

North Park Maintenance Assessment District Community Advisory Committee Minutes October 8, 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
Patrick Edwards, North Park Main Street
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association
Rob Steppke, North Park PAC
Marty McDaniel, Burlingame Neighborhood Association

Absent:

Steve Hon, Secretary, North Park Community Association (NPCA)
Brenda Martin, Co-Chair & GNP Community Planning Committee
Gary Weber, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association
Jackie O'Connor, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association
Karen Gross, Apartment Owners Association

City of San Diego staff:

Beethoven Burks, Parks and Recreation
Angel Prado, Parks and Recreation
Ahmed Aburahmah, Traffic and Streets
Al Izarde, Traffic and Streets

Guests Present:

Rick Hardy, Burlingame Neighborhood Association
Elizabeth Studebaker, North Park Main Street Executive Director

III. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the September 10, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Rob Steppke, second by Patrick Edwards to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Status of final light installation

Ahmed Aburahmah and Al Izarde gave an updated report on the installation of the remaining lights to be installed under the terms of the original Assessment Engineers Report (AER). There are 21 locations under review however only 8 lights can be installed legally under the AER at this time. Notices from SDG&E and to homeowners are being processed. The lights will be installed as they are approved by affected homeowners. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Mr. Izarde agreed to email the chair prior to the meeting . Absent a new AER being passed, these are the last lights the MAD will be able to install.

V. Report on tree/streetscape maintenance issues

Beethoven Burks also gave an update on landscaping issues including the replacement of some trees. The committee reported that a damaged light at Switzer Canyon which was

destroyed in a vehicle accident has yet to be replaced. Mr. Burks will investigate and report back.

There was a discussion about the maximum number of trees the current AER permits to be maintained and agreement that we have max'd out on trees we are able to care for in the community. Mr. Burks is in the process of updating the MAD-maintained tree list for the year and will have it for the next meeting. Absent the new AER being passed, no more trees can be added, though we can still replace damaged/dying trees on the MAD maintenance list.

VI. Further analysis of voting patterns and discussion for steps for a new MAD

There was further discussion on the voting patterns from the MAD re-balloting. Lists of the top multifamily and commercial property owners voting against the MAD were prepared by Angel Prado and reviewed by the committee. The committee determined the owners are primarily family trusts and/or out of town owners whose votes would be very difficult to impact. It was noted that 113 more single family homeowner "yes" votes would have passed the MAD, all other votes remaining as they were. This resulted in a lengthy discussion of a grass roots effort via each community group to engage more homeowners in voting. The committee members were asked by the Chair to meet with their groups and brainstorm this more thoroughly with them. If a decision is made to re-ballot again, the community groups would need to have volunteer workers to assist in the campaign. The decision on how to proceed will be addressed again in January after committee members have had a chance to brief and consult with their respective community groups.

VII. Public Comment

There was none.

VIII. New Business

Main Street reported they plan to expand their BID. Voting will be in February. Their goal is to increase the geographic region and engage more business owners in the many challenges and opportunities in the neighborhood.

IX. Councilmember's report

Monica Pelaez was ill and not present.

X. Adjournment

The Chair, Phyllis Shess adjourned the meeting at 7:45.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Moved from November 12 to November 19 because of the Veteran's Day Holiday on November 12.

Minutes prepared by Phyllis Shess for Steve Hon