

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of
 May 16, 2023
 Meeting Held at the North Clairemont Recreation Center

P Nicholas Reed - Chair P Marc Mytels - Secretary	L Glen Schmidt	P Ian Grooms	A Lori Carpenter A Billy Paul
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P – Present A – Absent L-Late

Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Nicholas called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Quorum was established at 6:04 p.m. with 3/6 members present.

Item 2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Issues that are not on the agenda and are within the jurisdiction of the Clairemont Community Planning Group. **NOTE:** 2-minute time limit per speaker.

Public:

- Michael Dwyer: Purewater construction has been temporarily blocking access to SR52. Construction of pipeline under Morena Bl and Clairemont Drive expected to start after Memorial Day. Purewater’s water treatment plant will purify water in 5 stages using state of the art technologies. Representatives of the Purewater project may present to the CCPG in the upcoming months.

Committee Members:

- Marc: Concern that Clairemont community does not know that Clairemont Drive is not being resurfaced due to anticipated Purewater construction to be performed on Clairemont Drive

Item 3. Modifications to the Agenda – Requires 2/3 approval.

- Agenda Item 901 (Morena Blvd and Clairemont Drive Enhancements): Presentation will seek community input for desired enhancements to Morena Bl.

Item 4. Reports to Committee

- **Project Review Subcommittee (PRS): Glen**
 - Cell tower on Mount Acadia was discussed at prior PRS meeting
 - Next meeting will be June 14th where another proposed cell tower will be discussed
 - Ian has joined the PRS Subcommittee
 - New board members are needed on the PRS subcommittee
- **Treasury:**
 - Position vacant
- **Parking and Transportation:**
 - Position vacant
- **Airports:**
 - Position vacant
- **Secretary: Marc**
 - No Report
- **Vice Chair:**

- Position vacant
- **Bylaws:**
 - Position vacant
- **MCAS Miramar**
 - Position vacant
- **Sgt at Arms: Lori**
 - Lori not present
- **Chair: Nicholas**
 - Nicholas is candidate for vice chair of Community Planners Committee (CPC) which meets in Balboa Park; Nicholas will give a copy of his candidate statement when requested
 - Mobility planning issues were discussed
- **Social Media**
 - Position vacant
- **Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs): Ian**
 - New streetlights will be installed on Cannington Drive and Illion Street. Mt. Acadia Blvd, as well as other Clairemont streets, will be slurry sealed as part of a new slurry seal project. In addition, Clairemont has received funding for traffic improvements at the intersection of Milton St and Burgener Blvd. However, it appears as though this project has stalled. I [Ian] have sent an email to the City's director of Engineering and Capital Projects, as well as the director of Transportation, to ask them about the status of this project. Clairemont has tentatively received funding to complete the Genesee Avenue sidewalk project. However, we need your help to advocate for full funding. Please voice your support for this project when the City Council votes to approve the budget in June. We also need subcommittee members and suggestions for CIP improvements in Clairemont, so please speak with me [Ian] and/or Erin Cullen if you would like to get involved. Thank you

Item 5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March and April CCPG meetings:

- March meeting minutes approved by Ian and Marc, abstained by Glen and Nicholas
- April meeting minutes approved by Ian, Marc and Nicholas, abstained by Glen

Item 6. Council Representative Reports

District 2 Council Report, Carrie Munson, Community Liaison, cmunson@sandiego.gov

- Vehicle habitation ordinance was paused during COVID; enforcement has resumed on April 1st.
- Safe parking lot on Morena Bl is now in operation
- A master plan for De Anza Cove is underway. Community input is being sought via a series of workshops at the Paradise Point hotel. Info is available on the District 2 website (<https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd2/>).
- Beach bonfire enforcement has started, where all bonfires must lie within a city-owned fire pit.
- Eight Rangers have been hired to enforce the street vendor ordinance.
- Short term rentals ordinance went into effect May 1st. GetItDone app now has a place to report nuisance or illegal short term rentals.
- Questions about the following were asked:
 - Timeline for Purewater construction completion on Genesee Ave
 - City-owned fire pits used to burn hazardous materials
 - Street sweeping
 - Tenant protections
 - Sort term rental signage

- Status of the property across from the Clairemont Drive Trolley Station (the Zephyr Property) that is in a state of disrepair.

