

**North Park Main Street
Design Committee Minutes
Tuesday, June 5, 2007, 5:30 p.m.
Location: 3076 University Ave.**

Called to order: 5:31 p.m.

Attendance

Sacha Hopstock, John Stewart McGaughy, Melinda Pederso Joe Sebastyen, Josh Lohan, John Nicholas, Katherine Ryczek, George Franck, Mike Howard, Shanna Decker, Mac Ebrahim, Dan Smith, Jason Maline, Kevin Farron, Roger Lewis

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 1, 2007 MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMITTEE.

Motion Passed Unanimously

3. Announcements and Public Comment

North Park History Book

George Franck announced that the North Park History book is now on sale; this book covers the first 50 years of North Park. Additional book projects are being considered for the future.

4. Security Window Film

Joe Sebastyen of Kustom options presented information about a security film he is selling to local businesses. He would like to be proactive with the community in addressing graffiti problems.

5. New Wine Bar

Shanna Decker and her associates presented their design for a wine bar/wine retail outlet at 3422 30th Street. The new business will be called Mosaic. The proposed floor plan, layout, signage, parking, and noise control were discussed. They are working with ABC to obtain their license and hope to gain support from the community. NPMS was asked to provide a letter of endorsement, however the committee felt that this should be discussed with the Board of Directors before making a decision since the business is located outside of the BID.

6. Walgreens LED Reader Board

John Nicholas distributed images showing the current sign at Walgreens and the sign he would like to replace it with. After the benefits of the proposed change were explained, the Design Committee offered their critique. It was noted that neither sign follows the NPMS design guidelines. Because the proposed change is an improvement over what already exists, the committee felt they should support it; however they did not want to set a precedent by approving a sign that did not agree with the NPMS design guidelines.

MOTION: ALTHOUGH IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE NORTH PARK MAIN STREET DESIGN GUIDELINES, THE DESIGN COMMITTEE APPROVES THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING BACKLIT INFORMATION SIGN WITH A SMALLER LED INFORMATION SIGN TO THE PREEXISTING CORNER ID SIGNAGE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION NOT TO DUPLICATE THE WALGREENS LOGO.

(McGaughy/Lewis) Motion Passed Unanimously

7. Lisco Imports Sidewalk Improvement

John Stewart McGaughy would like the sidewalk on North Park Way between Ray Street and Grim Avenue to be short listed for improvement. He would also like to encourage the owner of Lisco Imports to take advantage of the PROW. The committee discussed a list prioritizing sidewalks in need of improvement, as well as a commercial sidewalk improvement program. The sloping of this sidewalk causes businesses to be noncompliant with ADA requirements; this is an important reason to give this sidewalk a high priority. Bidding on University Avenue and 30th Street improvements has started.

8. Historic Walking Tour

George Franck distributed information about walking tours in the area. A designer is working on the documents, tour revisions are being made, and dates are being set. Information can also be viewed online at the North Park Community Association's (NPCA) website.

9. Maintenance Assessment District Update

10. Conferences

UCSD's Faculty Club will host Greenovation. This forum will explore green chemistry and will take place on Thursday, June 7, at 5:30 p.m.

11. Ray at Night

The Ray Street Committee has decided not to suspend the street closure. Two participating galleries have decided to stop serving alcohol.

12. Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Update

The letter regarding the MAD rebaloting has been received. It is possible that the MAD will become more closely affiliated with North Park Main Street in the future.

13. Work Plan – Update as needed

Historic Building Inventory

University Avenue Mobility Plan

Art in Public Places

Pilot Village Implementation

Roger Lewis reported that a funding proposal for the Theater Plaza was turned in to Bill Anderson just prior to Tom Romstad's departure from the Redevelopment Agency.

Storefront Improvement Program

14. Selection of Committee Secretary

Chris Dye will serve as Committee Secretary in July.

15. Other Issues

16. Adjourn 7:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 3, 2007