

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of
 July 18, 2023
 Meeting Held at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center
 4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117

P Nicholas Reed - Chair P Ian Grooms - Vice Chair A Marc Mytels - Secretary	P Glen Schmidt A Ryan Tabuco A Drew Lambert	P Suzanne Smith A Tarah Griep	A Lori Carpenter P 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 6:10 p.m. Roll call was taken to determine if a quorum was present. Quorum was not established with only 5/10 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:

- Brianna K: Expressed concern about large homes and accompanying ADUs purported to be built near 3417 Idlewild Way. Wanted to know when and where the Clairemont community could voice concerns about the project.
- Jeff H: Is chairperson of Neighbors for a Better San Diego. Had fliers available discussing SB10. Was concerned the City website had the incorrect address for the Kathy Hopper Friendship Center.
- Jeanie M, Evan T and several other speakers also expressed concern that needs for nature and wildlife were not being met by projects being discussed at CCPG meetings, particularly the proposal for 3417 Idlewild Way.
- Terry R: Mentioned a tax assessment several years ago neighbors paid to maintain the canyon in the vicinity of Idlewild way, was interested in how infrastructure for the proposal for 3417 Idlyild way would be implemented.
- A longtime resident mentioned the tax assessment levied 40 years ago to preserve the canyon, and wanted to know what happened to efforts to preserve the canyon using those tax revenues.
- Michael D: Pure Water construction continues in the UTC area and is progressing as expected. The parking lot for Marian Bear park on Genesee is closed, but Marian Bear park is still open.

Committee Members:

- Billy Paul: Concerned that community members are ill-informed about the dangers of high heat that has affected the San Diego region in recent months. Billy gave tips on how to handle a heat emergency.
- Glen Schmidt: Asked that project on Idlewild Way be properly agendized for an upcoming CCPG meeting. Also was concerned that the large number of CCPG members made getting a quorum difficult.
- Suzanne Smith: Impressed with high turnout by the community regarding the Idlewild way proposal.

- Ian Grooms: Mt Etna affordable housing project is now under construction; a free beach shuttle from the Balboa Station to Pacific Beach, named the “Beach Bug” is operational and information is available on the SANDAG website
- Nicholas Reed: An Aldi market will be moving into the former Rite Aid location on Balboa Ave. SANDAG might be presenting at the September CCPG meeting. San Diego Pride events were held in July.

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

- None

Item 4. Reports to Committee

- **Project Review Subcommittee (PRS): Glen**
 - No projects were applied for during the past month.
 - Next meeting is Sept. 13, where the Idlewild way project may be discussed
- **Treasury: Nicholas**
 - Bank account custodianship transferred to Nicholas, balance is \$124.14.
 - Funds may be used for Zoom payments
- **Parking and Transportation: Ian**
 - Ian would like to hold a meeting in September
- **Airports: Nicholas**
 - No Report
- **Secretary: Marc**
 - Not Present
- **Vice Chair: Ian**
 - Position vacant
- **Bylaws:**
 - No report
- **MCAS Miramar**
 - Position vacant
- **Sgt at Arms: Lori**
 - Not Present
- **Chair: Nicholas**
 - CPC had presentation by Marlon Pangilinan discussing planning group reforms
 - Future CPC meetings will be held at the Kathy Hopper Friendship Center
 - Nicholas was elected vice chair of the CPC by a large margin.
- **Social Media**
 - Position vacant
- **Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs): Ian**
 - CIP committee met June 27th and assembled a CIP priority document.
 - Document may be revised via public comments sent to Ian
 - CIP will be discussed further in September.
 - CIP will meet again in September

Item 5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June CCPG meeting:

- Tabled due to lack of quorum.

Item 6. Council Representative Reports

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

- Clairemont covers 55% of Council District 2.

- Carrie will be focusing on issues north of Balboa Ave, while Manuel Reyes mareyes@sandiego.gov will be reporting on issues affecting Clairemont south of Balboa Ave
- Clairemont Family Day will be held on September 9th
- CPPS (Community Programs Projects and Services) gave \$150K to 43 different organizations last week. Arts & Culture office has \$50K to award to local nonprofits
- Street Preservation ordinance passed by City Council, which required utilities or similar companies to return streets to original condition once any trenching work is complete.
- Tenant projections for notifying landlords for running a child care center.
- A small percentage of hotel/transient tax will go towards funding for arts
- A meeting on July 26 will take place with Zephyr, the owners of the property across from the Clairemont Trolley station to determine the status of the property.(31:00)
- The Idlewild project will eventually be presented at the CCPG.
- Questions and concerns included
 - Use of the Zephyr property for affordable housing via eminent domain
 - Frustration with how long the Zephyr property has remained a vacant eyesore
 - Request for proof of payments made for tax assessment to preserve canyon have not been produced
 - Reason for the fenced off area of the lot on Pacific Highway and Sea World Drive
 - Olive Grove Park's ADA renovations, the first in 70 years, deserves a press conference and fanfare
 - Weed abatement will proceed on its yearly schedule
 - If the official status of Stevenson Canyon is open space or private property.

