



The City of



Economic Development

MEETING NOTES

San Diego Promise Zone

Healthy Communities Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 20, 2022 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Via Zoom (Meeting ID: 160 198 7510)

Working Group Goal: To increase access to healthy food and healthcare.

In Attendance

Barrio Botany, Champions for Health, City of San Diego—Council District 8, City of San Diego—Economic Development, County of San Diego — Health & Human Services, Garden 31, Kate Sessions Trees, Logan Heights Community Development Corporation, Mongol Tribe, San Diego for Every Child, San Diego Parks Foundation, Second Chance, Sherman Heights Community Center, Transition US, Urban Collaborative Project, Urban Corps of San Diego County

Meeting Notes

Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review

- Co-Chairs welcomed Partners, reviewed the agenda, and led a culture share activity.

Grant Opportunities

For upcoming grant opportunities, please reference the [Agenda](#).

Partner Announcements

- **Kate Sessions Trees** recently welcomed two new bilingual interns who can offer tree expertise, educational materials, and organize community meetings to support communities in utilizing the [Free Tree SD Program](#). Kate Sessions Trees also donates trees to residents for their front and back yards.
- **Council District 8** announced several food distribution locations for individuals and families in need of support. Please contact the office of Council District 8 at vivianmoreno@sandiego.gov for more information.
 - **Council District 8** announced a Blessing of the Animals event taking place at Memorial Dog Park on Saturday, October 22nd from 10:00am – 2:00pm.
- **San Diego For Every Child** and **Children First Collective** shared that the County Board of Supervisors passed \$14 million for childcare providers. \$10 million will go towards providing a living wage for childcare providers, \$2 million will be used for the Foster Care Bridge Program at the YMCA, and \$2 million will be used for sheriff service alliance work.

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- **San Diego For Every Child** and **Children's First Collective** is working to pass Measure H. Information on Measure H can be found [here](#), as well as information on [arguments in favor](#) and [arguments opposed](#).
- **Sherman Heights Community Center** is hosting its 28th annual [Dia de los Muertos celebrations](#) with workshops led by community members as well as alter tours, crafts, and family-friendly events until November 2nd.
- **The Urban Collaborative Project** is inviting all community-based organizations in the Central Region to the [upcoming Live Well San Diego Central Region Community Leadership Team \(CRCLT\) workgroup meetings](#) to provide feedback on the mission, vision, and goals of these workgroups. There is a Health and Wellbeing workgroup meeting taking place on Thursday, October 24th from 1:30– 3:00pm and an Economic and Education Development workgroup meeting next Monday, October 31st from 1:30 – 3:00pm.
 - Additionally, there is a [CRCLT in-person meeting on November 14th](#) from 12:30– 2:00pm followed by a Fentanyl Training 2:00 – 3:30pm.
- Christina Abuelo of **Barrio Botany** and **Sherman Grows** shared information on the [Big Green DAO](#), which is a nonprofit project aimed at decentralizing the grantmaking process for food justice projects.
- **The City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department** is hosting a career and job fair on November 16th from 11:00am – 1:00pm at Balboa Park Club.
- **The California Alliance for Community Composting (CACC)** is implementing the [Community Composting for Green Spaces](#) (CCGS) grant program funded by CalRecycle to support the development and expansion of compost hubs. Partners interested in receiving no-cost support from CACC to start a community compost hub at their site are encouraged to [submit a pre-selection site application](#).
- **Project New Village** is holding a [Food as Medicine Event](#) on Monday, October 24th from 5:00 – 7:00pm at Mount Hope Community Garden.

County of San Diego's Capital Planning Process Overview

Elyce Shorb, County of San Diego—Department of General Services

- Co-chairs introduced Elyce Shorb, Chief of Strategic Facility Planning, from the County of San Diego's Department of General Services to present a [Capital Planning Process Workshop](#). Elyce's team supports the planning and the pre-construction of buildings and recreation facilities throughout the County of San Diego and within unincorporated communities.
- The Capital Improvement Needs Assessment (CINA) is a planning document that forecasts all planned capital projects over a five-year period. A capital project refers to new County buildings, recreational facilities, or land acquisition that supports an existing County service or program. Projects such as affordable housing, County roadway repairs, and public transit are not addressed by CINA.
- A capital project will be added to CINA after being identified by the following three sources:
 - Strategic Facility Plans are reports that assess the facility's current condition, location, and services which produce data-driven recommendations for replacement.

