College Area Community Council (CACC) and
College Area Community Planning Board (CACPB)

Approved minutes
From the Regular Meeting held on: March 14, 2018, 7:00PM
Held in: College Rolando Library, 6600 Montezuma Road
San Diego, CA 92115

Gary Campbell	Chair	P	Saul Amerling	P	Robert Montana	P
Jim Jennings	Vice-Chair	P	Ellen Bevier	P	Troy Murphree	P
Ann Cottrell	Secretary	A(1)	Ken Bierly	P	B.J. Nystrum	P
John Putman	Treasurer	P	David Cook	P	Jerry Pollock	P
Rachel Gregg	SDSU Rep	P	Michael D'Ambrosia	A(3)	Jason Wills	P A(2)
Carmel Alon	AS Rep	P A(3)	Jean Hoeger	P		
vacant	BID Rep		Susan Hopps-Tatum	P		

P =Present L=Late A=Absent; (1), (2), (3), (4)= 1ˢᵗ, 2ⁿᵈ, 3ʳᵈ, 4ᵗʰ absence   TOTALS   15
CP600-24, Art. IV, Sec. 1: "a vacancy exists upon the 3ʳᵈ consecutive absence or the 4ᵗʰ absence in 12 months (April through March)
M/S/C = Moved/Seconded/Carried

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The College Area Community Council (CACC) and the College Area Community Planning Board (CACPB) are two separate entities with a common board and officers and joint meetings. The items highlighted below with asterisks are CACPB business items, subject to City Council Policy 600-24 governing community planning groups. Items are reported in agenda outline order, although some items may have been considered in a different sequence.

I.   Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

II.   *Approval of Agenda
Exception: Jim Jennings moved to scratch new business numbers 2, 3, and 4.
Move: Jim Jennings
Second: John Putman
Ayes: 16 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0
motion   Passes

III.   Approval of Minutes of Wednesday, February 14, 2018.
Move John Putman
Second Jim Jennings
Ayes: 16 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0
motion   Passes

IV.   Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.
Saul Amerling: Rolando Street Fair is from 9 AM to 6 PM on Sunday, March 18ᵗʰ on Rolando Blvd.
Volunteers for booth needed.

V.   **Governmental and University Liaison Reports**

Roberto Torres, Director Communications, CD 9- Georgette Gomez
1. Joint-Use Tubman park is in front of the Board of Education on a future date and time to be determined. This will be an April agenda item and information will be updated at that time.
2. Community Coffee with Georgette Gomez was given at Café Duet on March 6th at 6 p.m. Discussed was Hardy Elementary School field rework where holes will be temporarily patched on the field until summer when a remodel of the field will take place. This summer there will be a grass re-seeding spanning a total of twelve (12) weeks.
3. Mobility study along the eastern part of El Cajon Boulevard – Requests will be included in the Community Plan Update in July of this year. El Cajon Boulevard improvements: We are still pushing for those items in the Community Plan Update.
4. For code enforcement complaints, contact Eric Young in the Mayor's Office.
Comments:
1. *Gary Campbell:* Sign for joint-use park at Hardy?
   Roberto Torres: I will look into that.
2. *Susan Hopps-Tatum:* Does Georgette Gomez have an idea of other council members acceptance?
   Roberto Torres: Accepted and approved should be straight forward and on the Consent Agenda.
3. *Audience member:* Progress with rooming house ordinance overturn?
   Roberto Torres: City council discussed this in a closed session - no update.
John Stephan, Community Relations SDPD
No Report. Not present.
Mark Peterson, Community Relations SDSUPD
1 NCAA tournament will be at SDSU is this Friday and Sunday. There will be extra traffic in the College Area.
2 Explore SDSU will be this Saturday. This is for prospective students and residents alike. There will be extra traffic in the College Area on Saturday.
3 The Police Sub-Station is partially opened, but not functional yet.
Rachel Gregg, Community Liaison SDSU
This Saturday, March 17, 2018 is Explore SDSU starting at 9 AM and ending at 2 PM. Prospective students and residents are welcome to attend. Tours will be given throughout the campus. Parking is free.
Fowler College of Business is offering tax preparation assistance services for the public who make $54,000.00 or less per year and would like to receive assistance with taxes. SDSU VITA. Schedlista.com
Carmel Alon, Community Liaison SDSU
Events:
Concert series.
1. Karen Allen will perform March 21.
2. Viola performance April 4.
3. Chaz Stroop will perform April 4.
4. Karen Allen will perform on April 11.
Community members have access to the library. There will be a tour in June or July.
News about the Aztec Recreation Center (ARC). A referendum to expand the ARC is approved. Expansion will begin and should be completed in the fall of 2021 with a new facility.
Inter Fraternity Council (IFC): Social events have been postponed. Fraternities: Good Greek, Better Neighbor is a new program that will be coming up.
Comments:
Jim Jennings: What is happening to the alley behind the Arco gas station?
Carmel Alon: The alley and sidewalk is being redone near Mark Peterson, Community Relations SDSUPD's new office for student safety. More lighting is being added.
Jean Hoeger: Dry period ends Sunday. There were numerous police rounding drunk kids up.
Javier Gomez, Representative Assembly Member Todd Gloria
No report. Not present.
Lee Hernandez, Representative Assembly Member Shirley Weber
No report. Not present.
Ryan Trabuco, Representative State Senator Toni Atkins
No report. Not present.

