

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
August 9, 2022

Directors present, directors absent

Chris Nielsen (CN) (Chair), Roger Cavanaugh (RC) (Vice Chair), Neil de Ramos (NR), Joann Selleck (JS), Isabelle Kay (IK), Rebecca Robinson (RRW), Jon Arenz (JA), Amber Ter-Vrugt (ATV), Anu Delouri (AD), Kristin Camper (KC), Petr Krysl (PK), Carol Uribe (CU), Andrew Parlier (AP), Georgia Kayser (GK), Karen Martien (KMar), Andrew Wiese (AW), Linda Bernstein (LB), Fay Arvin (FA), Carey Algaze (CA), Steve Pomerence (SP), Sasha Treadup (ST), Nancy Graham (NG-City of SD Planning).

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chris Nielsen, Chair. Chair CN at 6:04pm

2. Agenda: Call for additions / deletions: Adoption.

- *Motion to approve by FA, passed without objection*

3. Approval of Minutes: July 12, 2022.

- CN and AW made changes to the meeting minutes via email.
 - *Approved without objection, PK abstain as he was absent.*

4. Announcements: Chair's Report and CPC Report

- CN: Chair's Report:
 - The CPC met on July 26th and formed 2 subcommittees: (1) to study proposal for affordable housing, chaired by Howard Wayne of Chula Vista (former assembly member) and (2) to study the 51 amendments proposed by land use code update, chaired by Nicholas Reed of Belmont. CN is participating on land use code update subcommittee. There will be no CPC meeting in August.
 - AW and CN gave a presentation to the La Jolla Planning Association meeting on the University Community Plan Update. Heard concerns from planning association regarding possible changes to research and medical facilities in north Torrey Pines area (particularly medical) and regarding proposed changes to land use along Gilman corridor, east of I-5. Both of these areas in our plan border the La Jolla Planning Area.
 - No CIP update as we will hear action item 10 regarding CIP.
 - Chris Ward is scheduled for the October UCPG meeting.

- No update on Costa Verde.
- CN will send presentation request from Alexandria on project status.
- Seritage is liquidating and selling its property at the east end of UTC.

5. Presentations:

Councilmember Joe LaCava: Chrissy Chan

- Chrissy:
 - Traffic signal at Governor Drive. anticipated to be ready at end of month
 - Currently on legislative recess with no council meetings until 2nd week of September. Our team is here and available to hear any issues you have
- AP: Question regarding the Climate Action Plan – what are the reporting periods for the city to see if we are meeting the incremental metrics on the way to the 2035?
 - Chrissy - Will look into that for you
- CN: Did you participate in the turn on the lights event this morning?
 - Chrissy: Yes, we had the press conference but are waiting on one last part to be installed which we hope to have by the end of the month.

Plan Update Subcommittee: Andy Wiese, Chair

- AW: Did not have a meeting in July/August - instead the city is using this time to answer the large number of questions posed by the community and to provide responses to those. Next meeting is on September 20th which will be followed by the Planning Commission Workshop on September 22nd.
- NG: The City is working on doing additional analysis and taking time to do that. Additionally, because of legislative recess and staff vacation this is a good time to pause. Our team is working on some analysis for the September 20th meeting and will give largely the same presentation to the planning commission – which is a workshop/informational session. There will be no vote, no decisions, it is just a periodic check in as part of the plan update. We still anticipate a Q1/Q2 2023 timing for the project.
 - Katie Rodolico: Q1/Q2 2023 what does that mean?
 - The timing for hearings. We expect a draft plan out before end of year. then there would be hearings in Q1/Q2 of next year. Typically we do a first draft of the plan, then take comments, then that feedback goes into the environmental process, then we release a second draft of the plan with a draft EIR, then potentially make minor revisions – but once draft EIR is out, we have to make sure those are not changing the results of the analysis of the draft EIR/Final EIRr.

