

**North Park Maintenance Assessment District  
Community Advisory Committee Minutes  
November 19, 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 6:02 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  
Steve Hon, Secretary, North Park Community Association (NPCA)  
Gary Weber, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association  
Kitty Callen, Altadena Neighborhood Association  
Rob Steppke, North Park PAC  
Marty McDaniel, Burlingame Neighborhood Association

Absent:

Jackie O'Connor, El Cajon Blvd Business Improvement Association  
Karen Gross, Apartment Owners Association  
Patrick Edwards, North Park Main Street

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  
Monica Peleaz, Council District 3 Representative

Guests Present:

None

**III. Approval of minutes**

The minutes from the October 8, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Rob Steppke's name was misspelled in the approval of minutes section. A correction will be made. Motion made by Kitty Callen, second by Rob Steppke to approve the minutes. Steve Hon, Brenda Martin, and Gary Weber abstained from the vote. All others present voted to approve (Marty McDaniel showed up for the meeting after the vote to approve the minutes was made).

**IV. Status of final light installation**

Ahmed Aburahmah and Al Izarde were present gave an updated report on the installation of the remaining lights to be installed under the terms of the original Assessment Engineers Report (AER). They passed out a detailed spreadsheet on the status of all lights under the existing AER. The biggest issue for many of the remaining lights is getting approval of the easement for the power lines from all affected homeowners. Notices from SDG&E and to homeowners are still being processed. The lights will be installed as they are approved by affected homeowners. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

**V. Report on tree/streetscape maintenance issues**

The issue of the functional status of the solar streetlights was discussed by Beethoven Burks and Angel Prado. In an upcoming segment of "Just Fix It" feature in the Union Tribune there will be mention of a non-functioning solar light in North Park. This particular light was reviewed as working as recently as September. It may be that the light works when the sunlight is gone but the battery is not strong enough to keep it powered all night.

Beethoven Burks also gave an update on landscaping issues including the replacement of some trees. Six more trees have been destroyed as a result of vandalism on 30<sup>th</sup> Street. It was decided to replace the trees. A motion was made by Brenda Martin and seconded by Kitty Callen to approve expenditure of MAD funds to replace the trees. The motion carried unanimously.

An issue with two metal broken tree grates along University Avenue came up. It is unclear how the grates were broken. A motion was made by Brenda Martin and seconded by Kitty Callen to authorize replacing the broken grates. The motion passed unanimously.

City staff will bring the proposed FY 2008-09 MAD budget to the January 2008 meeting for consideration.

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

There was further discussion on the feasibility of re-balloting the MAD and how to mount a campaign to secure passage this time. There was continuation of the previous month's discussion on the most effective means of conducting a grass roots effort via each community group to engage more homeowners in voting. As in the October meeting's discussion, 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 another chance to brief and consult with their respective community groups.

**VII. Public Comment**

There was none.

**VIII. New Business**

There was none.

**IX. Councilmember's report**

Monica Pelaez passed out copies of the "Toni Times". Monica also reported the next community Public Safety meeting for North Park will be in early 2008.

**X. Adjournment**

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

**There will be no meeting December 2007. The next meeting will be January 14, 2008.**