VI.   **Old Business –** none

VII.   **New Business**
Elections.

Note: Rachel added candidate names to the ballet in the order each candidate sent in their request to run on the CACC Board.

Candidate speeches: Jerry Pollock, John Putman, Jean Hoeger for Ann Cottrell, Ken Bierly, Susan Hobbs-Tatum, Robert Montana, Robert Higdon, Jose Reynoso.

Candidates Re-elected: Jerry Pollock, 46 votes; John Putman, 42 votes; Ann Cottrell, 32 votes; Robert Montana, 39 votes.
Candidates Elected: Robert Higdon, 35 votes; Jose Reynoso, 31 votes.
Candidates leaving the Board: Ken Bierly, 23 votes; Susan Hobbs Tatum, 30 votes.

Question for candidate Jose Reynoso from the audience: What is your view on growth in the area? High density or mixed?
Jose Reynoso Response: Triangle, i.e. College and Montezuma Keystone Project should be mixed use development with a focus on students. Around the ecosystem, away from College, there is a desire to add accelerators centering on young professionals. Around College Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard there is a desire to add mixed use, high density housing within reason focused toward families.

Time to vote: 7:40 PM.
Closed for voting: 7:42 PM.

Item 5 on the agenda is declaring a Board vacancy pursuant to Article IV of the CACPB Bylaws and scheduling a Board Election to fill the seat at the April Meeting. If a Board member misses three (3) meetings in a row, or four (4) meetings in twelve (12) months their seat becomes vacant. We have a vacant seat and will be electing a new person to fill it at the next meeting.

CACC Board Member Tom Hillanto does not have time to attend the Board meetings. He is willing to remain active in CACC. He has said he is willing to be our web master for CACC. Also, he is willing to continue membership drive.

Motion to declare the seat vacant.
Move: Saul Amerling
Second: Jerry Pollock
      Ayes: 16 Nays: 0   Abstain: 0
      motion Passes

Motion to train at a cost a Web Master for the CACC website.
Move: Saul Amerling
Second: Susan Hopps-Tatum
      Ayes: 16 Nays: 0   Abstain: 0
      motion Passes

Comments:

Robert Montana: Tom needs money for maintaining the website?
The budget has several hundred dollars for website maintenance.

VOTE: Vote to hire a web master for the CACC website:
Favor 16. Opposed 0.

CirculateSD's Recommendations for Community Planning Group Reform.
From their report: **"Democracy in Planning: Enhancing San Diego's Community Planning Groups"**

1. Recommendation: Community members should not be required to have attended previous CPG meetings to be eligible to vote.
No Change: CACPB/CACC does not require community members to be required to have attended previous meetings to be eligible to vote.
Response: This would not require any changes for the CACPB.
2. Recommendation: Candidates should not be required to have attended more than one meeting in the last 12 months to be eligible to join a CPG board.

Our Current Requirement: Our current Bylaws require candidates to attend two meetings in the past 12 months to be eligible to run for the CACPB/CACC Board.

Response: If implemented, this change might result in more candidates qualifying to run for the CACPB; however, it could also result in Board candidates with less knowledge about the CACPB and less commitment to it.

3.A. Recommendation: In-person voting should be available for at least two hours and should run for at least the two hours after the start time of a CPG's regularly scheduled meeting.