- Katie Rodolico: Very concerned we won't have time if it needs EIR before it goes to the next step.
 - NG: There is no hard deadline for the plan - we have a goal to do in Q1/Q2 2023, but no law to pass it then. Will have at least 1 if not more land use alternative in the September meeting. If the community doesn't like the alternatives presented and reasoning, then they could create a counter proposal to that. Staff can put together the draft document while the alternative land use proposal is created, then we can merge together to identify if there are policy differences.
- Diane Ahern: The Mira Mesa community is undergoing community plan update and they are hosting meeting on Monday August 15th 5:30-6:30, via zoom. For those of you that don't know what a community plan is they're on the second plan
- Debbie Knight: Questions about Blueprint - what does it mean that its under the blueprint umbrella? Blueprint would allow by right development in and near transit priority areas.
 - NG: The City would adopt blueprint EIR first and University would tier off that analysis, as applicable, with a subsequent environmental analysis for University. We were originally thinking of packaging the University Plan Update into the Blueprint EIR, but that would be too confusing and too much, so we are doing a clean supplemental document would have all the university community clearly in 1 place. It is still in the blueprint umbrella but the idea is we would have something clean and easy to understand for university. There are several sections of environmental documents that are the same across the city with the same mitigation so one of the goals of blueprint is to consolidate the impact analysis that is the same for every community analysis plan. Blueprint is updating village propensity map to be more aligned with pre-existing adopted policy goals, you still have to do a plan update to rezone subsequent to that. Blueprint puts out the policy strategy, but the plan updates would have the rezoning. No rezone is proposed as part of blueprint.
- AW: What is the timing of Blueprint? What is timing for environmental subsequent to blueprint? How long will specific university EIR take? Who would be hearing at the hearings? Would that be prior to final EIR?
 - NG: Not sure of the answer because we haven't done a subsequent EIR to Blueprint. The goal is to take less time. Blueprint EIR out

Q4 of this year. Assuming adopted by the council – then we would tier off of that analysis. Should take less time than EIR.

- Community review draft, second draft, Draft final EIR goes to PC and council to adopt. Goes to historic resources board, park and rec board. Then it becomes final
- First hearing by Q2, trying to do Q1
- IK: Suggest we very carefully review blueprint EIR so we are not blindsighted by issues. We often get told the time to comment on something was before so we need to review carefully.
- Bill Beck: North UC has not had any type of discussion. Neighbors for Better San Diego have the same concerns - we're not being listened to, not being heard. It is so wrong on all levels. North UC is being screwed in this situation. Not true democracy in any shape or form.

CIP Subcommittee: Georgia Kayser

- GK update will be had during action item 10.

6. Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items (2-minute limit).

- Stephanie Saathoff: Update on the Biomed Realty Town Center project, hope to be gathering with adhoc group in later half of September in preparation for draft EIR.
- Bill Beck: I heard CIP list mentioned, where is the CIP list with the three street lights?
 - CN: In Chrissy's domain now, will send Chrissy's email to Bill to follow up.
- Julia Derunes: Go to UCSD, comments regarding policing. Reports showing disparities along racial and identity lines with little action to reduce these disparities, found black people experience non traffic stop 3.5 x as white people, and 5x using force. 200,000 for suspicion relying on officer discretion. Cities to adopt the Protect ordinance to have probable cause for all stops. CPAT would love the support of the ordinance. PrOTECT Petition link: www.bit.ly/pass-protect
PrOTECT website: www.passprotectsd.com
 - CU: are you aware this is a planning group? Not city council.
 - CN: Yes, we focus on land use policy but this is public comment so you can share any comment you have.
- Edward McDaid: Question on compliance of proposed land use with SB9. Areas in south university city, is this is an attempt to limit SB9?
 - CN: The proposed land use scenarios, have been revised. Did you contact NG?

- Edward: She didn't even have the decency to respond which was unprofessional.
 - NG: apologizes for nonresponse, had covid and have been behind. Assure you, I will answer the email tomorrow. SB 9 in any single-family lot in urbanized California. Unrelated to the community plan update.
- Barry Bernstein: Flip the switch event - the mayor/councilman was there and new department head was there along with some from UCCA. Actual installation won't take place until the end of August but very festive event. Some aware of water project – major production in Morena area will require 20M to repair. Needs to be monitored.
- JS: watched an interview on KPBS with someone involved in UCPG regarding the plan update. One topic that was addressed was housing and interviewing folks about the process and the lack of high-density housing. Not sure if there is anything that can/should be done to set the record straight. Also, something we should look at generally in amount of high-density housing we already have when we're talking about the high density, no harm came out of this interview but focused on criticism that there was not sufficient housing/high density housing in the area.

7. Action Item: AB361 provisions for ongoing UCPG virtual meetings. A vote will be required each month to authorize the next meeting to be held virtually. Public health reasons must be cited.

- CN moved to continue virtual meeting/SP second.
 - *Motion carries Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0*

8. Information Item: New Organic Waste Recycling Collection. What can be expected by residents and businesses with this program? Andrea Deleon, Recycling Specialist III, Environmental Services, City of San Diego, presenting.

- Andrea Deleon presenting for Environmental Services Department
 - Provide overview of the New Organic Waste Recycling Collection and the of trash moving going into organic waste recycling
 - Trash goes straight to the Miramar landfill which is within our city limits. Because of this we are cognizant of what we're throwing away that could be reduced in the first place or can be recycled.
 - SB1383 is a statewide requirement set target for reduction of organic waste sent to landfills with goals to reduce 50% in 2020 and 75% by 2025.
 - Organic waste includes; food scraps, food soiled paper products and yard trimming, untreated wood and food-soiled paper products.

