2022 Community Planning Group Orientation Workshop



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	Welcome
5:00 PM	Introduction & Review of Purpose and Structure of Workshop
5:05 PM	Greetings to Planning Group Members
5:10 PM	Roles & Responsibilities of Community Planning Groups
5:50 PM	Presentation: Development Review Process, Discretionary Permits & Open DSD
6:15 PM	Break
6:20 PM	Guest Q&A Panel
7:00 PM	Conclusion of Workshop



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• Ralph M. Brown Act

• Community Planning Group Bylaws

Indemnification Ordinance

• Robert's Rules of Order





Council Policy 600-24:

Standard Operating Procedures and Responsibilities of Recognized Community Planning Groups





- Role of community planning groups as advisory bodies
- Sets standards in exchange for indemnification
- Role of Community Planners Committee (Council Policy 600-09)

Article I: Name



- Name
- Boundaries
- Positions & Opinions

Planning Areas in the City of San Diego, for full map visit: https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles



Article II: Purpose

- Advisory recommendation
- Project review
- City staff assistance
- Nonpartisan/nonsectarian
- Political elections & ballot initiatives
- Timely review and response to projects





Q1

Who is the main point of contact if you have questions about a project the community planning group is reviewing?

- a) Development Project Manager Development Services Department
- b) Community Planner Planning Department
- c) The project applicant

Article III: Organization

- Quantity of members
- Recognized members
- Representative of community / eligibility
- Terms
- Retain eligibility
- Compliance / Violations





Article IV: Vacancies

- Declaring vacancies
- Filling vacancies
- Inability to fill vacancies





Article V: Elections

- Meeting minimum attendance
 requirement
- Publicizing elections
- Voting
 - Secret written ballot
 - No proxy voting allowed
 - > Voting times







Q2

Can a member of a community planning group allow another member of the planning group to cast a vote for them when they are absent from a meeting?

- a) Yes, without restrictions
- b) Yes, but only if the member has a notarized letter granting him/her permission to vote
- c) No, proxy voting is not permitted

Article VI: Duties

- Cooperatively work with City staff
- Conduct meetings as civil, public decision-making processes open to the public
- Follow Brown Act provisions



Brown Act Law

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Meeting requirements

- Transparent & open deliberations
- Public right to attend & provide comment
 - > Notice requirements
 - > 72 hours for normal meeting;
 24 hours for special meeting
 - > Agenda descriptions

GENERAL MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA					
	Wednesday, June 1st, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.				
	NEWBREAK Church – 2069 Ebers street, Ocean Beach, CA 92107				
6:00 pm					
	 Quorum/Introductions Agenda modifications and approval Minutes modifications and approval 				
6:05 pm	Representatives Report • City Council District 2 Jennifer Campbell Report – Linus Smith • Senator Toni Atkins Report – Cole Reed • State Assembly Member Chris Ward - Rachel Granadino • County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer - Rebbecca Smith • Mayor Todd Gloria - Kohta Zaiser				
6:20 pm	Non-Agenda Public Comment Two minutes per speaker for issues not on the Agenda and within the purview of the board.				
6:30 pm	Information Item #1: Ocean Beach Pier Update				
	James Nagelvoort, the Director of Engineering and Capital projects department at the City, will give a presentation about the future of the pier and how the community can stay engaged during the development process.				
7:30 pm	Action Item #4: 4953 Coronado Ave PTS #697315				
	The board will review the application for a Coastal Development Permit to demolish an existing detached garage at an existing single-family residence and construct a new 1,200 S.F. 2-story ADU with attached Garage, second floor deck and roof deck, at 4953 Coronado Avenue. The motion from the PRC was: Recommend approval of project contingent on meeting the FAR requirement in Code Section 131.0446(e). and providing more open railing on 2nd floor balcony wall. Passed : 4-0-0. The board reviewed this project last month and decided to push it until June so the applicant could be present.				
8:00 pm	Action Item #5: 4705 Point Loma Ave PTS #681097				
	The Board will review the application for Coastal Development Permit for a demolition of an existing retail structure and construction of 2 MDU buildings with 4 units each at 4705 Point Loma Ave. This project is an affordable housing density bonus project of 8 units total. The motion from the PRC was: Recommend denial based on not complying with Community Plan in regards to building spacing [Section 4.6] and lack of ground level patios, courtyards and interaction with public right-of-way [Section 4.2]. Passed 4-0-0.				
8:30 pm	Chair Announcements/Correspondence/Liaison Reports: Reports may include but are not limited to Executive Member Reports, Committee Reports, Community Planners Committee, OB Town Council, OB Main Street Association, OB Recreation Council, OB Historical Society, OB Women's Club, Peninsula Community Planning Board, Midway Community Planning Advisory Group, SANDAG, Mission Bay Park Committee, San Diego River Coalition, Airport Noise Advisory Committee, San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture.				
<mark>8:45 pm</mark>	Adjournment				