Our Current Practice: While we begin voter check-in and distribute ballots a half hour before the regularly scheduled meeting begins at 7:00 PM, voting is the first New Business Item on the agenda and voting does not begin until the candidates have made their one-minute speeches. After all in attendance at that time have voted, the ballots are collected and tabulated. If a run-off is required, that is announced and those still in attendance then vote on their run-off ballot.

Response: While well intentioned, this change would actually result in less community members voting if a run-off election is required. Many voters may not want to wait over two hours for election results to be announced and a run-off election be conducted. Voters who came in late would also miss the candidates speeches.

3.B. Recommendation: The City of San Diego should also explore options to facilitate online and telephone voting.

Currently: The City currently has no options to facilitate online and telephone voting.

Response: Given the current hacking problems in national and state elections, we fear that the City cannot develop a secure, un-hackable online and/or telephone voting system where only eligible voters can cast only one vote.

4. Recommendation: Councilmembers should appoint new board members when a CPG vacancy occurs in their council district.

Our Current Practice: When filling one vacancy, our Bylaws require the elected and appointed Board members of the CACPB to vote to elect a candidate to fill the vacancy. When there are two or more vacancies, our Bylaws require that community members vote to elect candidates to fill the vacancies.

Response: This recommendation is contrary to CirculateSD's stated purpose of making elections of Board members more democratic. When filling one vacancy, current Board members know more about the community and the potential members in it, as City Councilmembers often represent more than one community and often don't live in our community. When filling more than one vacancy, community members should lose their right to elect candidates to the Board. Injecting politics into community planning boards is a serious mistake where some councilmembers could reward major donors to their City Council campaigns whose narrow views do not reflect the views of the majority of those living and owning businesses in the community.

5. Recommendation: Gather relevant demographic data of CPG Board members in an audit immediately and require new CPG board members complete a demographic survey at every election or time of appointment.

Current Actions: The City is currently doing an audit and collecting demographics from a sampling of 19 Community Planning Groups. CACPB is not one of those groups that was selected to be audited at this time. There is no current requirement that CPG board members complete a demographic survey.

Response: Like other community planning groups, the CACPB is a volunteer organization that has had many Board Members and Officers over the years. Expecting them to find records going back ten (10) years or more is burdensome and excessive. If the City requires more information than we are already providing, that information should be requested for elections going forward. Providing a new demographic form to fill out for those currently on the Board and those newly elected would be a better way to collect demographics.

6. Recommendation: Prioritize action items that inform City decision making in the order of the agenda.

6A. Recommendation: Advising governments on land use and transportation decisions is the primary function of CPGs and; therefore, should be prioritized in the meetings.

Our Current Practice: Except in special circumstances, such as elections, we typically place items that are related to City decision making at the beginning of the New Business items. If a person or group has requested to present to the CACPB/CACC, they are also typically placed at the beginning of the New Business Items.

Response: We already do give priority to advising governments on land use and transportation issues in our New Business items.

6B. Recommendation: Like the San Diego City Council, non-agenda public comment should be time-limited in order to ensure that the CPG has time to consider all agenda items. Public comment and action items unrelated to 600-24's grant of authority should be required to occur at the end of the agenda.

Our Current Practice: Currently, non-agenda public comment is typically limited to 3-minutes for each speaker, but there is no overall time limit for public comments. Public comments currently occur near the beginning of the agenda, prior to New Business items.

Response: We do limit the time individual people can speak on non-agenda items; however, the College Area Community Planning Board is also the College Area Community Council. Unlike the City Council, our meetings are more accessible to community members as our meetings are at night, don't require attendees to pay for parking and are held in our local community. Requiring community members to wait until the end of the meeting to address the Board about their community concerns is disrespectful and will cause them to think that the City doesn't care about their community concerns.

6C. Recommendation: Specifically, action items outside of the scope of 600-24 as well as the bulk of non-agenda public comment should occur at the end of the meetings. 15 minutes should be allowed for non-agenda public comment at the beginning of the meeting, with any remaining non-agenda public comment and reports from elected officials heard at the end of the CPG meeting after all other agenda items.

Our Current Practice: Currently, all public comments and reports from elected officials, as well as the police and SDSU liaisons occur at the beginning of the agenda.

