

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of
February 15, 2022
Meeting Held via Zoom Meeting Platform

P Naveen Waney - Chair P Briar Belair - Vice Chair P Marc Mytels - Secretary A Cecelia Frank - Treasurer	P Nicholas Reed A Erin Cullen	L Brett Montgomery P Glen Schmidt A Abbie Hawkins	P Lori Carpenter A Billy Paul
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P - Present A - Absent L-Late

Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Naveen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Quorum was established at 6:05p.m. with 7/12 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:

- Mandy Havlik: Mandy is running for city council for District 2. She is a mom and an land use advocate who would like to keep wetland and natural spaces intact. She would like the coastal height limits to remain at 30 feet. Mandy pointed out that District 2 has a shortage of park space and in 2019 more trees were removed than were planted.
- Michael Dwyer: Spoke about capital improvement projects on Genesee Ave south of Claiemont Mesa Bl.
- Becky Rapp: Becky is a mom and a youth group mentor. Becky is concerned about footprint of cannabis retailers on the community, particularly the minimum required distances between cannabis retailers and schools and parks. Becky would like the community to attend upcoming meetings where cannabis policies will be discussed.

Committee Members:

- Lori - The site of City Chevrolet has been sold to a condo/apartment developer, called the Pacifica Companies.

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

- None

Item 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Prior CCPG meetings

- January minutes approval was seconded and approved
- Naveen requested clarifications to the planning group discussions, along with updates to the list of CCPG member attendees.
- Minutes will be mailed to each individual members to ensure proper review
 - Approved: Brett, Briar, Lori, Marc, Naveen and Nick.
 - Abstained: Cecilia and Glen

Item 5. Council Representative Reports

District 6 Council Report, Sheldon Zemen, Community Liaison, ZemenS@sandiego.gov

- Libraries will hire more staff thanks to budget increases.
- Improved signs on Clairemont Drive between Balboa and Clairemont Mesa.
- Kathy Cooper Senior Center reopening is still awaiting approval from the County of San Diego
- A home where many cars being dismantled has become a nuisance. This is an ongoing problem that the police department is aware of.
- Although it is an annoyance, the racing of cars is legal so long as the vehicles remain on private property.
- Sheldon answered the following questions:
 - Will the budget allow the libraries to fully reopen? The answer was a date in March or April is anticipated.
 - Where can abandoned cars be reported? The answer was to report to Sheldon personally.
 - How successful was to COVID testing site held at the Zion Market? The answer was it considered a success, and other sites were considered.

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

- Councilmember Campbell would like to attend next month's CCPG meeting.
- The Planning Department has released its plan for Mission Bay, titled "De Anza Natural". A map of the plan is available to the public online.
- Four workshops on capital improvement have been organized by Mayor Gloria. Meetings will take place over the next two days.
- Short term vacation rentals enforcement will start sometime after July 1, with the exact date still to be determined. Prioritization will be given to property owners with a history of good compliance.
- Street vendor ordinances are now in place for Mission Beach and Balboa Park.
- Balboa and Morena improvements are being addressed by Jorge Riveros, the new Director of Transportation. Goal is to increase pedestrian and bicycle access to new Trolley stations.
- Positions are open for a Communications Director, and a Policy Advisor/Community Representative to cover the Pacific Beach area.
- Balboa medians project is moving forward.

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

- Not present

SANDAG, Greg Gastelum, Principal Engineer for SANDAG, Deputy Project Director for Mid-Coast Project

- Santa Fe St north of Balboa Ave improvements are underway
- The stairway connecting the Clairemont Dr bridge to Morena Bl has been reopened
- Signs have been installed at the Clairemont Trolley Station stating that parking is available at the Tecolote and Balboa stations.
- SANDAG is looking for interim parking for the Clairemont Trolley Station. Studies are underway.
- Greg answered the following questions:
 - Could a flickering light at the Balboa Trolley Station be fixed? The answer was it would be looked into ASAP.

