

Clairemont Community Planning Group

APPROVED Minutes of the Meeting of
March 20th, 2018
Alcott Elementary School Auditorium

P Naveen Waney - Chair P Nicholas Reed – Vice Chair P Margie Schmidt - Secretary P Delana Hardacre- Treasurer	P Harry Backer P Kevin Carpenter P Cecelia Frank A Chad Gardner	P Richard Jensen P Gary Christensen P Ryan Rolla P Jason Young	P Daniel Smiechowski P Lynn Adams P Susan Mournian P Billy Paul
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Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Naveen Waney called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.. Roll call was taken and a quorum 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: David Williamson requests assistance in slowing traffic on Paola Way. Naveen suggests using Get It Done App, speak to council representatives that are present, and organize other neighbors for support of street interventions then return to make a formal presentation. Will also communicate with Nick as chair of Parking & Transportation Sub Committee.

Committee Members: Daniel expressed concern about dockless bicycles and public safety. Billy restated his belief that the Qualcomm stadium site is an important parcel that should be preserved for an emergency evacuation center. Richard commented regarding suggestions that arose in discussion at Election Sub Committee meeting: extend meeting time to ensure adequate public and board comment/discussion time, that motions made are sent to the City for public notice, increase community participation, change voting process so that meeting attendees can vote prior to and during beginning of meeting. Discussion ensued with suggestions to address at ByLaws S.C. Margie: Attended a valuable panel discussion organized by San Diego Housing Federation regarding “How Planning Groups Can Support the Climate Action Plan”; consensus was to support pedestrian and bicycle improvements and that housing and job centers are located near transit in every community.

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

Motion made by Nick to move Information Item 201 to end of meeting per by laws, second by Margie.
VOTE: 15-0-0, motion passes.

Item 4. Approval of Minutes Motion to approve minutes by Nick, second by Richard.

VOTE: 14-0-1, motion passes.

Item 5. Council Representative Reports

District 2 Council Report, Marc Schaefer, Community Liaison, mpschaefer@sandiego.gov

Please use Get It Done App or website for any City requests if possible. Construction of Moraga traffic circles expected to begin 3rd week of July. Water noted on Morena Blvd is a “spring”. Regarding a traffic study on Pochantas, will have an answer next month. Longfellow short-term improvements such as V-calm signs have been implemented, still working on long-term improvements. Water meter notices left on doors after meter read but many complaints voiced that meters were not in fact read or are unreadable. Marc asks all to send concerns and complaints to his email.

Barbara Torres asks if bike lanes will be added to Clairemont Dr between Balboa & Burgenor. It is part of the bicycle master plan.

Susan asks if there is a solution to the Morena water flow? Marc will share the link to the report.

Jason has submitted concerns that Jutland and Moraga are being used as cut-through by trucks despite 5 ton limit. Marc referred him to northern division officer contact info.

Nick asks about landscaping on Moraga. Marc states no info yet

Lynn voiced appreciation for successful clearing of RVs from Morena and Mission Bay.

Harry notes that new retaining walls along Mid Coast corridor have been heavily tagged already.

District 6 Council Report, Dan Manley, Community Liaison, dmanley@sandiego.gov

New V-calm sign on Charger Blvd was paid by Councilmember Cate's office. Get many requests for traffic calming interventions. Speed bumps are limited due to requirements for emergency vehicles.

Had "state of the district" event with successful book drive and recognition of community volunteers.

Harry asks when traffic studies will be done for the community because significant decisions cannot be made without this information. Dan states will be released with the EIR.

Cece asks about the KFC oil spill 6 months ago that is still not cleaned up.

Nick states Glasgow should also be resurfaced. Also asks that we be given a presentation on the airports master plan.

Delana notes that construction has begun on the ARCO on Balboa at Mt Abernathy and asks if any changes were made to the plans the CCPG approved. Dan states go to "open DSD" on city website to get info on permitted projects.

Billy raised concern about removed Tipu trees on Balboa, not replaced, feels is due to poor maintenance. Dan states were evaluated by an arborist and recently replanted with a different type.

Public: Mt Alifan west of Mt Everest surface is very dangerous. Dan states that resurfacing schedule (both completed and planned) can be found by searching "streetsd" on city website.

Item 6. Action Items None

Item 7. Informational Items

201. 2018 CCPG Election Results (Nick Reed) Item will be addressed at end of meeting.