- Types of materials NOT accepted: oil/grease or liquids, plastic bags, food ware, products labeled compostable/biodegradable, tea bags, recyclables and cleaning supplies
- Materials are recycled into compost or sent to anaerobic digestion facility that improve soil
- Also supports climate action plan and positively impacts zero waste 2040 goals.
- Organic waste must be collected in a container of your choice, separate from trash can
- Commercial Uses: Business owner to contact private waste hauler-order to request new green bin service. Employees are to separate organic waste inside business and empty outside to be picked up every week. Food generating business has a donation requirement.
- Multifamily uses: Typically have a private hauler service. The property owner manager is to contact the private waste hauler to order green bin service and make sure tenants know where green bin is and what goes in it
- Residential homes: City to provide organic collection. Residents will be notified when new collection system will change so all materials go into green bin. Residents will receive a free kitchen pail for collection
- For more info: www.Sandiego.gov/organicwasterecycling and calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp
- Q&A:
 - CN: Will there be any increase in odor from new processing at Miramar? Have had issues in community in the past.
 - Andrea: The piles are covered with a form of plastic to mitigate the odor concerns, air is also pumped to mitigate those smells, following strict LEA processes to not exceeding any odor concerns, if finding it as an issue please let us know.
 - AP: thank you, big fan that city is taking this project on. For existing community members who compost at home or in community gardens, will the City make a formal recommendation to continue doing that or moving towards city's organic waste process? Do you have power generation partner for anerobic digestion?
 - Andrea: Recognize that community gardens are complimentary, but required by state law to provide green bins. Also, certain community compost areas may not accept all materials and some of those things, we can handle and break down. We don't oversee anerobic digestion – believe we partner with EDCO.

- GK: Thank you for all of the efforts that have gone into this. Grateful that this is happening, been waiting a long time to see this. Is meat accepted? Will resi and large commercial go to different locations?
 - Andrea: Meat is an organic material, residential collection can accept small amounts of meat, trying to avoid large volumes if possible. Yes, they will go to different areas - Miramar for residential. Some commercial businesses with private waste hauler going to other facilities – for example Republic Services typically goes to Otay/Chula Vista.
- Katie Rodolico: Can we put bones in green waste? Excited about the program, thank you
 - Andrea: Incidental small amount yes, but not encouraging large volumes if possible.
- IK: Confirming private residences go to Miramar? Commercial? We manage natural lands and trying to get rid of invasive species, usually take to UCSD green waste, but now put into the trash and non-native invasive trash – do you anticipate larger institutions will have green bins will be collected? Are countertop bins available at price for multifamily residents?
 - Andrea: Multifamily with private hauler service go to other composting facilities in the region. Miramar, mostly collects from environmental services customers single family homes. Meat is not required to be frozen. Not required to use these kitchen pail. Multifamily tenants will need to obtain their own containers.
- JA: Excited about the program, wishing the city would do something like this. City will provide service to single family, but multifamily/commercial on their own to get from private waste hauler. Where does the funding coming from?
 - Andrea: Yes. Funding coming from general fund. November added to ballot for people’s ordinance.
- AW: Fantastic presentation and it is time. How long this might help to extend the life of the Miramar landfill. How does it play into a larger waste management strategy?
 - Andrea: I don’t have an exact number but can look into that. By implementing new organic waste and donating food will reduce how full the land fill is going to get when it decays it generates greenhouse gas.
- JS: Very excited about this, thank you for doing it. Does this requirement for disposing separately with green waste – apply to all state agencies and educational institutions and municipalities? How will landscapers – both companies and mom/pops comply?

- Andrea: Yes, also applies to schools/universities, both public and private. Schools need to work with operations/facilities manager. Yes, landscaping companies must also comply.
 - ST: Thank you for doing the program. For multifamily dwellings, will property management be obligated to provide 1 bin or may need to provide multiple bins. Any accessibility requirements?
 - Andrea: Property owners are responsible that provide for material to fit. Ideally, the green bin should be placed next to the trash container and recycling bins.
 - CU: Food waste has to be wrapped?
 - Andrea: Not a requirement, but some people find it helpful to place paper towel in bottom of pail, wrap in newspaper, paperbag and close the bag.

9. Action Item: PRJ-1051319 DISH Wireless SDSAN00474C, located at 8800 Lombard Place. The wireless facility is located on the roof of the “Palisades” residential building at UTC. Applicant is requesting a CPG recommendation for a Neighborhood Use Permit for the project. Mercedes Thatcher, Stand8, presenting.

- Move to September agenda.

