

**North Park Main Street
Design Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 4, 2007, 5:30 p.m.
Location: 3076 University Ave.**

Called to order: 5:30 p.m.

Attendance

Sacha Hopstock & John McGaughy (co-chairs); George Franck (acting secretary), Christopher Dye, Roger Lewis, & Chris Varon (members); Jay Porter & Steve Codraro (visitors); Elizabeth Studebaker (Executive Director)

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 7, 2007 MEETING OF THE DESIGN COMMITTEE.

(McGaughy/Dye) Motion Passed Unanimously 6-0-0

3. Announcements and Public Comment

Eveoke Dance Theater will move to North Park in September, using figures and signage from the downtown location.

Design students from the New School of Architecture will display design concepts for central North Park at Studio 3060. Main Street is sponsoring the exhibit and is hosting a reception on September 5th. Studio 3060 will be open during Ray at Night.

The exterior of Urban Solace on 30th Street is nearly complete. The restaurant may have a soft opening during Ray at Night.

Parking is an increasing problem at 30th and Upas Streets. Committee members suggested that the North Park Parking Committee discuss the issue. This group is composed of representatives from most community organizations.

George Franck discussed the potential consolidation of 30th Street bus stops with transit staff. He will prepare a motion for Committee action and a cover letter for discussion next month.

4. The Linkery

Jay Porter showed plans for remodeling the building on the southwest corner of 20th Street and North Park Way. The Linkery restaurant will triple in size in this new location; Mr. Porter hopes to establish a replacement restaurant at the current Linkery location on 30th Street, just south of Upas. The restaurant windows will fully open, integrating seating areas with the sidewalk. The Committee discussed the treatment of the building-sidewalk interface, landscaping, later dining hours and the historic character of the building.

5. KFC Remodel

The Kentucky Fried Chicken building on University Avenue at Utah Street has been demolished. According to the architect, the project is a remodel and therefore did not require community review. The architect provided a perspective of the project through Main Street staff. The restaurant will be reconstructed on or near the existing foundation and it continues to have a large parking lot facing University Avenue. Because this area is zoned CN-1, the City code requires that new buildings be build closer to the property line. Pending confirmation of the zoning and other code requirements, the committee passed the following:

MOTION: TO RECOMMEND THAT THE MAIN STREET BOARD OF DIRECTORS ASK THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO ENFORCE THE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS OF THE CN-1 ZONE, WHICH REQUIRES A MAJOR PORTION OF THE BUILDING FAÇADE BE BUILT ON OR NEAR THE STREET PROPERTY LINE. (Franck/Lewis), Motion Passed Unanimously 6-0-0

6. Dixi Lumber Building

Chris Varon presented three paint schemes for the remodeled building. Elizabeth Studebaker will follow up with the building tenant.

MOTION: TO RECOMMEND PAINT SCHEME 3 – GREEN, TAUPE & BROWN – FOR USE ON THE DIXIE LUMBER BUILDING.

(Lewis/McGaughy), Motion Passed 5-1-0

7. Historic Walking Tour

The guide booklet for the Central Commercial Area and the Dryden District walking tours should be finalized this month.

8. Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Update

No report

9. Conferences

Dave Kopec will speak at the *Interrobang* lecture series on September 11th. Mr. Kopec is a former Design Committee member, who teaches at the New School of Architecture.

10. Ray at Night

Ray at Night's sixth anniversary is scheduled for September 8, 2007. Committee members had a long discussion of this monthly event, with John McGaughy noting that the character of the event has changed. Gallery owners make a major time and monetary commitment to the event, but the sales generated are decreasing significantly. Committee members identified general community benefits, discussing ways of broadening support for Ray at Night.

11. Work Plan – Update as needed

Due to time constraints, no work plan items were discussed.

Historic Building Inventory
University Avenue Mobility Plan
Art in Public Places
Pilot Village Implementation
Storefront Improvement Program

12. Selection of Committee Secretary

No secretary was selected.

13. Other Issues

14. Adjourn: 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2007