

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of
November 21, 2023
Meeting Held at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center
4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117

A Nicholas Reed - Chair P Ian Grooms - Vice Chair P Marc Mytels - Secretary	A Glen Schmidt P Drew Lambert	P Suzanne Smith P Tarah Griep P Matt Wang	P Lori Carpenter L Billy Paul
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P – Present A – Absent L-Late

Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Ian called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Roll call was taken to determine if a quorum was present. Quorum was established with 7/10 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:

- Michael Dwyer: Genesee sidewalk repairs are delayed until August 2024. Public utility companies will now be responsible for resurfacing streets after completing work. In the past Public utility companies were able to contract out such work. SDG&E will be working on gas lines near Bay Park Elementary school

Committee Members:

- Ian Grooms: Concerned about lack of improvements at North Clairemont Park as the result of the recent shootings that occurred at the park. Noted lack of public art in Clairemont when compared to other neighborhoods in San Diego. Work in and around the City Chevrolet dealership will be underway in the near future.
- Marc Mytels: Would like to see Clairemont Drive reduced to a 2-lane road in order to reduce the number of speeding vehicles once Pure Water construction is complete.
- Lori Carpenter: Would like to see better coordination among utility companies to reduce the length of time it takes to complete a project involving multiple agencies. Lori is also concerned with lack of security near trolley stations; she was personally accosted by a homeless person in her neighborhood and has had her home burglarized.
- Billy Paul: As part of a plan to promote sidewalk construction, homeowners may now build a sidewalk in front of their homes without paying a fee, or homeowners may receive subsidies from the City of San Diego for sidewalk construction costs.
- Matt Wang: Would like a copy of the latest version of the Clairemont Community Update plan
- Tarah Griep: Pleased that the City of San Diego will be making efforts to remove flammable brush in Tecolote canyon

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

- None

Item 4. Reports to Committee

- **Project Review Subcommittee (PRS): Glen**
 - Not present
- **Treasury: Nicholas**
 - Position is open, anyone interested in being treasurer should let Nicholas know
 - Bank account balance is \$124.14.
- **Parking and Transportation: Ian**
 - Ian will attempt to schedule a meeting before next CCPG meeting
- **Airports: Nicholas**
 - October had 32,000+ air operations at Montgomery Field, YTD total in 267,000+ air operations. 418 aircraft are based at Montgomery field.
- **Secretary: Marc**
 - Frame for CCPG sign broke due to latch not closing properly; noted that previous meeting were sent to CCPG board at a late date.
- **Vice Chair: Ian**
 - Construction on pipelines on Clairemont Drive continues, including work at night.
- **Bylaws:**
 - No report
- **MCAS Miramar**
 - Position vacant
- **Sgt at Arms: Lori**
 - No report
- **Chair: Nicholas**
 - No Report
- **CPC: Nicholas**
 - Nicholas hosted the latest meeting, and a letter was drafted regarding improperly operating planning groups. Nicholas abstained due to lack of information. CPC will meet the following week at the Cathy Hopper Center on Wednesday.
- **Social Media**
 - Position vacant
- **Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs): Ian**
 - No report

Item 5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 2023 CCPG meeting:

- Ian noted some name misspellings and titles that needed fixing
- Approved by Ian, Matt, Suzanne, Tarah, Drew; Abstained: Billy, Marc, Lori

Item 6. Council Representative Reports

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

- Carrie not present

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 not present

Item 7. Consent Agenda

- None

Item 8. Action Items

- **801: CIP List Library Priorities**
 - According to the City of San Diego, a 4th library has been approved to be built in Clairemont, but that library's location and timeframe are not yet determined. In the meanwhile, the City of San Diego has stated that no needed improvements to the 3 existing libraries in Clairemont will be implemented until the new 4th library is complete.
 - Discussion ensued to whether requesting improvements to the the 3 existing libraries should remain on the CIP list
 - Poor condition of the 3 existing libraries was noted
 - Funding sources of libraries was discussed
 - Motion to add the construction of a new 4th library to the CIP list, and to keep on the CIP list the requests for improvements to the 3 existing libraries. Approved by all in attendance