Article VI: Duties

Meeting Procedures

- Regular meeting agenda posting
- Quorum and public attendance
- Public comment
- Adjournments & continuances
- Consent agenda







Brown Act Compliance and Social Media

 Refrain from engaging in discuss on projects/items that may come before the Board for a vote. This includes social media discussions/posts.



Q3

If a Community Planning Group has **15 seats**, but **2 of those seats are vacant**, how many members need to be in attendance in order to conduct business (have a quorum)?

- a) 8 members
- b) 7 members
- c) All active members of the board







How long can the public comment on an agenda item go for?

- a) Indefinitely
- b) The CPG Chair can place time limits
- c) 1.33 minutes



Article VI: Duties

Meeting Procedures

- Development project review
- Action on agenda items
- Special meetings
- Emergency meetings (not allowed)
- Right to record
- Disorderly conduct









- a) A two-thirds vote is needed from the planning group.
- b) It must be determined by a vote that immediate action is needed on the item.
- c) The need for action on the item came to the attention of the Planning Group after the agenda being posted.

d) All of the above.





Q6 How can a Community Planning Group organize a Special Meeting?

- a) With an email sent 2 hours before the meeting.
- b) Chairs may call a special meeting with a 24-hour advance posted notice.
- c) With a phone call to all members of the board.





Article VI: Duties

Subcommittees

- Standing Subcommittees
- Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Meeting Documents & Records

- Agendas
- Minutes
- Records Retention





Q7

If a subcommittee votes on a project, can that vote bypass the Community Planning Group and move straight to the City as the formal recommendation?

- a) Yes, but only if the Community Planning Group attempted to take a vote on the project, but was unable to get a quorum.
- b) No, in no case may a subcommittee recommendation be forwarded directly to the City as the formal recommendation.
- c) Yes, without restrictions.

Article VI: Duties



Article VI: Duties

- Community outreach
- Planning group documents
 - ≻ Roster
 - >Annual Report
- Financial contributions







Article VII: Officers

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Other officers





Article VIII: Policies and Procedures

 Tailored to specific aspects of community operations
 Bylaw compliant



Article IX: Rights & Liabilities

Indemnification & representation

- Indemnification Ordinance (2009)
- Defense and Indemnity for CPG and its members
- Must meet all required circumstances





Article IX: Rights & Liabilities

Brown Act remedies & penalties

- In substantial conformance if CPG members follow bylaws
- Further information of Brown Act and Council Policy

CP 600-24 Violations & remedies

- Member violations
- Group violations



Community Planning Workshops Web Page: (COW HANDBOOK)

https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/resources

- Community Planning Group Web Page: www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpg/
- Community Planning Group Email:

SDPlanningGroups@sandiego.gov

Community Planning Group Contact List:

https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/contacts

Brown Act Resources

California Attorney General http://oag.ca.gov/open-meetings

League of Cities

http://www.cacities.org/Resources/Open-Government





Questions & Answers






Development Review Process, Discretionary Permits, CEQA, & OpenDSD Break **Guest Panel Q&A**



Community Planning Groups and Development Project Review

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SD) Development Services Department Online Resources

Resource	Web Page
Development Services main webpage	http://www.sandiego.gov/development- services
<u>OpenDSD 1.0</u> : Online portal for projects submitted prior to December 20, 2021	https://opendsd.sandiego.gov/Web/Approvals/ Search
OpenDSD 2.0/Accela Citizens' Access, or ACA: Online portal for projects submitted on/after December 20, 2021	<u>https://aca-</u> prod.accela.com/SANDIEGO/Default.aspx
GIS and Zoning Maps	https://www.sandiego.gov/development- services/zoning
<u>Open Data Portal</u>	https://data.sandiego.gov/datasets/?departme nt=development-services
<u>Records Section</u>	https://www.sandiego.gov/development- services/records
<u>Municipal Code</u>	https://www.sandiego.gov/city- clerk/officialdocs/legisdocs/muni
Development Process: Step by Step	http://www.sandiego.gov/development- services/devprocess/index.shtml