- Community input and board direction is collected directly from community members through the department that is most closely aligned with the project.
- Operational need is determined when a County service area is expanded.
- Once a CINA is approved by the Board of Supervisors annually, it is then referred to the Chief Administrative Officer to determine funding.
- Examples of planned capital projects in the County of San Diego include: an electric vehicle roadmap to get more charging stations installed; construction of the Hall of Justice; construction of a COVID-19 memorial; [and more here](#).
- More information on the 2023-2028 Capital Plan can be found on the [recently launched website here](#) which shows the timeline, interactive StoryMaps, and collects public input.
- Outreach is performed by the community department that is most closely related to the type of capital project. There are biannual community engagement meetings to receive feedback on CINAs. Resources are available in multiple languages.
- Partners can get involved in the County's Department of Parks and Recreation community engagement meetings and planning groups to provide feedback and input on projects that address bicyclist and pedestrian safety.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Infrastructure Funding Overview

San Diego Promise Zone Staff

- The City of San Diego's [Capital Improvements Program's \(CIP\)](#) projects make up about 25% of the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) budget for fiscal years 2021-2024. These funds are dedicated to the investment in the City's critical public infrastructure needs to support neighborhood safety, improved livability, and nonprofit facility projects that improve or expand services to the City's most vulnerable populations.
- CDBG funding is primarily used as a Gap Financing Tool for shovel-ready projects that are already receiving other funding.
- The Capital Improvement Program CDBG Process runs from January through April.
- In January, Economic Development staff draft an email to Council Offices as a formal request to submit their CIP priorities for CDBG funding at the end of that month. About 100-150 projects are typically submitted in total which far exceeds available funding.
- Once projects are proposed by Council Offices, staff work to determine eligibility. This includes whether they are serving an LMI area or clientele. As staff review the CIP projects, they check to see if funding would cause it to be fully funded and when construction would begin as projects need to be shovel-ready due to HUD restrictions.
- After the Executive Team reviews the projects, the Asset Management Department determines what is feasible within that fiscal year and goes to the Capital Improvements Program Review and Advisory Committee (CIPRAC).
- CIPRAC then reviews and recommends projects to the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board (CPAB) which is appointed by City Council. These projects would then be rolled into the [Annual Action Plan](#).
- To ensure more San Diegans are able to provide feedback about infrastructure projects they would like to see prioritized in their neighborhoods, [the City of San Diego is updating its policies](#) on how it gathers input and how to prioritize these investments to be funded more equitably and efficiently. With the [proposed updates to Council Policy](#)

[000-32](#), the City will conduct a citywide public outreach effort at least once every two years to help determine the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget.

- Focused engagement would occur within the City's Communities of Concern and historically underserved or structurally excluded communities, as identified in the [City's Climate Equity Index](#).
- City staff is also proposing to [update Council Policy 800-14](#), which sets the guidelines for how CIP projects are prioritized and funded. The updates include amendments to the factors that must be considered when adding needs to the Five-Year Capital Infrastructure Planning Outlook.

San Diego Promise Zone Partner Financial Assistance Program: Progress Report for Quarter 1

- On September 30, awardees were invited to a meeting with Cal Coast so that they had an opportunity to meet Sylvia as the new liaison to the Promise Zone. This was a chance for them to discuss with the funder directly further opportunities for support and collaboration and to share some of their project's highlights, successes, and challenges.
- That same day, 8 out of 9 Awards submitted their Q1 Report with one delayed due to a minor amendment.
- All working groups will receive an overview of the progress of the projects being completed.
- The Quarterly reporting periods were intentional.
- A little over \$20,000 has been spent of the \$120,000 awarded.

Wrap Up and Adjourn

- Digital Comment Box: <https://us16.list-manage.com/survey?u=e913b9d30ca18b3436360cf47&id=62c8f5dc2f>

Next Meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2022 | 1:00 - 2:30 PM

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