10. Action Item: Recommendation from the CIP subcommittee on traffic signal modifications at Governor and Genesee. The subcommittee will be asking for the UCPG to send its letter of recommendations to CM LaCava. Karen Martien, presenting.

- GK: We have been working on safety improvement for Genesee and Governor intersection in response to the high rate of collisions for bikers/pedestrian and location of intersection in proximity to elementary, middle and high schools. The group met with community members and identified major safety issues, with a goal of thinking of cost effective solutions that could be implemented some over the short term and some over the long term. Recently met with Senior Traffic Engineer Steven Cleniker to review proposal. Next step is to draft a letter to Councilmember LaCava outlining some of the safety issues and suggestions
- CN: To clarify, the subcommittee has to recommend a letter to the councilmember to the whole UCPG who has to endorse it. So, they’re asking us to review the letter/approve it and send on behalf of UCPG
- KM: Presentation

- Presented the proposed safety improvements at intersection of Governor Drive and Genesee Ave
- Speed limit is currently 45 mpg. Based on University Community Plan Update Existing Conditions summary, it has high pedestrian and cyclist demand and highest rate of collision
- The intersection was added to UCPG capital improvement project priority list in 2019, moved to #1 priority in 2021.
- Councilmember LaCava offered to write a letter to the transportation department to encourage low cost solutions but requested input on what he should be asking to implement. So we will write a letter to Joe LaCava, that he will send to the transportation department.
- The group came up with a long list of possible improvements, but identified 5 short term improvements to propose to Councilmember LaCava that centered around safety concerns of (1) vehicle speed (2) Pedestrian and Cyclist Visibility and (3) conflicts between right turning vehicles and pedestrians.
- The 5 proposed items are:
 - Reprogram the signals to include a Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI)
 - Install LED “No Right Turn on Red” signs that will be tied to the crosswalk buttons and illuminated during the LPI
 - Ensure the restriping plan for Genesee Avenue following the Pure Water project that includes green painted bike lanes and bike boxes, as well as bike sensors.
 - Reduce the speed limit to 35 MPH
- CN: Clarifies that Steve is not part of the community plan update team and he is not in sustainability/mobility department, he is in Transportation Department in Operations, he is not in planning. Christine mercado and Leo Alo are working on the plan update.
- Motion to approve draft letter and 4 recommendations/ Second AP
 - Discussion:
 - AW: Thank you for everyone who participated in this and for the clear and compelling presentation. I support the motion, but have a question, did you learn more about synchronized traffic signals along Genesee
 - GK: Did not ask and maybe should. One question we did ask is if there was anything else Steve would recommend given the safety concerns and he did not give any additional suggestions.

- RC: I did raise synchronization issue with the traffic engineer for UCSD several times and will also ask question of Steve, since he's a friend. Both UCSD and Alexandria have made proposals to synchronize some lights in area north of La Jolla Village Drive. I will email Alexandria made proposal for synchronize lights along campus points.
- *Motion Passes:: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0*

11. Action Item: Revised UCPG Membership forms. The information requested for new members does not differ from our current membership form so a bylaw revision is not necessary. Approval is requested for this revision. Roger Cavanaugh and Anu Delouri, presenting.

- RC: Follow up from last meeting, sent out district roster and suggest we structure outreach along district lines. Anu drafted a revised membership form for your review. CPC has leaned into the importance of getting certified, need to be certified by late winter/early spring. Whatever outreach you do, document it.
- CN showed the form which has an added section of what members are interested in
 - Debby Knight: Thank you for doing this and changing the map. Does it say somewhere that you have to be 18? That is in the bylaws. And that you don't need to be registered to vote and you don't need to be a citizen?
 - CN: Yes, it does say about 18, we can add about voting and citizenship
 - Bill Beck: do we have to register if we've been registered for years
 - CN: No, if you are a UCPG member you do not need to sign up
- Motion to approve with added language about not needing to be registered to voice and not a citizen by CN / ST second
 - *Motion Passes: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0*

12. Action item: Adoption of the 2021-2022 UCPG Annual Report. Chris Nielsen, presenting.

- CN: Received useful feedback, particularly from JS – including mention the slate of regular reports at our meetings, add language that for some housing related items, and a request of three streetlights for Bill Beck's neighborhood, also suggested we add a paragraph about the South UC golf course.
- JS also suggested we take out language of how planning group is judged.

- AW: Couple of thoughts related to housing – 2 residential projects to include: (1) Lux UTC and Jewel at Lux UTC (2) Belmont Village. Also, do we have any numbers on ADUs?
 - CN: No, the city monitors that by permits issued.
- CN will make edits and pass draft copies to AW/JS to approve modifications. Will bring final copy back in September.

13. Adjournment: Next Meeting will be on September 13, 2022, via zoom.