Development Services Department **Online Resources**

OpenDSD 2.0/Accela Citizens' Access, or ACA: Online portal for projects submitted on/after December 20, 2021 https://aca-

prod.accela.com/SANDIEGO/Default.aspx

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Development Services Department **Online Resources**

GIS and Zoning Maps

https://www.sandiego.gov/developmentservices/zoning



Zoning The City Council adopted the Official Zoning Map on Feb. 28, 2006. See Report to City Council background information on the development of the Official Zoning Map.	<u>06-020</u> for		
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Zoning and Parcel Information Portal (ZAPP)	Ir Project Find potential locations for your project in the City of San Diego.	Business Portal	Residential Portal Find which permits you may need for single-family home projects. Coming soon: Multi-family projects!
Complete Communities Zoning Designations	+ Find a site	CHECK MY PERMITS	START MY PROJECT

Site Location		
Address	10170 SORRENTO VALLEY RD	
Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)	3431300900	
Lots	Yes: MI 2292 Block No Lot No FAR 1 PARCEL MAP Block No Lot No FAR 3 SOMERIFU LANDS & TOWNSITE Block No Block No Block No Comestro LANDS & TOWNSITE	
City Council District	1	
City Owned Parks	No: None	
City Owned Real Property (CORP)	No	
CDE School Site	No: None	
Planning Area		
Community Plan Area (CPA)		TORREY PINES
Specific Plan Area (SPA)		No: None
Business Improvement District (BID)		No: None
Prime Industrial Land (PIL)		Yes
Proposition A Lands (PAL)		No: None
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Project Processing: Approval Types

Ministerial	Discretionary
Development "by right"	 May be required based on project scope and location
Little or no discretion	 May be approved or denied by a decision maker, after public notice and/or public hearing
Administrative decision by City staff	 Decision maker uses discretion, their judgement, and
• Use of fixed standards & objective measurements	engages in deliberation
No public notice, appeal process or CPG input	Legal findings are required to support their decision
Building, grading, electrical, plumbing permits	 Initial decision may be appealed to a higher body
	CPG recommendation requested
	Development plans are conceptual

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Project Processing: Decision Process Levels

Process	Decision Maker	Appeal to
Process One (Ministerial)	City Staff	No appeals – Ministerial
Process Two (Discretionary)	City Staff	Planning Commission: Private projects City Council: Public projects
Process Three (Discretionary)	Hearing Officer	Planning Commission
Process Four (Discretionary)	Planning Commission	City Council
Process Five (Discretionary)	City Council	No appeals – Final decision maker

- As process level increases, so does:
 - Project complexity
 - The amount of discretion involved
 - Project cost
- Process Five land use decisions require a Planning Commission recommendation prior to City Council



Common Discretionary Approvals

Permit Type	Required when applicant wants to
Tentative Map	To divide or reconfigure property
Conditional Use Permit	To carefully consider uses that are appropriate in certain area, but may have effects on surrounding properties
Planned Development Permit	To allow flexibility in development standards
Coastal Development Permit	Any development in the Coastal Zone
Variance	Relief from regulations when warranted
Rezone/Plan Amendment	To change allowed land uses



Development Project Manager (DPM) Roles

- Provided for all discretionary projects
- DPMS are the City's project liaison

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Community Planning Group Roles

- Advisory body that makes recommendations to decision maker
- Only decision maker (staff, HO, PC, CC) can approve/deny a project
- Decision maker has the discretion on how to follow advisory recommendations
- Expert in your Community Plan and your community's specific issues

Community Planning Group Roles: Project Review

- Project plans & application routed to CPG by City
- CPG is a reviewer
- Assessment Letters sent to CPG
- "The proposed development will not adversely affect the applicable land use plan"
- Recommendation can support findings of approval

Community Group Role: Making a Recommendation

- Review projects based on adopted Community Plan and General Plan elements and goals
- "Technical Expert" for your Plan
- Work with the project applicant at the community level
- Provide clear and timely recommendations based on Community Plan goals and policies, and required permit findings.

