

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of
February 21, 2023
Meeting Held via Zoom Meeting Platform

P Nicholas Reed - Chair P Briar Belair - Vice Chair P Marc Mytels - Secretary A Cecelia Frank - Treasurer	A Abbie Hawkins P Erin Cullen	P Brett Montgomery P Glen Schmidt	P 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 6:07 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Quorum was established at 6:09 p.m. with 8/10 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: Clairemont Senior Center will reopen March 1st and will be operated by AgeWell services
- Margie Schmidt: - A firearm fatality occurred at North Clairmont Rec Center on Sunday Feb 19th. A community gathering will occur at the North Clairmont Rec Center the following Saturday.

Committee Members:

- Marc - Many potholes have been repaired and roads are much improved over the prior month.
- Nicholas - Has received emails with degrading and highly unprofessional language. Author of the emails will not be allowed to run for CCPG board due to poor conduct.

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

- 1 - Election will be presented as an Action Item by Briar
- 2 - Bay Ho Pipeline project will be presented as an Information Item
 - ◆ No objections were voiced to the modifications listed above

Item 4. Reports to Committee

- **Project Review Subcommittee (PRS): Glen**
 - PRS will meet in person on March 8th in Room 2 at the North Clairemont Rec center from 6 - 8PM
 - Will discuss a new cell tower at the March 8th meeting
- **Treasury: Cecilia**
 - Cecilia absent
 - A new treasurer is needed as of April 1st due to Cecilia being termed out
- **Parking and Transportation: Brett**
 - Community member communicated concerns about crosswalks near High Tech Elementary School
- **Airports: Nicholas**

- No report
- **Community Planners Committee (CPC): Nicholas**
 - No report
- **Secretary: Marc**
 - Minutes from prior meeting sent out at a late date and suggested they be ratified during March meeting
- **Vice Chair: Briar**
 - Will discuss CCPG elections later in the meeting
- **Bylaws: Abbie**
 - Abbie absent
- **MCAS Miramar: Cecilia**
 - Cecilia absent
- **Sgt at Arms: Lori**
 - No updates at present time
- **Social Media: Nicholas**
 - Will discuss in April when committees and officers are selected

Item 5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January meeting:

- Due January meeting minutes being sent out late, motion to table the approval of the January meeting until the March CCPG meeting
 - Approved: Billy, Brett, Briar, Glen, Lori, Marc, Nicholas; Abstained: Erin

Council Representative Reports

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

- Aware of North Clairmont Rec center shooting, will be community rally on Saturday
- A new slide has been added to the playground at Olive Grove Park
- Kathy Hopper Senior Center will reopen
 - Survey available for public input of services the public would like to see. Survey at <https://sdsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/> or on the District 2 website <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd2>
 - Programs will start March 1st
- Councilmember Campbell is in charge of the new Community and Neighborhood Services committee, which will focus on Parks & Rec, recreation, veterans' and family services.
- Councilmember Campbell is a member of the Environment committee and the Public Safety Committee.
- 100 City workers were out fixing potholes, Carrie got a list of potholes in Clairemont submitted and prioritized
- Carrie will check on Glen's report on the lack of public art in Clairemont; commitment made to get public art in Clairemont
- Storm drain issue on Clairemont Drive
- Green waste bins are being delivered
- Request for security and ADA improvements at North Clairemont rec center

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

- Not present

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

- Marlon relayed concerns about the delay to the Community Plan updates to his management. Community plan is awaiting the completion of the Blueprint San Diego City Plan.
- Planning group reform will include:
 - 1. Planning groups must have an application process
 - 2. Must have bylaws, also referred as Terms & Conditions
 - 3. Must have Ethical Standards document
 - 4. A Representation and Participation plan to ensure diversity
 - More info at https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cpg_resources_-_cp600-24_and_exhibits.pdf
- Annual report is due by March 31st

