



## **COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP 2017 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

The following workshops have been developed through the City's Planning Department as a resource for elected members of the City Council-recognized community planning groups:

**Training: Community Orientation Workshop (COW)**

**Date: May 20, 2017**

**Time: 8:00 a.m. - Noon, RSVP required to attend**

**Location: 202 C Street, San Diego (City Concourse, Silver Room)**

Attendance by all elected planning group members at a COW session or by completing the Electronic COW (E-COW) after being elected or appointed to a planning group satisfies the requirement for planning group members to complete an orientation training session. In order to meet the criteria for indemnification this training must be completed within 60 days of being elected or appointed. The session discusses City Council Policy 600-24, "Standard Operating Procedures and Responsibilities of Recognized Community Planning Committees", and is a great opportunity to hear dialogue about operations of community planning groups. This four-hour workshop includes breakout sessions with speakers from a variety of City departments.

**Training: Planning Chairs Operations Workshop (P-COW)**

**Date: June 29, 2017**

**Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. RSVP required to attend**

**Location: 202 C Street, San Diego (City Concourse, Silver Room)**

City staff conducts a training session for community planning group chairs and vice-chairs to maximize meeting effectiveness. Topics of discussion include agendas, running the meetings, Council Policy 600-24 Administration Guidelines, and the Brown Act. The workshop is intended to assist chairs and vice-chairs in maximizing meeting effectiveness techniques. It's also a great opportunity to hear dialogue about generally required procedures, operations of other community planning groups, and to share planning group experiences and information with other chairs and vice-chairs.

**Training: “What to Know When Reviewing Projects/ Public Projects” Workshop**

**Date: September 19, 2017**

**Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend**

**Location: 202 C Street, San Diego (City Concourse, Silver Room)**

Council-recognized community planning groups have a role in the review of discretionary projects in their community. This advanced development review training session is more in-depth than the basic session given at the 4-hour COW. This Development Services Department led session will provide members with a higher level of understanding of the City’s review process and additional techniques for providing effective comments to the City for consideration and inclusion with the decision makers’ information on the project. The session will also describe the differences between private and public projects and describe the different processes for public Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects, which are different than for private development projects.

**Training: Advanced CEQA Training**

**Date: October 26, 2017**

**Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend**

**Location: 202 C Street, San Diego (City Concourse, Copper Room)**

Recognized community planning groups have a role in the review of discretionary projects in their community. Part of this review includes consideration of the environmental impacts of a project. Learn about the City’s environmental review process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including the public input process. This workshop will provide information on environmental determinations, types of environmental documents, the CEQA statutes and City implementing ordinances and Significance Thresholds used to inform the environmental review process.