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

- Kohta not present

City of San Diego Planning Department Update, Megan Covarrubias, City of San Diego, MECovarrubia@sandiego.gov

- Megan introduced herself as the new Clairemont Community Planner
- Acknowledged Stevenson Canyon was a high interest topic for the Clairemont community

Item 7. Consent Agenda

- None

Item 8. Action Items

- **801: CIP List Approval**
 - Tabled due to lack of Quorum

Item 9. Information Items

- **901: Pure Water Project**
 - Sarah Bowles, City of San Diego Community Outreach Specialist sbowles@sandiego.gov and her team presented.
 - Slides and detailed maps were presented
 - Work being performed by Sufi Construction, a firm that has been in business for over 50 years and had extensive experience in large infrastructure projects in Southern California
 - Pure Water's goal is to provide 50% of San Diego's water supply.
 - Current phase will be complete in 2025 and will pump water into the Miramar Reservoir. 30 million gallons will be produced.

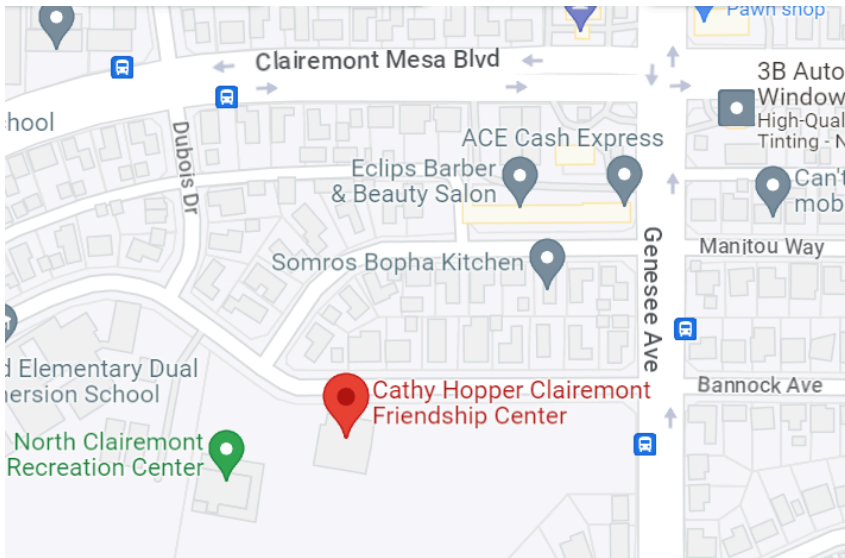
- o Second phase is being designed and will produce 53 million gallons of water
- o Water sent to the Reservoir Miramar will be treated at the North City Reclamation Plant
- o 48 and 30-inch Pipelines through Clairemont will be supplying the North City Reclamation Plant, located in the Eastgate Mall area
- o Working hours for pipeline construction will be weekdays from 7:30AM to 4:30PM and at night from 9:00PM to 5:00AM
- o Restored streets will have new bike lanes
- o Noise, dust, traffic control and bright lights are expected to be produced during construction
- o Water currently discharged into the ocean will be reclaimed once the Pure Water project is complete, thus making San Diego less dependent on imported water and the expected increasing costs of importing water
- o Once fully treated, water will be so pure that minerals must be added in order to prevent damage to the pipes
- o More information is available at www.purewatersd.org.
- o Alec Phillipp PhillippA@sandiego.gov is the City of San Diego's Pure Water Representative assigned to Clairemont
- o Questions and concerns included:
 - High pressures to pump untreated water up Clairemont drive could leak out of pipes and cause hazards. Line valves and blowoff valves are being installed, but might not be installed in optimal locations
 - Full resurfacing of Clairemont Drive is of paramount importance to the Claremont community. Currently full curb-to-curb resurfacing is not planned
 - Coordination with the BayHo pipeline project does not seem to be in place
 - Odors might be emitted from the pipeline. Locations of pipeline vents are no longer visible on the project maps online.
 - Clairemont is receiving little benefit from having a large pipeline run through the community
 - Pervasive issues handling groundwater at the Morena pumping station, possibly delaying the project start date
 - Orange County and Oceanside currently use systems similar to Pure Water, but use older and less efficient technologies to purify their water.
 - Community outreach regarding Pure Water has been less than optimal, although there are Facebook and Instagram feeds.
 - Bike lanes are not included in the project for all the streets affected by Pure Water
 - High praise expressed for workmanship and traffic controls in place during construction.
- o Sarah and her team were invited back to present again in a few months

Item 10. Workshop Items

- None

Adjournment at 8:02 PM

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center, 4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117. (<https://goo.gl/maps/jkb4sfrQ1jm9oQj6>)



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