

**North Park Maintenance Assessment District
Community Advisory Committee Minutes
June 11, 2007**

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the North Park (NP) Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in at the North Park Adult Activity Center, 2719 Howard Avenue, in San Diego, California, California by Phyllis Shess, Chair.

II. Roll call

The Chair, Phyllis Shess conducted a roll call.

Present:

Phyllis Shess, Chair & resident homeowner
Brenda Martin, Co-Chair & GNP Community Planning Committee
Marty McDaniel, Burlingame Neighborhood Association
Steve Hon, Secretary, North Park Community Association (NPCA)
Patrick Edwards and Liz Studebaker, North Park Main Street
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association
Gary Weber, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association
Rob Steppke, North Park PAC
Karen Gross, San Diego County Apartment Association

Absent:

Mike Petrogeorge, North Park Main Street
Jackie O'Connor, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association

City of San Diego staff:

Angel Prado, Parks and Recreation
Ahmed Aburahmah, Traffic Division
Monica Palaez, Council District 3 Staff

Guests Present:

Martin Tabachnick, North Park resident

III. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the May 14, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Brenda Martin, seconded by Marty McDaniel to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by all members present except Patrick Edwards and Karen Gross who abstained because they were not at that meeting. Liz Studebaker did not take part in the voting.

IV. Update on City process/important dates for proposed Assessment Engineers Report (AER)

Joe Henderson was not able to attend the meeting so Phyllis provided a summary of the current status for the re-balloting of the MAD:

- Ballots have been distributed to property owners. Due back by July 10, 2007 or people can turn in a ballot at the City Council that day when the ballots will be counted and the City Council will vote on approving or disapproving the new AER depending upon the outcome of the ballot count. The Council does not technically have to abide by the ballot results.
- People can come that day and speak before the City Council expressing their opinion. Phyllis is planning to attend.
- In response to a question from a La Boheme owner who did not receive a ballot. It was clarified that the ballots went to the property owner of record as of August 10, 2006 in accordance with the law. In this case, the property owner did not buy their condo until December 2006. Joe Henderson will research some of this issue some more.

Martin Tabachinick, a North Park resident, asked several questions such as:

- Why was not a postage free return envelope included with the ballot since 41¢ for postage could be a hardship for many people especially if they were on fixed income?

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Response: There is no requirement for postage free envelopes to be provided since this is not a general election and ballots go only to property owners who could be assumed to have 41¢ for postage available.

- Why weren't provisions made for a place for ballots to be dropped off somewhere in North Park? Response: There would be no way for the City Clerk to cost effectively maintain the integrity of the balloting process with a drop off location other than City Hall.
- Where were MAD minutes and other information posted in accordance with the Brown Act so the public could see them more easily such as at locations such as the public library or a supermarket? Response: MAD documents and minutes are posted on the web which provides significant public access to the minutes. Libraries do have computers with internet access and people without computers could access the minutes at the Library.
- Martin also had some questions on the assumptions and process for developing the budget for the MAD. Response: General explanation of the process provided.

V. **Community Outreach update.** An update on current outreach was given.

VI. **Councilmember's report**

Monica Palaez gave the update. She did have a new issue of the *Toni Times* to distribute. Most Council activities are centering on City budget review for FY 2007-08.

VII. **Status of final light installation under current MAD**

Ahmed Aburahmah (phone number 619-533-3126) led discussion of how to get action going on finalizing installment of the remaining lights authorized under the existing AER. Estimated costs of the lights will be \$5-6,000 apiece not the \$20,000 amount previously cited.

VIII. **System to prioritize lighting under new MAD**

There was a discussion on how to prioritize the identification of the location of the approximately 40 new street lights to be installed if the re-balloting is successful and the new AER is approved allowing expenditure of the excess MAD surplus funds. Representatives were asked to go back to their groups and develop priorities and ideas for determining the process.

IX. **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be July 9, 2007 in the Adult Recreation Center on Howard Street.

X. **Adjournment**

The Chair, Phyllis Shess adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. approximately.