

# Community Planners Committee

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## **APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FOR MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEB. 25, 2025**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Heden, Carmel Valley (CV)	Marcella Bothwell, Pacific Beach (PB)
Marcellus Anderson, City Heights (CH)	Representative, Peninsula (PEN)
Representative, Del Mar Mesa (DM)	Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)
Bob Link, Downtown (DT)	Victoria LaBruzzo, Scripps Ranch (SR)
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area (EA)	Cristhian Fuentes Hernandez, San Ysidro (SY)
David Moty, Kensington-Talmadge (KT)	Cat Stempel, Serra Mesa (SM)
Felicity Senoski, Linda Vista (LV)	Guy Preuss, Skyline-Paradise Hills (SPH)
Michele Addington, Mission Valley (MV)	Jasmine Mallen, Southeastern (SE)
Brian Gile, Navajo (NAV)	Representative, Tierrasanta (TS)
Paul Coogan, Normal Heights (NH)	Victory Marshall, Torrey Hills (TH)
Lynn Elliott, North Park (NP)	Liz, Shops, Torrey Pines (TP)
Andrea Schlageter, Chair, Ocean Beach (OB)	Chris Nielsen, University (UNIV)

### **VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:**

Per Article IV, Section 5 and Section 6 of the CPC Bylaws the following planning groups have three (3) consecutive absences and will not be able to vote until recordation of attendance at two (2) consecutive CPC meetings by a designated representative or alternate:  
BL, CMR/SS, KM, LJ, MWPH, MB, OT, OMN, SP/LH, SY, SE and TH.

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

Chair Schlageter called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. upon reaching quorum and conducted roll call was conducted.

#### **2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Non-agenda public comment included:

- Separate letters sent to the City from various planning groups regarding requesting removal of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) density bonus program and wanting to see evacuation plans for egress out of their community, clarifying the density and permit process for the development with regard to the project on Turquoise Street and proving information on a upcoming speaker event about how to make housing affordable and

concerns about the 4-foot setback with regard to Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ)

- Information regarding limiting in-fill development in VHFHSZ can be found on SDurbanwildfire.org. Support letters can be published on the website as well as requests for presentations.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JAN. 28, 2025.**

Item continued to next month to allow more time for members to review.

### **4. AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STRENGTH CPGs COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH (INFORMATION ITEM)**

Bob Link from the Downtown Community Planning Council (DCPC) presented a request to form an Ad Hoc committee to specifically address how CPGs can improve their communication and outreach in their communities.

Comments from the public and the CPC included the following:

- Interest in seeing cost associated with doing virtual meetings as the ability to conduct hybrid meetings will be a needed key function
- A group discount should be considered with regard to communication/outreach services offered
- It was advised that CPC members contact Council members and attend budget hearings to follow what's going on with budget with regard to increasing the planning group stipend
- CPC members will go back to their respective groups and bring up this issue for consideration and interest from their constituents
- The subcommittee should explore what the balance of unused stipends to see if that can be leveraged

No action needed. CPC moved forward with forming a subcommittee on this matter which will include Downtown, University, Normal Heights and potentially other planning group members.

### **5. CHILD AND TEEN-FRIENDLY PUBLIC SPACES DESIGN MANUAL (INFORMATION ITEM)**

Marlon Pangilinan, Program Coordinator from the City Planning Department provided a preview presentation on the initiative which will include policies and design guidelines for public and private projects to create public spaces that are inviting, engaging and supportive of the unique needs of children, teens and their caregivers. Staff on the project team will present additional details on the initiative will provide more details at a future CPC meeting.

Comments from the public and CPC included the following:

- Concerns were expressed regarding funding being affected by recent changes in federal funding
- Parks are necessary for this program and should be tied to this initiative to get more amenities and areas for the children
- It was mentioned that the Park and Recreation Board is not aware of this initiative yet and that they should be aware and involved when it comes to addressing the issue of park deficits and facility upgrades
- Questions were raised about what stakeholders are involved like Parks Foundation or SDSU
- Concern expressed whether this initiative would address new as well as existing public spaces and facilities in poor repair
- Updates to parks are still being waited on, so to start something like this without evaluating facilities now seems premature.
- A need was expressed to teach the younger kids and younger generations to use bikes, learn to take transit and involve MTS with this issue
- It was expressed that there should be outreach to teenagers and schools
- Parks Foundation can be a resource to help share information
- Park and Recreation staff needs to be involved and recruit parents regarding this issue.
- Lighting is essential to have safe and secure places and should be considered for this initiative.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- Slides from the information items presented and the Trash Fee proposal presentation will be provided to CPC members
- Received the Draft Street Design Manual for discussion next month
- All CPC members were asked to forward CPG motions on the trash fee proposal, so that they can be shared with other groups.

#### **CPC MEMBER REPORTS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. to next regular meeting: March 25, 2025.

Recording of the meeting can be found at following link: [CPC February 2025](#)