Item 9. Information Items

- **901: Balboa Ave Resurfacing**
 - Presented by Amy Mills AMMills@sandiego.gov, Project Manager from the City of San Diego's Engineering & Capital Projects Department
 - Approximately 7.25 miles of existing roads will be resurfaced with a sturdy material.
 - Streets include Balboa Ave, Clairemont Mesa Bl, Camino Ruiz, Jade Coast Dr and Armour St.
 - ADA infrastructure and bike lanes will be added
 - Some parking spaces may be lost due to be in compliance with ADA mandates
 - Construction work will take place during daytime hours in residential areas. Daytime and nighttime work will take place in non-residential areas.
 - One traffic lane in each direction will be maintained during the construction phase.
 - Class-4 Bike lanes (separated lanes) will be established on Balboa Ave.
 - Construction expected to begin in early 2024 and complete in mid 2024
 - Affected residents are being notified via door hangers and project letters were mailed. More letters will be mailed. No parking signs will be placed on streets prior to construction start.
 - Project cost is approximately \$18 million
 - Questions and concerns included:
 - Project has not been designated as a "Sexy Street" by Mayor Gloria, which does not affect project funding.
 - Location of ADA facilities
 - Flex posts are in poor condition. New types of flex posts or similar infrastructure are being investigated
 - Concern about pedestrian and bicycle facilities on Balboa Ave between Clairemont Drive and Mt. Culebra Ave. Bollards were never installed on the westbound lanes of Balboa Ave in that area. Danger to pedestrians and bicyclists in that area were strongly voiced.
 - Concern about location of night work in areas that are close to residents. Allowed noise levels will determine where night work may be performed.
 - Bike lanes will be clearly marked with durable material to prevent drivers from using bike lanes during heavy traffic.
 - Request was for an update from Amy and her team in early 2024
 - Are bike lanes chosen to be placed along the most optimal routes, such as parallel streets to thoroughfares.

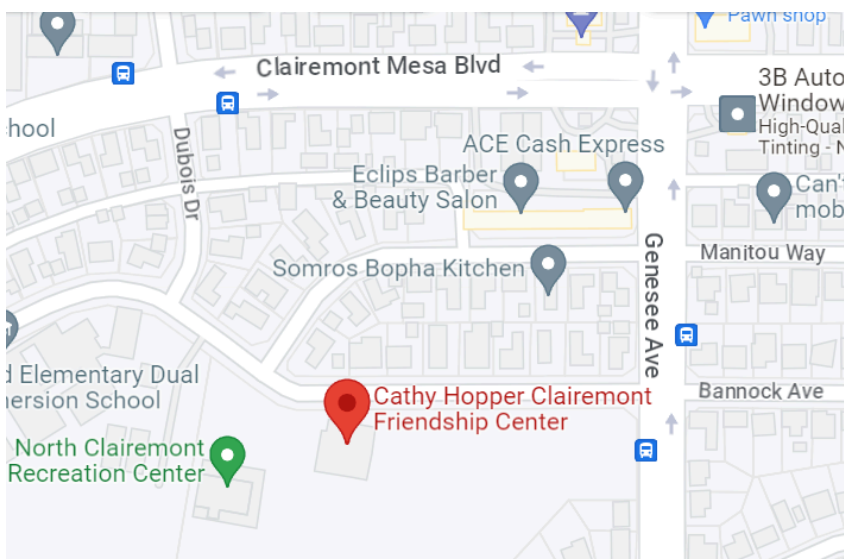
- **902: CCPG Reapplication (item 902) Status and CCPG Bylaws Update (item 903)**
 - Planning groups are required by the City of San Diego to reapply to be the official Planning Group for their communities.
 - Tarah and Drew have been tasked with completing the reapplication and proposing plans for implementation.
 - Bylaws were reviewed and were determined to be more than adequate to allow the CCPG to proceed as the official Planning Group for Clairemont
 - Concern that Planning Groups outside of Clairemont had activist agendas that did not match their communities' visions. The CCPG has received high praise for its promotion of Clairemont's values.
 - Outreach to the Clairemont community has been a concern. Application will address this and ensure diverse views are heard.
 - Nicholas had provided template plans which Tarah and Drew used.
 - Questions and ideas included:
 - Community Representation Plan needs effort to address community outreach. Plan's goals set forth by the City of San Diego are vague.
 - Placement of signs or similar activities within Clairemont could be used to notify the public about CCPG meetings.
 - Tarah & Drew would like other CCPG members to review the plan before that date.
 - Plan will be reviewed by CCPG at the January 2024 meeting.

Item 10. Workshop Items

- None

Adjournment at 7:31 PM

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 20, 2024 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