District City of San Diego Mayor's Office Neighborhood Representative Report, Kohta Zaiser, Clairemont Community Liaison, ZaiserK@sandiego.gov

- The following was submitted via email:

- **Unsafe Camping Ordinance**

- On April 13, the City Council's Land Use and Housing Committee voted 3-1 to advance the Unsafe Camping Ordinance committee to the full City Council in June with the requests that there be a revised proposal that includes all City parks, an enforcement plan, and a comprehensive plan that includes expanding congregate and non-congregate shelter options, dedicated outreach, and consistent enforcement.
- The Unsafe Camping Ordinance will make amendments and additions to the San Diego Municipal Code to protect the health and safety of all residents in the City of San Diego. This ordinance would prohibit unauthorized tent encampments regardless of shelter availability at locations considered to be high risk of public health and safety, including:
 - within two blocks of K-12 schools
 - within two blocks of a shelter
 - along trolley tracks and transportation hubs
 - certain parks like Balboa Park, Presidio Park, Mission Bay Park and shoreline parks
 - canyons
 - and waterways like the San Diego river.
- This will come to the full Council sometime in June (date pending confirmation)

- **Safe Sleeping**

- This program entails sanctioned sites where people living in tents can go. While enforcement is necessary to protect public health and safety, the Mayor recognizes it's important to provide a location for individuals to safely camp while they are being connected to supportive services, resources, and permanent housing options. The proposed locations are 20th and B as well as the O Lot (in Balboa Park near the Navy Hospital). 20th and B will be the first of the two to get going, likely in July. The O Lot will require some improvements and is targeting a launch date sometime this Fall.

- **Budget**

- We are nearing the end of the budget process. Here's what's upcoming:
 - May 17 | Mayor releases the May Revise (the budget's second draft)
 - May 18 | Council hearing on the May Revise
 - May 18 - June 12 | Final window of time for public advocacy
 - June 12 | Final budget adoption hearing (end of budget process)

City of San Diego Planning Department Update, Marlon Pangilinan, City of San Diego, mpangilinan@sandiego.gov

- Marlon not present

Item 7. Consent Agenda

- None

Item 8. Action Items

- **801: CCPG Officer Nominations**
 - Nicholas nominated for Chair
 - Approved by all in attendance
 - Marc nominated for Secretary
 - Approved by all in attendance
- **802: CCPG Candidate Statements**
 - Tony Woodruff
 - 12 year San Diego resident, has lived in several different neighborhoods, now resides in Clairmont
 - Interested in transportation and troubles caused by cars; would like to see more walkable neighborhoods
 - Has experience working with HOAs
 - Ryan Trabuco
 - Clairmont resident since 2010
 - Was Clairemont Town Council president for 5 years
 - Through his position at the County of San Diego, Ryan has extensive experience working with planning groups
 - Motion for Ryan and Tony join the CCPG board
 - Approved by all in attendance
- **803: Sorrento Cell Tower Antenna**
 - Jake Finney jacob.a.finney@gmail.com representing SCV Consulting presented
 - Antenna is to be placed on the roof of the Sorrento Tower residential building at 2875 Cowley Way
 - To prevent visibility to the public, antenna will be surrounded by an aesthetic screen
 - Project will replace 6 existing antennas and add 3 more. All will be visually occluded by the screen.
 - Equipment to operate the antennas will be located on the 14th floor.
 - No screen or antenna modifications will be visible from the street
 - Detailed building renderings affected areas and antenna layouts were presented
 - Map of cell coverage was presented
 - Questions and concerns included:
 - Noise from antennas, which should be negligible
 - Power backup will be tied into the building's backup power infrastructure. Backup power will be added if needed.
 - Antenna installation will not be impeded by anticipation of nearby apartment building construction
 - Project approved by all in attendance
- **804: Mount Acadia Cell Tower Antenna**
 - Harold Thomas Jr. HThomasJr@md7.com, Land Use Specialist from MD7 presented
 - Proposal is to install a 45-foot cell tower antenna in the courtyard of the church located 3520 Mount Acadia Bl. The antenna will be encased within a faux tree.
 - Appearance of the faux tree will be that of a broadleaf tree, similar to the trees used as landscaping in the vicinity
 - Detailed renderings of the faux tree and coverage maps were presented
 - Antenna will provide communication to first responders, in addition to cell coverage