Response: See previous response regarding public comments. The police, university liaisons, and elected officials often provide the members of our community with valuable information and allowing community members to communicate with them at the CACPB/CACC by often helps to get community concerns addressed. Expecting liaisons and community members to wait to the end of the meeting is disrespectful to both the liaisons and the community members that come to have community issues addressed. Police officers, in particular, should not have to wait hours to communicate with community members.

7. Recommendations: Require that CPGs determine a maximum duration for meetings. A safety valve provision could allow for meetings to be extended if two-thirds of Board members agree.

Our Current Practice: This recommendation is consistent with our current practice to end the meeting by 9:00 PM unless the Board votes to extend time limits.

Response: This should not require changes for the CACPB.

8. Recommendation: Require timely production of meetings.

Our Current Practice: We are currently working with the City to see why a previous agenda was not posted on the City website when submitted and why our minutes since July 2017 are not currently posted. It is our intent to send minutes to the City as soon as possible after they are approved by the Board at its next meeting.

Response: The CACPB shares a desire to see minutes posted as soon as possible after they are approved at the next Board meeting.

9. Recommendation: Consider incorporation appointed positions to CPGs by councilmembers to provide balance with the elected board members.

Currently: City Councilmembers currently do not appoint CACPB/CACC Board Members.

Response: This recommendation is totally contrary to CirculateSD's stated purpose of making elections of Board members more democratic. Board members know more about the community and the potential Board members in it, as City Councilmembers often represent more than one community and often don't live in our community. We are ~~vehemently~~ opposed to injecting politics into community planning boards. It may result in some council members rewarding major donors to their City Council campaigns whose narrow views do not reflect the views of the majority of those living and owning businesses in the community. Community Planning Boards are only advisory. Their purpose is to allow people living and owning property in the community to have some say about what happens in their community. Developers, transportation, and other special interest groups already have ample opportunities to address our Board and related committees, as well as the City and City Council. The City can already overrule the decisions of Community Planning Boards. The City and City Council already have the power to overrule the decisions of Community Planning Boards. We totally oppose political appointees serving on Community Groups.

10. Recommendation: Provide required ongoing education for decision making processes and planning.

Currently: The City currently only requires Board Members to attend or take an on-line Community Orientation Workshop (COW) one time within 90 days of their initial election to the CACPB/CACC.

Response: More education of Board Members would be very useful; however, we must remember that our Board Members are volunteers with many other responsibilities other than being Board Members; therefore, we would recommend that any training be rotated through the City's various CPG's replace no more than one Community Plnning Board meeting per year and be held at the same place where the replaced CPG Board meeting would have occurred.

11. Recommendation: Require a termed-out Board Member to wait two years until they can run for their CPG again, without exceptions.

Current Requirement: Currently, termed out Board Members are required to wait one year before tey can run for the Board again. Council Policy 600-24; however, provides an exception to this rule if the group cannot find a person to fill the vacant Board seat. In that case, the Board Member must be reelected by at least 2/3 vote of the eligible community members participating in the election.

Response: While having new blood on a CPG is always desirable, in rare occasions, new candidates cannot be found. This requirement could cause some CPG's to have unfilled seats for up to two years.

12. Recommendation: The City Auditor should conduct a review of CPGs.

Currently: It is unknown if the City Auditor has or is conducting such reviews.

Response: This recommendation is too vague to be able to provide many comments. It is hopeful the City will determine if the cost of doing this would provide sufficient benefit to justify the time and cost.

13. Recommendation: Revise the bylaws shell in 600-24.

Past Practice: The City has revised it's bylaws Shell several times in the past, but it has also recognized that different CPGs have unique needs and thus has allowed some CPGs to deviate from the shell if the request is reviewed by the City and approved by the City Council.

Response: While some revisions to the Bylaws Shell might be beneficial, it is hoped the City Council realizes that one size does not fit all. The communities in the City are all very different and have different unique needs for their Community Planning Groups to best serve those needs. The City Council already has the power to approve or disapprove deviations from the Bylaws Shell. A standard Bylaws Shell is beneficial, but it should not be so lock step that it does not allow CPGs to request deviations to meet the unique needs of it's community.

14. Recommendation: City Staff should attend every CPG meeting.

Currently: City Staff currently attends CACPB/CACC meetings when requested by the City or the CACPB/CACC.

