



# NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## Public Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

**North Park Recreation Center / Adult Center, 2719 Howard Avenue**

### I. Parliamentary Items

- a) Call to Order at 6:03 pm  
Attendance:  
Steve Doster, René Vidales, Randy Wilde, Peter Hill, Rob Steppke, Ernie Bonn
- b) Modifications & Adoption of the Agenda: **MOTION: To adopt Agenda. Wilde/Hill 6-0-0**
- c) Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes: October 10, 2018. **MOTION: To approve October 10, 2018 meeting minutes with the following modification: change \$24 to \$26. Steppke/Doster 4-0-2 (Hill and Wilde abstained due to not being present at the meeting)**
- d) Announcements
  - a. Ernie Bonn. Parking Advisory Board no longer in existence. They are still looking for board members.
  - b. Steve Doster. Protected Bike Lanes at the intersection of Park Blvd. and Robinson Ave. going in. Project will go through the CEQA process soon,

### II. Non Agenda Public Comment

- a. Matt Thompson. Asked about the 29<sup>th</sup> Street parking conversion status. No update from the City. Assumption that the project is not moving forward based on the number of people previously in opposition.

### III. Action Item

#### A. Parking Conversion on Mississippi Street from Polk Ave. to Lincoln Ave. on the east side

The City of San Diego is proposing to convert the existing parallel parking spaces to head-in parking on the east side of Mississippi Street between Polk Avenue and Lincoln Avenue.

Kharman Tawfiq, Associate Traffic Engineer at the City had previously stated very few people were in opposition, with one of them opposing the handicapped parking space in front of their property.

Ken Sergi. Spoke in support of the project. He initiated the process about 2 years ago. He sees no downside to the parking conversion.

Matt Thompson. Encourages this board whenever approving parking conversions to follow up on striping the centerline. Also encourages angle parking instead of head-in parking due to almost missed collisions that never get recorded.

Ernie Bonn. There is a lesser turning radius available in existing shopping malls with head-in parking.

Pat Sexton. Would like to see stripes.

**MOTION: To support the parking conversion on Mississippi St. between Polk Ave. and Lincoln Ave. as presented to convert parallel parking to head-in parking, and add design**

features such as centerline striping as listed in the NPPC recommendations from April 17, 2018. Bonn/Vidales 5-1-0 (Wilde)

#### IV. Information Items

##### A. Water & Sewer Group 1027

Bill Thompson, City of San Diego, Project Manager

Update on water and sewer project in North Park planning area, located mostly south of Thorn Street.

19,387 linear feet of water line that will be replaced with 8" pvc pipe. Will send out door hangers prior to construction, about the time when they open up the bids. All neighbors will receive a letter from the City, a letter from the contractor, and then a door hanger. Contact information will be listed in the door hangers.

94 linear feet of sewer will be replaced at Kew Terrace.

Traffic will be maintained in order to keep one lane open at a minimum. Project will be coordinated with the Redwood St. Utility Undergrounding Project.

Matt Thompson. Sequencing with the Upas Pipe Replacement Project. A: No sequencing. Regarding the sewer, is the 94 linear feet the right number. A: There is no other sewer in this project. Regarding temporary patches, they can damage a car and requests permanent patches.

##### B. Proposed Bike Lanes on 30<sup>th</sup> St.

Matt Stucky, Neighbor

Proposal for creating a safe route for all on 30<sup>th</sup> Street between Juniper Street and Redwood Street. Request for support to restripe 30<sup>th</sup> Street in conjunction with pipeline replacement project to add two-way cycletrack between Juniper Street and Redwood Street to enhance safety for all users and create opportunity for Switzer Canyon Bridge beautification project by rededicating right-of-way.

Matt Stucky made a presentation. He lives in the south end of North Park and works downtown. He is aware of the 30<sup>th</sup> Street pipeline replacement project. Reviewed the NP Community Plan and feels there needs to be a better north-south connection.

Tyler Renner from Councilmember Ward's office reported via email that the Councilmember sent a memo to the Mayor's office on December 2nd requesting an evaluation bike facilities on 30th Street, asking Transportation Engineering Operations staff to evaluate a longer stretch of 30th Street for improved bicycle facilities, specifically between Juniper Street at the southern boundary, to El Cajon Boulevard at the northern boundary, with the understanding that the 30th Street Pipeline Replacement Project is currently underway, and that upon its completion, the resurfacing of 30th Street will present a new opportunity to add enhanced bicycling facilities. Tyler Renner also reported via email that they are expecting to hear back from City staff on this evaluation this month. After that, they will gather stakeholders, plan coordinated outreach meetings and create a fact sheet to present to the community. Moving forward, their office's main point of contact will be Tyler Renner.

René Vidales. Explained that pro bono work was performed by a consultant on a pilot segment of 30<sup>th</sup> St. north of Upas St. The pilot segment revealed that in order to add the buffered bike lanes on 30<sup>th</sup> St., the center turn lane would be removed but needed to be added back at the corners for left turns; in order to have turn lanes at the corners along with buffered bike lanes, about 6 parking

spaces at each corner would be lost but only one side. This would require to convert a number of side streets from parallel parking to angle parking to mitigate for the loss.

Peter Hill. Currently chairs the Maintenance Assessment District (MAD). The MAD funding is limited and may not cover much for the Switzer Canyon segment.

Pat Sexton. Removing parking would not be supported by businesses on the first block on 30<sup>th</sup> St. south of Upas St.

Matt Thompson. Supports the plan between Redwood and Juniper. There needs to be connectivity between Palm and Laurel.

Steve Doster. We will bring this item back to the Subcommittee when there is more information.

### **C. Utility Underrounding Update**

Updates on Lincoln Ave., Howard Ave., and Redwood St.

Steve Doster explained information contained in a handout with January 2019 updates. The handout included information on Howard Avenue.

René Vidales explained that a new process that includes input from Community Planning Groups is supposed to take place moving forward. Lincoln Ave. and Howard Ave. did not use that process, but Redwood St. should go through that process.

René also received input from David Moty, Chair of the Community Planners Committee (CPC) on information that can be included in a future fact sheet for outreach purposes. This message would resonate with neighbors on Redwood Street:

- New utility boxes need to be away from the sidewalk, in order to prevent reducing the width and creating obstacles
- New utility boxes need to be away from interfering with parking such as the case of a door opening and hitting a utility box
- New utility boxes may be susceptible to tagging (graffiti)
- New utility boxes tend to be unsightly (ugly), as they come in with different shapes, sizes and colors

This item will be discussed again at a future subcommittee meeting.

## **V. Unfinished, New Business & Future Agenda Items**

### **A. Future Agenda Items**

1. City reviewing parking requirements in high density areas

## **VI. Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

**Next PF&T Subcommittee meeting date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019**

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