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CPG Recommended Conditions

- Must have a nexus
- Must have a trigger
- Must be proportional to scope and requested action
- Must be enforceable and measurable
- All recommendations may not be included in permit



Resources

Public Hearing agendas, reports, and minutes available on-line:

- Hearing Officer: <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/public-hearings-meetings-notices/hearing-officer</u>
- Planning Commission: <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/planning-commission</u>
- City Council: <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/council-agendas</u>

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Appealing Project Decisions

- Information Bulletin No. 505, "Appeal Procedure" <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf</u>
- If appealing a project as CPG chairperson, appeal basis must be consistent with community group vote and appeal fee is waived.
- Appeal application must be complete and submitted in a timely manner.
- Be as specific as possible, individually list appeal points to provide a clear basis. Use Findings!
- Be clear on appeal form if you are appealing the decisions for the "project", the "environmental", or both decisions

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DSD Contact Information

- Development Services Department webpage;
 <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services</u>
- Development Services Department Location and Contact Information webpage; <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/development-</u> <u>services/locations-hours</u>



Thank you for your participation!

ANY QUESTIONS?



CEQA: A Nutshell Overview

(pronounced "SEE-kwuh")



California Environmental Quality Act Established in 1970



What is the purpose of CEQA?

- Requires public agencies to consider the environmental consequences of their actions
- Four goals:
 - ➤ Inform
 - Identify
 - > Prevent
 - Disclose





When Does CEQA Apply?

 \rightarrow The activity requires discretionary governmental approval

→ The activity has the potential to cause direct or indirect physical changes to the environment



→ The activity falls within the CEQA definition of a "Project"



What is a "Project" under CEQA

Basically, an activity is considered a **project** when an agency <u>builds it</u>,





What is a "Project" under CEQA

.... or <u>funds it</u>,





What is a "Project" under CEQA

.... or issues a discretionary permit for it,





Who Implements CEQA?

Lead Agency – Agency with the principal responsibility for carrying out or approving a project.

The Lead Agency must complete the CEQA Analysis





CEQA Implementation

City of San Diego

Land Development Code, Section 128.0103(b):

- Produce a legally defensible document and an <u>unbiased</u> impact analysis – disclosure
- Maintain <u>independence</u> and <u>objectivity</u> while conducting the environmental review.

Unlike other members of the DSD reviewing team, EAS does <u>**not**</u> make any recommendation to approve or deny a project.



CEQA Implementation - Process

- 1. Activity proposed
- 2. Determine if activity is a project
- 3. Determine if the project is subject to CEQA
- 4. Lead Agency, through project review makes environmental determination





CEQA Implementation - Thresholds

Significance Determination Thresholds

- Provides staff with guidance on determining significant of an impact
- Periodically updated based on new issue areas, research, or case law



California Environmental Quality Act

Significance Determination Thresholds

City of San Diego

JULY 2016*

*Note: Planning Department staff periodically revises sections of the thresholds in response to CEQA case law, and changes in federal, state, and local regulations. Staff also periodically provides updated information and clarification and direction for environmental analysts.



CEQA Implementation - Determinations

- Exemptions
- Negative Declaration
- Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Environmental Impact Report



CEQA Implementation - Public Review



- 20-30 calendar days for ND/MND
- 30 calendar days for Notice of Preparation (EIR only)
- 30-45 calendar days for EIR



CEQA Implementation – Public Comments

End of public review period, Lead Agency considers comments.

Must be responded to in writing.

Comments and responses become part of the final document.



CEQA Implementation - Adopt/Certify

Decisionmaker must:

- consider final document, comments/responses, and public testimony,
- Adopt/certify the final document
- Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
- EIR Only: adopt CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations



CEQA Implementation - Project Decision

Notice of Right to Appeal (NORA)

- Required for Exemptions under Process 2 through 4
- Required for environmental documents prepared under a Process 2 Decision
- Posted for 10 business days



CEQA Implementation - Project Decision

Notice of Determination:

- Filed within 5 working days after final project approval
- Sets time limits on legal challenges (30 vs 180 days)



CEQA Implementation - Environmental Appeal

Land Development Code

- Establishes what environmental determinations can be appealed
- Does not allow for:
 - ✓ appeal of previously certified documents
 - ✓ Decisions already subject to Council approval



Questions?

Visit:

https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/about/overview/erprocess

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- Kelly Modén, Planning Commissioner
- Ken Malbrough, Planning Commissioner, past Encanto-Neighbors Chair
- Barry Schultz, CPC chair, Community Board member, past Planning Commissioner
- Frisco White, Carmel Valley Chair, past Planning Commissioner

Thank You!

