

Chollas Valley Community Planning Group



CHOLLAS VALLEY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING

Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue, Community Room, San Diego, CA 92114
Monday, October 15, 2018 | 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Seat (Term 2017-2019)	Member	Present	Seat (Term 2018-2020)	Member	Present
1. Alta Visa	Marry Young	Y	9. Broadway Heights	Booker Sanders	Y
2. Encanto	Steven Ward	N	10. Chollas View	Kwame Oates	N
3. O'Farrell	Kenneth Malbrough	Y	11. Emerald Hills	Christie Hill	Y
4. Valencia Park	Monte Jones	Y	12. Lincoln Park	Leslie Dudley	Y
6. At-Large	Henry Foster III	N	13. At-Large	Khalada Salaam-Alaji	Y
7. At-Large	Karina Velazquez	Y	14. At-Large	Shawn Glisson	Y
8. At-Large ('18-'19)	Evan Toma	Y	15. At-Large	Karen Montufar	Y
8. At-Large	N/A	N/A	16. At-Large	Sandi Hazlewood	N
City Dept.	Name	Present	Office	Name	Present
Planning	Elizabeth Dickson	Y	Mayor's Office	Darnisha Hunter	Y
Civic SD	Sherry Brooks	Y	Council District 4	Venus Molina	Y
JCNI	Richard Seges	N	Assembly 79 th	LaShae Collins	Y
SDPD		N	Senate 39 th	Chevelle Newell-Tate	N
			Congress 51 st	Stephanie Allen	N
Number of Visitors: 22			Sign-in Sheet on File: Yes		

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Chairman Ken Malbrough called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.
A quorum was present (11 out of 15 members).

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion made by Monte Jones to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Khalada Salaam. Vote: 10-1-0. Motion Carried.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

a. Leslie asked her comments added in July minutes.

Motion made by Booker Sander to approve the September 2018 minutes. Second by Christie Hill. Vote: 9-1-1. Motion Carried. Leslie Dudley Nay.

4. Communications from the Public:

- Christen Hurst, Vice-Chair of the Eastern Area Planning stated Groundworks San Diego is seeking help from planning groups to identify areas of Chollas Creek that would benefit from city grants and funding from Prop 68.
- Liliana Garcia-Rivera, Executive Director of the Diamond BID stated that the annual Taste of the Diamond will be held on Thursday 10/18 at big lots parking lot from 6pm-9pm.

5. Chair's Report: None

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6. Staff Reports:

- a. **Mayor's Office:** Darnisha Hunter stated on the Get It Done to the public it seems closed, but it might be that certain items that can't be completed through the app. Darnisha stated that the gang prevention intervention panel is interviewing 3 community candidates and will be announced in the next couple of weeks.
- b. **Council District 4:** Venus Molina stated that the city passed a ban restriction on Styrofoam, small business has a 1 one-year grace period, big businesses have 90 days. Venus stated there are 2 waivers, feasibility indefinitely or financial waiver. She stated construction of promenade will start soon and it is a \$500k cost project. Venus stated Council President Cole wanted negotiations regarding County Live Well Center to stop until more community input.
- c. **Assembly District 79:** LaShae Collins stated the newsletter she passed out has a list of bills signed, on 10/27 There Ought To Be A Law annual event will be held, and that Assemblywoman Weber is the new Black Caucus chair!
- d. **Senate District 39:** Chevelle Newell-Tate not present.
- e. **51 Congressional District:** Stephanie Allen not present.
- f. **City Planning:** Elizabeth Dickson no report.
- g. **Civic San Diego:** Sherry Brooks no report.
- h. **Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation:** Richard Seges
- i. **San Diego Police Department:** Not present.

7. Subcommittee Report: None

8. Action Items: None

9. Informational Items:

- a. **Project 616955**, 353 Euclid Ave, construction of two new commercial buildings totaling 6,900 square feet. Presenter: Aaron M. Rodriguez, Ziebarth Associates Architecture and Planning (ZAAP)
 - i. Aaron stated they are trying to get tenants from national brands like Jamba juice with a drive through, Dunkin, Baskin' Robbins, Panda Express, Chipotle, etc. Aaron stated Bank of America was initially interested but withdrew their letter of interest. Aaron stated they are very constrained because the site is in a floodplain, so they have to raise site and building up. Aaron stated the community plan has an easement and will ask for a series of deviations to include more outside areas and the grade differential on Euclid Ave. Aaron stated one of the requests of deviation will be from the transparency requirements, because from the building to grade there is a 4ft drop, and they will add glass to add a feeling of transparency. Aaron stated there will be a max of 4 tenants, min of 3; 41 parking spaces, entrance from the back (level to parking) but facade will face on Euclid.

Kwame Oates arrived at 7:34 ppm

- b. **Groundworks San Diego**, Chollas Creek Improvement Project. Presenter: Patrice Baker, Community Outreach Director, Groundwork San Diego
 - i. Patrice Baker stated the project is focused on de-channelization & restoration. Patrice stated from South Radio Canyon and down they are working on getting permission from homeowners to work on their property. Vicky Estrada, board member of Groundworks stated the objectives are habitat restoration and maintenance.

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- c. **Free transfer or sale of the Tubman-Chavez Community Center** to the County of San Diego
Presenters: Patrice Baker, Leslie Dudley, L. Flynn, K. MacLeod, and Khalada Salaam-Al, Work Not Welfare Group
- i. Patrice stated Groundworks wrote a letter of support on behalf of this group. Leslie stated the community doesn't need a Live Well center but rather need to keep the Tubman Chavez center. Khalada stated that the Tubman Chavez center is the heart of the community and the community needs the tax revenue that comes with a commercial area that generates jobs.
 - ii. Shawn Glisson said that last statement is contradictory because the Tubman center that isn't a commercial center. Christie Hill agrees that the process was bad, but she is glad someone is bringing attention to this issue. Venus Molina stated that the Jacobs already sold to the adjacent lot to the County.

10. **Continuing Business:** None.

11. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Monte Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Second by Kwame Oates. Vote: 10-1-0. Motion Carried.

Written by: Karina Velazquez, Board Recording Secretary