



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

Planning a Vibrant Downtown for All

Downtown Community Planning Council (DCPC) Meeting Agenda

June 18, 2025, 5:30 PM

City Hall 12th Floor Committee Room

202 C Street, San Diego, CA, 92101

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To share your thoughts and comments with DCPC members, please email comments@downtownplanningsd.org.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Public comment will be limited to 1-minute per person if there are many speakers present. Maximum of 8 non-agenda public comment speakers at this time; additional speakers can speak at the end.

III. Community Reports

A. Representatives from Elected Officials and Agencies.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Public Spaces

B. Balboa Park

V. Action Items

A. Approve April Minutes

B. Appoint new Board members

C. New park; C St. between 8th and 9th Avenues

1. Urban Division presentation and feedback session

D. Downtown Metered Parking

VI. Informational Items

A. New T1 at San Diego International Airport

VII. Remainder Non-Agenda Public Comments

The remaining non-agenda public commenters (Item III) will speak at this time.

VIII. Adjournment

Next meeting on July 16, 2025, 5:30 PM, at City Hall's 12th Floor Committee Room.

May 21 2025 Minutes Approval

Action Item

Approve the meeting minutes for the May 21 2025 meeting of the Downtown Community Planning Council.

Draft Minutes:

Downtown CPG Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2025 at 5:30 PM

12th Floor Committee Room, City Hall,

202 C Street, San Diego, CA, 92101

Call to Order & Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 5:35pm

Roll Call

In attendance (7 of 11): Eddy, Barr, Bargmann, Werve, Hewitt, JP Schwartz.

E Schwartz joined meeting prior to Item V (Action Items)

Absent: Helmer, Link, Salas, So

Non-Agenda Public Comment

Becky Rapp- Provided recommendations for budget priorities

Community Reports

Representatives from Elected Officials and Agencies

Christina Gaffnet: Community Representative (Councilmember Whitburn)

Introduced herself as the new representative for Downtown.

Mayor released proposed budget and councilmember released his budget priority memo.

Councilmember voted no on parking reform package and will support some level of free parking at Balboa Park.

Other updates: Transient Occupancy fee increasing; Streetlight repairs delayed because of budget; New shelter opening Downtown for women and children; Police walking patrol pilot in Downtown; Street closures in Downtown for marathon.

Randy Reyes: Community Representative (Mayor Gloria)

Restored the following budget items: Humane Society contract; Restored Northwest Division, Vice-Detectives, and CSR for Fire Department.

Ross Tritt: Field Representative (Assembly Member Boerner)

Introduced as new representative for Downtown

Indicated that many bills will be coming to the floor this month and it would be a good time to show support. Assembly Member will be conducting webinar on microplastics.

Committee Reports

Public Spaces (Hewitt)

Asked Chair to agendaize parking update item for next month

Communications (Werve)

Asked for more member participation on committee

Balboa Park (Eddy)

Balboa Park Committee developed budget priorities document; RFP for Village Grill released; Memorial park signage installed

Upcoming events: Balboa Park Pow-Wow, March for Babies, Rock and Roll running series

Design Review- (reserved from Item V-D)

Action Items

Approve April Minutes

Motion by Bargmann, seconded by Werve, to approve minutes. Unanimous approval.

MTS Transit Center Street Vacation

MTS Staff made presentation regarding vacation of 1313 National Avenue to improve bus operations at Imperial Transit Center. MTS wants to vacate small sections of public streets inside station as part of improvement. Project would increase bus bays from 6 to 13. Agency will have separate proposal for what to do with will do with new remnant parcel, most likely affordable housing.

DCPC asked questions about configuration of bus bays and pedestrian crossings.

Motion by Hewitt, seconded by JP Schwarz, to authorize chair to submit letter of support from DCPC if requested by MTS. Unanimously approved.

Streetcar Renewal Project

Representative from Vibrant Uptown made presentation regarding potential streetcar project connecting from Uptown to Downtown.

Discussion from DCPC included questions about how people would pay, the potential of connecting to the Kensington neighborhood, potential operational issues and suggestion that Vibrant Uptown should work with MTS and SANDAG to further develop project.

1401 Imperial Housing Project

Representatives from Carrier Johnson and Arete Development, on behalf of SVDP Management (Father Joe's Village) made a presentation regarding their proposed adaptive reuse of the former skydiving building and former homeless assistance center as a low-income housing project. Developer recently purchased site from the City.

Discussion from DCPC included questions about project timeline, concerns about density of low-income housing in the neighborhood, and configuration of existing and proposed building. The Design Review Committee reviewed and had a favorable opinion, but had concerns that there would be no parking.

Motion by Bargman, seconded by Werve, authorizing Chair to submit a letter of support for an affordable housing grant application. Unanimously approved.

Amendment of Representative Terms

Chair presented proposal to realign vacancies so that an equal number of resident and businesses seats would be up for election each year.

Motion by Hewtt, seconded by JP Schwarz, to approve the recommended change in seat expiration years. Unanimously passed.

New Member Appointment

The consideration of appointing Danny Avita to open At-Large Resident seat was tabled until he was able to attend a meeting.

Remainder Non-Agenda Public Comments

No comments

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm

New Member Appointment

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Appointment of any individuals who the Council will consider for the following open seats:

- At Large Resident
- At Large Community Organization,
- East Village North Business,
- Horton/Gaslamp/Core Business & Resident,
- Little Italy Business,
- Marina Business & Resident,

New C Street Park

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Action Item

Jacob Basinger, a Senior Planner at the Urban Division of the City's Development Services Department will be presenting regarding the Urban Division's development of a new park along C Street between 8th and 9th Ave.s; and hopes to 'receive any feedback from the group.' The feedback may be informal at the meeting, or, if the board chooses, as a formal action.

Picture of the location for reference:



Downtown Metered Parking

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Action Item

The City of San Diego recently passed a series of changes to parking regulations which impact Downtown. Also, the County Grand Jury recently released a report with recommended changes to metered parking in the City, including Downtown. The new City parking regulations and Grand Jury recommendations directly relate to DCPC, Downtown residents, and business.

DCPC may consider sending a letter to one or both agencies regarding how the community would like to see these recommendations and regulations implemented in Downtown.

[Reference Document](#)

New T1 at San Diego Airport

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Informational Item

Ms. Sophie Barnhorst, Gov't and Community Relations Mgr. at San Diego International Airport will be presenting regarding the new terminal which will officially open in September 2025.