Item 6. Consent Agenda

- None

Action Items

- **801: Return to in-person meetings:**
 - Briar (CCPG Vice Chair) presented.
 - Brown Act compliant
 - North Clairemont Rec has been approved as a meeting site, but other locations could also be used
 - Mask use during in-person meetings will be encouraged but not required
 - Hybrid meeting options will be investigated but not implemented for the foreseeable future
 - Motion to resume in-person meeting approved by all present
- **802: CCPG Elections:**
 - Briar (CCPG Vice Chair) presented.
 - Ten is the absolute minimum number of members. Three Members will not seek to return and three new candidates have applied to join the CCPG
 - Members not returning include Brett Montgomery, Briar Belair, Ceceila Frank and Erin Cullen
 - Qualified new candidates who have completed applications are: Ian Grooms, Tara Grief and Ryan Trabuco
 - Motion to appoint the qualified candidates in lieu of an election, due to there being fewer candidates than open seats. This arrangement has been vetted by Marlon Pangilinan
 - Approved: Brett, Briar, Erin, Glen, Lori, Marc, Nicholas; Declined: Billy
- **803: Clairemont Library Consolidation**
 - Ian Grooms iangrms1002@gmail.com, a Clairemont resident presented
 - Proposal is to send CCPG-endorsed letter to the City of San Diego, stating that the CCPG approves of consolidating the three Clairemont libraries onto one central library located at the former Rite Aid location on the corner of Genesee and Balboa avenues.
 - A detailed letter was presented, which included the suggestion to sell the three current library locations to provide adequate funding for the proposed new central library
 - Clairemont's current three libraries are old and require extensive renovations
 - The former Rite Aid location is in a central location, has ample parking and has recently been upgraded
 - Questions and concerns about the proposal included:

- Access to a central library would be difficult for residents who did not drive cars, such as children and elderly residents
- Combined square footage of the three current libraries is larger than that of a proposed new central library
- Libraries in general have been underfunded for years; such a proposal could reprioritize library funding
- Bus access to a library is not practical for many residents
- Loss of libraries within walking distance for many residents
- Motion for CCPG to take no action on the letter to the City that has been authored and signed by Ian Grooms which suggests the three Claremont libraries be consolidated at the former Rite Aid location.
 - Approved by all in attendance
- Ian received high praise for his novel approach to improving libraries in Clairemont
- **804: Tsumiki Preschool**
 - Kailie Johnson-Gutierrez from Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects www.rntarchitects.com presented the proposal to build a Japanese-English bilingual school for infant to Grade 5 on the site of a former church, located at 4811 Mt. Etna Drive.
 - Detailed renderings and maps of the project were presented.
 - Erosion on the west side of the property was acknowledged and will be addressed in partnership with Parks & Rec department.
 - Plan includes 3 phases with the current church building eventually being demolished. All new buildings with Japanese-inspired designs will be built, including short-term housing for guest teachers from Japan.
 - Landscaping will include trees currently in use in the neighborhood, California native oaks, fruit trees and plants common in Japan.
 - Will be the first Japanese-English dual language school in San Diego
 - Motion to approve the project as presented
 - Approved: Billy, Briar, Glen, Lori, Marc, Nicholas; Abstained: Erin

Information Items

- **901: Cerro Pueblo Senior Housing**
 - Colin Rice colin@rahdgroup.com and Francisco Castaneda Francisco@rahdgroup.com from RAHD Group presented a proposal to expand and enhance the Cerro Pueblo Senior Housing community, located at 2835 Clairemont Drive
 - The Cerro Pueblo complex is an affordable 46-unit senior housing complex that is currently fully occupied
 - RAHD Group has recently purchased the Cerro Pueblo complex and has extensive experience renovating and modernizing existing affordable housing within San Diego
 - The Cerro Pueblo complex is financed by both HUD and the County of San Diego
 - Proposed renovations include new flooring, paint, kitchens, bathrooms, appliances, ADA features, new roofs, landscaping, parking lot paving and common area upgrades, along with improved security.
 - Emphasis will be placed on resident services and building community among residents
 - Concern about facilities for dog owners.
- **902: Bay Ho Pipeline**

- Roberto Valadez RValadez@sandiego.gov from the City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects Department presented a pipeline improvement project he is managing for the Bay Ho neighborhood
- Part of the City's overall project to upgrade aging water and sewer pipelines, with the goal to have safe water and sewer systems within San Diego
- Detailed maps were presented of pipe locations to be replaced, primarily along Moraga Ave, Geddes Dr, Huerfano Ave and adjacent streets
- Pipes being replaced have been in use since the 1950's
- Temporary water and sewer services via the use of Highlining will be offered to residents during construction to minimize disruptions in service
- Project timeline includes construction notices to residents, temporary parking restrictions in areas being worked upon and street resurfacing once construction is complete.
- Construction hours scheduled for M-F, 7AM to 5PM and is expected to start November 2023
- Concern voiced about 3rd-party contractors who have carried out similar projects in the past with less than desirable results; request made for work to be done by in-house City of San Diego crews.

Adjournment at 8:39PM

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the North Clairemont Recreation Center, 4421 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117. (<https://goo.gl/maps/ksfCEKconnEjm2oc9>)