- Bougainvillea vines will be used for landscaping around the antenna’s auxiliary building.
- Proposal was approved during the previous week’s PRS meeting, with the stipulation that the following concerns be addressed:
 1. A flagpole is located too close to the antenna and needs to be moved
 2. Density of 127 branches on faux tree
 3. Bougainvillea be used for landscaping, rather than invasive plants
 4. The lowest branch of the faux tree be 15 feet from the ground
 5. The faux tree will have a rounded top rather than a flat top
- Questions and concerns, along with those from the previous week’s PRS meeting, included:
 - Concern about a flagpole being too close to the faux tree. Harold was awaiting a response from the antenna’s property owner regarding the flagpole’s relocation.
 - Lowest branches of the faux tree will be at least 15 feet from ground level to prevent someone from climbing on the faux tree
 - The faux-tree would have at least 127 branches to avoid giving it a “scraggly” appearance
 - The faux-tree originally had a flat top design. After redesign, the faux-tree’s top will have a rounder design
 - Coverage would be impeded by the adjacent residential building. Harold’s team found coverage would not be affected due to the antenna’s height.
 - Property owner will be responsible for reporting to AT&T any damage to the antenna
 - Antenna is required to be removed when no longer in service
- Motion to approve project, with the five conditions specified during the PRS meeting
 - Approved by all in attendance

Item 9. Information Items

- **901: SANDAG Morena Blvd and Clairemont Drive Enhancements**

- April DeJesus April.DeJesus@sandag.org, Senior Mobility Planner and Andrew Prescott aprescott@chenryanmobility.com from SANDAG presented
- Proposal is SANDAG’s Clairemont Complete Corridors project, in partnership with CalTrans and the City of San Diego, whose goal is to improve access to the new trolley stations along Morena Bl.
- Presentation covered an overview of the project’s scope. Map of the project’s coverage was presented.
- Current state of project is to gather community input, perform safety studies, secure funding and identify potential improvements.
- Detailed studies of the existing conditions have been performed, such as intermittent sidewalks, dangerous traffic intersections for pedestrians and little bicycle infrastructure for northbound Morena Bl.
- Final report expected in early 2024
- As milestones are developed, SANDAG will return to future CCPG meetings to give updates.
- Updates to project are available at www.SANDAG.org/ClairemontCC
- Questions and concerns included:
 - To address concern about the organization of workshops to solicit public input, SANDAG will also present to the Linda Vista CPG and the SANDAG Community Working Group. Surveys will also be available.
 - Concern that proposal appears to de-prioritize access to Mission Bay, a heavily used destination for both nearby residents and tourists. Currently there are few safe access routes to Mission Bay for pedestrians, children and bikes.
 - Request to add protected bikeways and measures to limit speeds to 45 mph on Morena Bl.

- Request to add to the project area the section of Morena Bl. north of Clairemont Drive. Carrie Munson reported the majority of complaints received by the City of San Diego for Morena Bl. originated in areas north of Clairemont Drive.
- Infrastructure for beach access at the SantaFe intersection in Encinitas was portrayed as a model that Clairemont should follow for Mission Bay access.
- Ideally children should be able to access Mission Bay safely.
- Suggestion given for a combination neighborhood sign and pedestrian bridge over I-5

Item 10. Workshop Items

- None

Adjournment at 6:54 PM

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center, 4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117. (<https://goo.gl/maps/jkb4sftrQ1jm9oQj6>)



Note: Location subject to change, please see the meeting agenda for finalized location