202. History of the Clairemont and Bay Park Neighborhoods (Jack Carpenter)

An excellent slide presentation covering pre-development components of Clairemont including historical photographs. Also reviewed early development plans and still existing historical structures (residences, libraries, churches). Jack is a retired architect

If a copy of the presentation is desired please email clairemontplanninggroup@gmail.com.

203. Circulate San Diego – Democracy in Planning (Maya Rosas, mrosas@circulatesd.org)

Is director of policy for Circulate San Diego, was member of Uptown Planning Board, has background in urban planning, and was co-author of report "Democracy In Planning". Circ SD does policy, advocacy & education to make San Diego more walkable, bike-able, transit friendly for all modes. States Community Planning Groups are integral and highly valued part of planning in SD; "they are closest thing to direct democracy". Report written because there is potential for planning groups to be even more democratic by fostering more participation. Recommendations include: No requirement to attend meetings in order to vote, candidates shouldn't be required to attend more than one meeting prior to running for position, voting should last more than 2 hours, consider incorporating council appointed members, city to require & provide continuing education, require 2 year wait after termed-out before running again, asking for city auditor to review planning groups to assess standardization in compliance with Policy 600-24, city staff to attend every planning group meeting, planning groups can use social media to better reach their community. Will be presenting to CPC and also to Smart Growth committee.

Kevin: Expressed concern that some suggested changes may lead to participation only to block a single issue rather than committed participation.

Susan: Feels that requiring only one meeting attendance prior to serving leads to relatively uninformed members. Also that council appointments might “stack the deck”.

Delana: Questions Circ SD’s credentials to make these recommendations.

Jason: City needs to dedicate more resources to planning groups.

Margie: Supports need for ongoing education provided to members & states is rewarded that CCPG has already implemented many of the recommendations; we recognize the need for greater community participation.

Nick: Disheartened that we had only 29 voters today despite extensive outreach on social media.

Lynn: Questions what is the goal with focus on planning groups. Maya: To foster more planning group participation and more democratic representation.

Billy: Concerned that if have only one meeting requirement to run for a board seat then may have board members who participate for a specific issue rather than having an ongoing commitment to the community. Planning staff attendance would be very valuable as it was in the past.

Richard: Feels recommendations are slanted toward special interests, especially with council appointments.

Planning group is the community’s voice regarding re-zoning, future projects, and land use; homeowners need to have a say since they are financially invested.

Harry: Feels board members should not have own agendas but should represent community.

Naveen: States will take additional questions to CPC meeting.

Public: Marc: Will CircSD support what each community wishes? Maya: Increased access & involvement will increase credibility.

George: Are many ways to be involved besides sitting on planning group. If can’t attend 3 meetings then not truly involved.

Jack: AIA may be creating videos to help educate board members.

Barbara Torres: Expressed appreciation for CCPG but disheartened when the City does not follow CCPG recommendations.

Item 8. Workshop Items

None

Item 9. Potential Action Items

None

Item 10. Reports to Group

Chair Report – Naveen Waney – The City is embarking on a 3yr master plan effort for all parks, open space, technology at recreation centers, golf courses, etc.

Represented our planning group at audit recently (19 of 42 planning groups were audited). Was required to provide documentation and answer questions on subcommittee rosters, election results, etc. Audit was initiated by Councilmember Scott Sherman.

Vice-Chair/Parking & Transportation Report – Nicholas Reed – Expects to have a April P & T meeting.

Balboa Station – Harry Backer – Seeks emailed comments regarding direction for future meetings; none scheduled at present.

Secretary/Morena Corridor Specific Plan Ad Hoc Sub Committee Report, Margie Schmidt – Continue to await completion of EIR prior to next meeting.

MCAS Miramar – Cecelia Frank – groundbreaking for expansion for new F35 hanger.

Treasurer – Delana Hardacre – Account reactivated; there is \$229.61.

Community Plan Update – Susan Mournian – Had excellent presentation by Diego Velasco regarding urban design.

Clairemont Town Council – Delana Hardacre – Had an excellent sheriff & DA candidate debate.

Project Review Subcommittee – Kevin Carpenter – No report because no meeting.

By-Laws – Jason Young – No report but will schedule a meeting.

Election Report – 29 people voted. Resulting # of votes per candidate: Lynn 18; Harry 17; Cece 19; Delana 28 (required a 2/3 majority as was termed out); Susan 18; Billy 11; Naveen 19; Kevin 19. All candidates successfully re-elected.

There is a 24 hour challenge period; if no challenges results of voting will become final.

Adjournment at 8:28 PM

The next meeting will be held on April 17th, 2018, 6:30pm at Alcott Elementary School.