



NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE (NPPC)
Minutes: May 18, 2021; 6:30 pm
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I. **Parliamentary Items**

(6:30 p.m.)

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Attendance Report**

Member	Arash Kahvazadeh	Aria Pounaki	Basil Mournian	Beau Benko	Daniel Molitor	Ginger Partyka	Jeff Olson	Jennifer Spencer	Jessica Ripper	Josh Bohannan	Marissa Tucker-Borquez	Matt Stucky	Peter Hill	Steve Billings	Tyler Renner
Attendance	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		0	1
Late					1									1	
Absences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

12 board members present at roll call. Molitor & Billings arrived later which is why some initial votes have less than 14 votes tallied.

2. **Modifications to the NPPC Agenda**

- a. **Urgent Non-Agenda Action Items:**
- b. **Consent Agenda** (none)

3. **Agenda:** Adoption of the May 18, 2021 Agenda, *if necessary*.

4. **Minutes:** Approval of the April 20, 2021 Minutes.

Public Comment:

Kate Callen: Why was Renay Johnson removed from the April meeting? Answer: Expletive filled ad hominem attacks on board members will not be tolerated. She was removed in accordance with Brown Act provisions.

Randy Walsh: Randy Watson is a stage name, please correct the record to use the name Randy Walsh.

MOTION: To approve the April 20th, 2021 Meeting Minutes with a modification to change Randy Watson to Randy Walsh in the record. **Pounaki/Tucker (13-0-0)**

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

- a. Account balance is \$599.60

III. **Non-Agenda Public Comment:**

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

Pat Sexton: SANDAG is studying emissions. Idling cars produce emissions. We don't have any busses in North Park.

Paul Krueger: Talmage limits ADUs. Updating infrastructure is important.

Eugene Polley: There were five spoiled ballots from the election. No one has presented the ballots. Answer: questions about the previous election have been shared with the city, they have not responded to the committee.

Randy Walsh: There are outstanding issues about the election. Concerned about diversity and inclusion.

Note: Daniel Molitor joined the meeting here, now 14 board members present.

IV. **Announcements & Event Notices:** Limited to One minute each.

1. **Lights on North Park**: Join North Park Main Street for a celebration of SD's coolest neighborhood on Thursday, May 20th from 7:15pm-7:45pm. Just after sunset, all are welcome to create a dynamic light display at the cross section of 30th & University with the soft glow of cell phone lights

2. Other Announcements:

Matt Stucky: First meeting of the Adhoc Bylaws Subcommittee next Tuesday, May 26 at 6PM.

Arash Kahvazadeh: Had to cancel facilities meeting because agenda wasn't posted in time to meet bylaws, Meeting instead is Tomorrow at 6PM will be about better utilization of parking garage.

V. **Elected Official & Planner Reports:** Reports are limited to 2 Min Max

1. **Aaron Burgess, Hon. Nathan Fletcher, County Supervisors Dist. 3**, (619) 531-4936, aaron.burgess@sdcounty.ca.gov. Not present.

2. **Kohta Zaiser, Hon. Todd Gloria, Mayor of San Diego**, ZaiserK@sandiego.gov.

Discussed budget hearings, library hours. Tentative agreement with SDG&E made.

3. **Diana Lara, Toni Atkins, St. Senate Dis. 39**, 619-645-3133, Diana.Lara@sen.ca.gov. Not present.

4. **Ryan Darsey, Hon. Stephen Whitburn, City Council Dist. 3**, (619) 236-6633 RDarsey@sandiego.gov.

Discussed temporary outdoor dining. Recommendations for dog park grass in Morley Field.
Construction of North Park Mini Park Updates

Eugene Polley: concerned about the conflict of bike lanes and temporary parklets.

Kohta Zaiser: answered that bike lanes will be diverted around parklets.

5. **Bernie Turgeon, Planning Department**, 619-533-6575, BTurgeon@sandiego.gov. Not present.
6. **Chris Gris, Hon. Chris Ward, State Assemblymember**, Christopher.gris@asm.ca.gov

Promoting unemployment assistance. May revise state budget, announcing 2M to EDD for SD. On track to reopen June 15th. AB311 passed in appropriations.

VI. Information Items:

1. City of San Diego Redistricting Commission

City of San Diego Redistricting Commission will present on their upcoming efforts to establish new voting districts in the city of San Diego in accordance with State Law. The Commission hopes to share awareness of this effort and seeks public input on their plans.

Presenters: Lora Fleming, Chief of Staff LJFleming@sandiego.gov & Roy MacPhail, District 3 Redistricting Commissioner

Public Comment:

Pat Sexton: The growth in City Council District 3 shows that we need to slow down new construction in North Park.

Presenter Response: A lot of the new growth happening in District 3 is happening downtown.

Steve Oechel: Is it possible to add a tenth council district?

Presenter Response: No, the commission is tasked with redrawing the lines of the existing nine districts.

Board Comment:

Arash K: Are there plans for future updates?

Presenter Response: Speaker is happy to return to future meetings. Also see website and social media for the latest details.

