL <[email@northparkplanning.org](mailto:email@northparkplanning.org)> wrote:

Hi there,

While not part of the complainant's issues directly, they do raise the issue that property owners who do not live in the NPPC area of responsibility are eligible to vote in NPPC elections. Would this include owners of rental property? If so, this needs to be fully elucidated in the bylaws. Again, while not directly related to subj., it appeared to be glossed over in the Board's/Committee's response.

I also think the Board/Committee should more directly respond to the complainant's issues with NPPC election procedures. Brown Act training is reasonable but not fully sufficient. With increased interest in density development City-wide and the inherent political and financial ramifications, it would be prudent for NPPC and the CPGs to tighten up their bylaws and election procedures to protect the public interest.

Sent from my iPad.  
Mike Galarneau  
4509 Louisiana St 92116

# Appendix 3: Redlined Version of Draft Response to 2022 NPPC Election Challenge

## Report on Challenge to 2022 NPPC Election and Proposed Resolution

### Introduction

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### ~~3. Bylaws Violation, Online Voter Registration~~

~~Original Challenge:~~

~~The Bylaws and common sense require that ALL voters establish their eligibility to vote with (1) proof of identity (a photo ID) AND (2) proof of eligibility (ID or other document with qualifying address.) (Art. V, Section 5.A.5.b). The subcommittee approved an online registration form that allowed voters to register and establish eligibility with only a document and no photo ID to establish identity. This allowed people to vote without proving their identity. There is no way to know if these voters were eligible without this step. a. To be specific: The form required a picture ID with a North Park address or another document that had your name and North Park address on it. You could do one or the other. In fact, I registered and voted online without sending a picture ID only a water bill.~~

~~This violation is so egregious it alone should invalidate the 2022 NPPC Election.~~

**Challenge points the Election Subcommittee found were supported by facts**

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Proposed Resolution: In future elections, include Brown Act refresher training in the Election Subcommittee process. Further, the election committee recommends that in a future bylaws amendment, the requirement to publicly notice ad hoc meetings be explicitly defined with Brown Act noticing and minute posting details (in addition to existing bylaws).

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### **Report Summary: Proposed Resolutions**

The resolution measures proposed above are focused on education about the Brown Act and Subcommittee review process. The participation of community members on the Subcommittee leads to a related recommendation to provide Brown Act training to Subcommittee community members. The recommendations on Subcommittee review process highlight the importance of internal review during the development of materials and forms for public use. Furthermore, the election subcommittee recommends the full board make a number of bylaws amendments to prevent errors and omissions in future election processes in order to continue to strengthen the quality of NPPC elections. The Election Subcommittee believes these suggestions adequately remedy the points of the challenge that were found to have merit and did not find any challenge so great as to affect the outcome of the election. Therefore, the Election Subcommittee does not recommend a new election be held as a potential remedy.

Presented by NPPC 2022 Election Subcommittee

Peter Hill, Chair

Aria Pounaki, NPPC Chair

Jennifer Spencer, NPPC Vice-Chair

Pat Sexton, Subcommittee Community Member

Bob LaRose, Subcommittee Community Member

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The resolution measures proposed above are focused on education about the Brown Act and Subcommittee review process. The participation of community members on the Subcommittee leads to a related recommendation to provide Brown Act training to Subcommittee community members. The recommendations on Subcommittee review process highlight the importance of internal review during the development of materials and forms for public use. Furthermore, the election subcommittee recommends the full board make a number of bylaws amendments to prevent errors and omissions in future election processes in order to continue to strengthen the quality of NPPC elections. The Election Subcommittee believes these suggestions adequately remedy the points of the challenge that were found to have merit and did not find any challenge so great as to affect the outcome of the election. Therefore, the Election Subcommittee does not recommend a new election be held as a potential remedy.

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