- Were there any updates to address the lack of parking at the Clairemont Drive Trolley Station? The answer was that a meeting with the property owner of 2535-2565 Clairemont Drive has been arranged and a possible parking structure would be discussed. In the interim, signs are planned to be installed informing motorists to use the Balboa or Tecolote stations. Additionally, an interim site for dropoff access, especially for disabled riders is being investigated.
- Carrie Munson stated the property owner of 2535-2565 Clairemont Drive was not aware of the poor state of the property, including its weeds and graffiti.
- Is a pedestrian bridge over I-5 still being planned? Carrie Munson answered, stating a meeting is scheduled with the deputy director and she will report results at the next CCPG meeting.

City of San Diego Planning Department Update (Marlon Pangilinan, City of San Diego)

- Community plan is still slated to be available to the CCPG in time for March meeting
- EIR draft is expected to be available summer 2022.

Item 6. Consent Agenda (see agenda)

- None

Item 7. Informational Items

701: William (Bill) Perno, SAY San Diego, Senior Prevention Specialist

- SAY San Diego is a child advocacy group funded by the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency.
- SAY San Diego is promoting responsible cannabis retail policies, similar to policies affecting alcohol retailers.
- Bill's presentation addressed the proposal by city councilmember Stephen Whitburn to remove the 1000 ft of space requirement between cannabis retailers and sensitive facilities, such as schools or parks.
- The goal of the 1000 ft buffer is to protect youth.
- Cannabis policy is decided locally, according to prop 64.
- The proposal by councilmember Whitburn has been rushed with very little time for public discussion.
- Many cannabis retailers have not given support to councilmember Whitburn's proposal.
- The proposal is scheduled for vote on Feb 22nd
- Bill answered the following questions:
 - How do policies affecting cannabis retailers compare to alcohol retailers? The answer is both are required to have minimum distance between the retailer and sensitive facilities.
 - What has been reaction from other planning groups? Bill has been informing other planning groups about councilmember Whitburn's proposal. Most planning groups were surprised that their opinions were not solicited.
 - Is there a reason behind councilmember Whitburn's proposal? Bill stated that due to shifting council district boundaries, the maximum number of cannabis retailers could be exceeded in a particular district, hence the urgency for councilmember Whitburn's proposal to take affect prior to the boundary shifts. Bill would like more transparency of why such proposals are being discussed.

Item 8. Action Items

801: Briar Belair, CCPG Election Subcommittee Chair

- CCPG Membership has fallen below 12 members, which requires the City of San Diego be notified if not remedied within 120 days.
- Elections will be held on March 15th meeting
- Voting location is at the Mission Bay club, located at 2688 E Mission Bay Drive, 9AM to 6PM.
- Eligibility requirements include
 - Need to have attended three prior meetings within the past 12 months
 - Proof of residency or business ownership in Clairemont Planning Group area
 - Candidate statement
- Current CCPG members eligible for reelection: Abby, Billy, Cecilia, Glen and Naveen
- Candidate statements are needed from anyone who is interested in running
- Naveen is termed out and will take some time off, so he will not run
- Need email address to write to clairemontplanninggroup@gmail.com for anyone who wants to join.

802: March 15 CCPG meeting

- Due to the CCPG member election, the meeting start time will be pushed back to 6:30 PM

Item 10. Workshop Items

- None

Item 11. Potential Action Items

- None

Item 11. Reports to Group

- Marc (Secretary): Will attempt to make meeting minutes available in a timely manner
- Cecilia (Treasurer): Treasurer fund has not changed since pri
- Nick (Airport Advisory): At Montgomery field, 292,000 aircraft operated in and out of the airport, up 15,000 from the prior year. 400+ aircraft are presently based at Montgomery field.
- Naveen (Chair): Requested spreadsheet for member status to be accurate, review attendees and make sure absent members are given proper notice.
- Brett (Parking & Transport): Nothing
- Glen: (Project Review) Project Review Subcommittee met last Wednesday. The following were discussed:
 - Mt Albertine infill project, near Mesa College
 - 3404 Ottawa Ave grading project, a 5-unit infill project
 - Balboa Avenue Grading project below Clairemont HS
 - Project Review Subcommittee will meet March 9th at noon.

Adjournment at 8:11PM

The next meeting will be held on March, 15, 2022, 6:30 pm at via Zoom Meeting Platform.