Basil M: Can we add a distinct?

Presenter Response: It is possible for the city council to change the city charter, but that is outside the purview of the commission.

Beau B: Is the goal to have the smallest deviation?

Presenter Response: all nine districts should be about the same size.

Jeff O: Will the commission use physical boundaries like highways and canyons.

Presenter Response: Yes.

Jessica R: Interested in mapping tools and concerned about access to meetings.

Presenter Response: software selection will prioritize public access to online mapping tools, and future meetings will be scheduled to accommodate weekends and evenings. Also- videos, minutes, and agendas are available to the public.

Josh B: Are historical maps available?

Presenter Response: the city has access to the 2010 commission website, but the addition of the ninth council district may make comparisons to the past more.

Matt S.: Will the commission factor in the boundaries of CPGs and what are the priorities?

Presenter Response: Nothing will be prioritized. All factors must be considered. Currently planning groups do fit within council districts, if that is important CPGs should express that to the commission.

Tyler R: Will the commission factor in projections for growth?

Presenter Response: the commission will use census data from 2020. Perhaps projected growth should be factored in.

Aria P: Is ethnicity factored in?

Presenter Response: Communities of Interest have been considered in the past and will be a part of the process this time as well.

2. Presentation by PATH on the Mid-City outreach program

PATH (People Assisting The Homeless) will give an update and presentation on their work with the Mid-City outreach Program. This program works to create touch points with unsheltered people in the Mid-City neighborhoods in San Diego with the goal of connecting them with resources and services.

Presenter: Brian Gruters BrianG@ePath.org, Angela Landsberg angela@northparkmainstreet.com

Public Comment:

Pat Sexton: How many people did you talk to, how many stayed in housing?

Presenter Response: 181 contacts, 105 offered housing, 21 stayed in permanent housing.

Steve Oechel: Thank you. Do you have numbers on progress?

Presenter Response: PATH has placed 21 people in permanent housing.

Randy Walsh: Does access to tech help your progress?

Presenter Response: it is essential.

John Hartley: How many workers have been deployed?

Presenter Response: first one, then two, soon a third will be added.

Board Comment:

Tyler R: I work at PATH. It is a community collaboration that started in North Park. Homelessness, transportation, and housing are all connected.

Matt S: Is PATH an alternative to policing? How can we help?

Marissa T-B: How can individuals help?

Josh B: Good luck with funding from Sacramento.

Beau B.: Let's work on prevention in addition to street level services.

Basil M: Expressed concerns about alternatives to policing.

Daniel M.: Curious about long term solutions and follow up for PATH clients.

Jessica R: Concerned about the impact of COVID19 and the end of the eviction moratorium.

Aria P: What strategies are used on disinterested parties?

VII. NPPC Reports

1. **Chair's Report.** Next Tuesday for AdHoc Bylaws Committee
2. **Social Media.** Josh Bohannon: Engagement is lower in Facebook than last. Social media good platform for reaching new diverse audience, accepting ideas.
3. **NPPC Website Update.** Jeff Olson: Training on website. In position to proceed with updates.
4. **Subcommittee Reports:** (Limited to Items Not on the Agenda & 5 Min. Max. each)
 - a. Urban Design/Project Review (Tyler Renner, Chair): Next Meeting June 5, 2021, via Zoom. Info item on processes and how Urban Design / Project Review subcommittee works. Potentially a new project to review in June 7th meeting.
 - b. Public Facilities & Transportation (Arash Kahvazadeh, Chair): Next Meeting May 19, 2021 Main meeting is tomorrow at 6PM. Discussing North Park Garage utilization. Wants to assign individuals to subcommittees to potential projects.
5. **Liaisons Reports:** Limited to 1 Min. Max per Report
 - a. Balboa Park Committee. TBD. Appointment not yet processed.
 - b. Maintenance Assessment District. Matt Stucky. No report. Next meeting June 14th.
 - c. North Park Main Street. Steve Billings. General housekeeping and budgets. Voted on a motion to gather information about the possibility of adding parking meters. Not taking a stance, just collecting data.
 - d. Adams Avenue Business Association. Ginger Partyka No report.
 - e. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Assoc. Beau Benko No report, meeting Thursday at 9am.
 - f. North Park Community Association. Peter Hill. Absent.
 - g. University Heights Community Association. Tyler Renner Presentation from North Park Historical Society. Meets First Thursday of the month.
 - h. CPC. Aria Pounaki Talking about short term rental issues. Working with chair to ensure future meetings are more coherent and well managed.

VIII. **Future NPPC Meeting Dates & Agenda Items:** Next meeting is Tuesday, June 15, 2021

IX. Adjournment

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- Adams Avenue Business Association: www.adamsAvebusiness.com/
- North Park Main Street: northparkmainSt.com/
- "The Boulevard" El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: www.theboulevard.org
- North Park Maintenance Assessment District: <http://npmad.org>
- North Park Community Association. For information about North Park Activities or to have an event posted: www.northparksd.org
- University Heights Community Association (UHCA): www.uhsd.org