Response: There is certainly a benefit to having City Staff at CPG meetings; however, the City should determine if this is the best use of Staff's time to attend all our evening meetings and possibly pay them overtime to do so.

15. Recommendation: Make explicit that CPGs are allowed to use social media.

Currently: The CACPB/CACC has received no guidelines on using social media, nor information on how to balance its use against the limitations of the Brown Act. We have begun trying to use NextDoor.com to publicize information about running and voting for CACPB/CACC seats.

Response: Social media can be a valueable tool fo r CPGs; however, it can be difficult to use some types of social media without violating the requirements of the Brown Act. We would need specific guidance and training to do this. Monitoring and maintaining an up-to-date presence on them may also be burdensome for many CPGs.

Comments:
Susan Hopps-Tatum: Circulate San Diego (CirculateSD) claims it is a regional grass roots organization focused on mobility, live, work, play. This is a proposal by people with land development roots, appointments to community groups, not mobility. Mya Rosa has a conflict of interest. Her employer and herself benefit from high density development in communities. In Uptown, Atlantis Group got approved 5030 College Avenue, City Council approved this project after it was voted down by the community. The Authors of CirculateSD are "embedded in high density development."
David Cook There is not enough diversity on the CACC/CACPB board at present.

Motion to postpone to another meeting. No second.

Comments:
Jim Jennings: I support a recommendation to approve Gary's responses to all these recommendations by CirculateSD.
John Putman: I second.

Motion to approve the CACC Chair's written Responses to all) CirculateSD's Recommendations for Community Planning Group Reform.

Comments:
Robert Montana: The theme is to attempt to get people to not participate at a local and national level. 3A, 4, and 5 are demographic data to stir up confrontation about race, gender, orientation. It is discrimination. 6C, 9, and 11.

Saul Amerling: This is talking about equity. I disagree with Robert's observation that this is discrimination. Point of this is talking about equity. Develop El Cajon Boulevard business and students need to be a part of it. This is a middle-priced home area. Need to plan. Everybody at the table. Not ready to vote on it.
Robert Montana: Under the *Response* language on Recommendation number 9, strike the word "vehemently" opposed to read simply "opposed."

VOTE: Vote to approve the CACC Chair's written Responses to all CirculateSD's Recommendations for Community Planning Group Reform:
8 Ayes.
2 Nays. David Cook and Saul Amerling.
1 Abstain. Troy Murphy. "I did not read the report." 11 votes. Quorum met.

Chair Appointment to the Audit committee. Ken Bierly (If Ken is re-elected to the board tonight.)
Move: Susan Hopps-Tatum. Second: John Putman.

16 Ayes.
 0 Nays.

Additional Comments:
Gary Campbell: I will be stepping down as Chair of CACC at the April meeting.

VIII.   Treasurer's Report –
$39.00 membership dues
$26.00 expenditures including copy costs and new name tag printing costs.
Total is $24,889.53.
There is $790,000.00 dollars in the Dollar per Ticket fund.

IX.   Committee Reports
1. *Project Review Committee.
Jim Jennings: A proposed lot split on 63rd street will be reviewed at the next Project Review Committee meeting.
2. Dollar per Ticket Ad Hoc Committee.
John Putman: Proposal to the Board to vote on $790,000.00 for projects next month.
3. Neighborhood Enforcement Assistance Committee.
B.J. Nystrum and Jean Hoeger: No report.
4. *Long Range Planning and Beautification Committee.
Michael D'Ambrosia: No report.
5.   Community Outreach Committee.
Ann Cottrell: No report.
6. *Elections Handbook Ad Hoc Committee.
Gary Campbell: Elections handbook & recommendations approved last month.

X.   Delegate Reports (10 minutes)

Jim Jennings: I recommend we attend the College Area Public Safety (CARPUS) meetings. CARPUS is on the third Tuesday of the month.
Ellen Bevier: It is up to the City of San Diego to contract for animal control.
John Putman: Put on agenda for discussion a conversation about where the committee is headed during retreat.
Gary Campbell: We can't discuss just among board members at retreat. This needs to be in open committee because of the Brown Act.
Jim Schneider ,BID Executive Director: Business District wants to appoint someone to represent the business community.

XI.   Adjournment
Move: Robert Montana
Second: Gary Campbell
Ayes: 16   Nays: 0   Abstain 0.
Adjourned at   8:48 PM.