

# DRAFT MINUTES

## NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)

### DRAFT Meeting minutes: June 20, 2023 6:30 pm

#### North Park Christian Fellowship 2901 North Park Way

#### I. Parliamentary Items

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

	Patrick Garbani	Carmen Cooley-Graham	Claudia Flores	Steve Oechel	Lynn Elliott	Kate Callen	Mark Spitzer	John Hartley	Gregory Horn	Victor Torres	Marty Graham	Glenn Todd	Heidi Orcino	Liz Saba	Doug Schueler
Attendance	x	x		x	x					x		x	x	x	x
Late															
Absences			x			x	x	x	x		x				

#### I. Parliamentary Items

- A. Call to Order 6:30 p.m.
- B. Modifications to NPPC Agenda: None
- C. Agenda: Adopted unanimously
- D. April meeting minutes: Adopted unanimously, Change typo of “safe parking” to safe sleeping”. Approved unanimously at 6:33
- E. Treasurers report: \$1058.47 in the bank. Recurring \$6 charge for Google and \$400 in reimbursements outstanding.

#### II. Non-Agenda Public comment

- No comments from in person attendees.
- Mark West (NP Main Street) commented that Music Fest had more than 3,000 attendees and was a success.
- Steve Oechel (NPPC Chair) commented that due to an update to Council policy, the North Park Planning Commission will need to be re-certified in January of 2024. A sub-

committee is completing the application. Questions remain as to whether new elections will need to be held to seat board members.

**III. Announcements & Event Notices: Limited to One minute each: None.**

**IV. Elected Official & Planner Reports:**

- Kohta Zaiser (in person) reported that the Safe Camping proposal passed the City Council on a vote of 5-4, and that a second reading was to take place on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The City is proposing to delay enforcement until the safe sites are operational. He also reported that the budget passed on a vote of 9-0 and that a portion of the budget will go to repairs at the North Park Recreation Center. Schedules and timelines for the work will be released in the near future. Additionally, Street Preservation measures were proposed to improve road conditions by requiring utility and other workers to conduct curb to curb re-paving after they complete their work. This measure was scheduled to go to the City Council on either the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> of June.
  - o Pat Sexton asked how to “bump-up” the North park Rec Center from 13<sup>th</sup> on the budget list to a higher position. She was told that Councilmember Whitburn would advocate for that.
  - o Pat Sexton commented that the Mobility Group no longer has Zoom meetings and requested that they start again. She was told this was a state-level answer and not controlled locally.
  - o Carmen asked if the new budget includes raises for the Mayor, City Council, and their staffs. She was told that only the operational side of the city’s employees would receive a raise.
  - o Liz Saba asked if the City had the data requested by NPPC on 30<sup>th</sup> St. bike lane usage, and was told that the Mobility committee might have that data. Kohta would ask and let the committee know what he discovered.
  
- Logan Braydis (virtual) informed the Planning Committee that the 3 previously requested all way stop signs had been approved. Also, in response to a question regarding flashing crosswalks at 30<sup>th</sup> and Upas, he informed the committee that flashing crosswalks are not allowed to be utilized at uncontrolled intersections. The NPPC would have to request an alternate means of traffic calming at that intersection.
  - o Bob LaRose asked who was responsible for maintenance on the bikeways, specifically at the round-abouts. He was informed that it was likely “Streets.” Bob will enquire further.
  
- Chris Gris (virtual) reported that Assemblyman Chris Ward has 13 Assembly Bills in various stages of the process.
  - o Kate asked if bike lane footage was publically available, and was told that it is only available to Law Enforcement on Request.

**V. Action Items (7:00-7:45 p.m.)**

**A. Action: Fill Board Member vacancy on North Park Planning Committee Board. Term of Board Member expires March 2024. Basil Mournian voted in, unanimously**

**B. Action: Fill Planning Group Officer vacancy of Vice Chair on North Park Planning Committee Board. Term of Officer Vice Chair expires March 2024. Carmen Cooley-Graham voted in, unanimously.**

**C. Action: Memorandum from NPPC to Transportation Department regarding the 30th Street Bike Lane. Motion passed at May 16th meeting to send a letter to the Transportation Department. Review draft Memorandum.** ADHOC subcommittee establish to refine draft memo and present at future NPPC meeting

- Make it focus on key issues, specifically business owners and residents.
- Ensure it includes mention of the Climate Action Plan.
- Ensure it is specific and actionable.
- Lynn proposed a motion to form a working group and present it to the board at the next meeting. This motion passed unanimously. Kate, Doug, and Heidi will be the working group members.

**D. Informational: Housing Action Package 2.0. Presenter Chris Ackerman, Housing Policy Advisor**

Housing Action Package 2.0 was briefed to the Committee by Chris Ackerman. He related that the Planners Committee requested that the scope of the Package be narrowed, and will be re-presented on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was asked if there were any predictions as to how much housing this Package would generate over 10 years, and if there was any study on the impact to affected communities, and he responded that this is on-going.

- Bob LaRose mentioned that with increased housing there would be need for increased infrastructure, specifically schools.

- Carmen stated that since the magnitude of this package is so great, a vote should be taken at an upcoming general election.

**Motion Passed to add 15 minutes to meeting, passed unanimously.**

**E. University Avenue Mobility Project Update. Presenter Omar Batta, Blue Pacific Project Manager. [omar@bluepacificeng.com](mailto:omar@bluepacificeng.com)**

Omar Batta stated that they are finalizing their service orders with SDG&E. The traffic lights need to be turned on, but the voltage is too high to do so. Engineers are trying to determine the way ahead.

- Pat Sexton pointed out that University, as it is currently constructed, now is not wide enough to allow an MTS bus and Fire Engine to drive next to each other.

**F. Action: Project Review Action Item-PRJ-1085488. Addition of 2 ADUs to 4546-62 Boundary St.  
Presenter: Mark Farrar and Brian Enright**

Lynn proposed a motion to approve the project. Glenn Todd was the sole nay. Motion passed.

**Patrick proposed a motion to adjourn, which passed unanimously at 8:55.**