

SOUTHEASTERN SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (SSD CPG)

Monthly *Hybrid* Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 10, 2025; 6:40pm

***Immediately Following Adjournment of Annual Elections**

Location: Mountain View Community Center, 641 South Boundary Street (92113) **Join via**
Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96876109337?pwd=HmiAXrsD7ENUiUXlh5736Q3Or5oibG.1> **Meeting**
ID: 968 7610 9337 **Passcode:** 991439

Website: <https://southeasternsdcommunityplanning.com/>

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Members: Chair, Amie Gutierrez (Sherman Heights)
Vice Chair, Imani Robinson (Mountain View)
Secretary, Jasmine Mallen (Logan Heights)
Treasurer, Kerry Wesson (Sherman Heights)
Diane Armenta (Southcrest)
Howard Cuarezma (Mountain View)
Oscar Gomez (Southcrest)
Felix Lopez (Logan Heights)
Alli Urguby (Logan Heights)
Dwyane Hill (Southcrest)

SSD CPG City Profile: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/southeasternsd>

SSD CPG Map: *The SSD CPG covers the area south of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Freeway (Highway 94), east of Interstate 5, north of the National City border, and west of Interstate 805, encompassing the Grant Hill, Logan Heights, Memorial, Mount Hope, Mountain View, Shelltown, Sherman Heights, Southcrest and Stockton.*

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL - 6:40pm

~~Chair, Amie Hayes, Secretary, Jasmine Mallen, Diane Armenta, Howard Cuarezma, Oscar Gomez, Alli Urguby, Imani Robinson, Felix Lopez~~

2. AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion to adopt the agenda. MSC - Gomez/Urguby (7-0-0)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public may speak on matters not on the agenda - **two minutes.**

-Lizzie Rodriguez - Local Logan Heights resident - Discussed upcoming Gompers pet event at the park, Central Division's 25th Anniversary, and local resources.

-Sally Davalos - Local resident involved with Southeastern Little League - Discussed the Little League's current recruitment of players ages 10-15, games are usually on Saturdays and are family events, please support the Little League.

-Mr. Dwayne Hill - Southeastern Little League - Discussed recent proclamation he received from D8 for community involvement and commitment, his work in providing equipment and registration fee waivers to the Little League players, and the upcoming library/museum display of first black baseball players/barrier breakers in the US and in San Diego (April 15).

-Juan - Local Mt. Hope resident - Discussed his support for Elena Franco in joining the SSD CPG, upcoming Mt. Hope Neighborhood Community Group meeting (March 13 at CET - 4153 Market Street), upcoming 3rd annual Mt. Hope Neighborhood Community Group Earth Day Festival (April 26), success of Chula Tacos located in Mt. Hope.

-Marsha Lyons - SAY San Diego - Discussed the upcoming local Free Throw competition/SD Unity Games that will include a pizza party, please create teams and join the fun (March 16).

-Ozzie - Groundwork - Discussed his role as a liaison for the SSD CPG and Groundwork San Diego, his commitment to assisting with Zoom during meetings, working with the new intern Amaan, and brief background.

4. REPORTS

A. City of San Diego Council District 4 - Councilmember Henry L. Foster III

Ronnie Miller O: (619) 236-6644; RonnieM@sandiego.gov

Tiffany Harrison & Chandra Clady in attendance - Discussed upcoming Shoot Your Shot employment opportunity event, I Love a Clean San Diego Creek to the Bay cleanup, introduced Chandra who is a native Southeastern San Diego resident from Chollas View and used to participate in the SSD CPG, upcoming Land Development Code Update, and April budget season.

B. City of San Diego Council District 8 – Councilmember Vivian Moreno

Yanet Lopez Cardenas O: (619) 236-6688; YLCardenas@sandiego.gov

In attendance - Discussed upcoming resident budget crash course webinar, importance of using the Get it Done app - please share lingering report numbers with us for follow up, opening day and Mr. Hill Day, upcoming community cleanup (March 22), flood and fire prevention measures, storm drain maintenance, and Councilmember visibility in the SSD CPG neighborhoods.

C. City of San Diego Council District 9 – Office of Council President Sean Elo-Rivera

Roberto Marin (He/Him); RMarin@sandiego.gov

In attendance - Discussed upcoming Mt. Hope Tree Planting ceremony, Stockton beautification day (March 22) and J Street Mini Park, flood prevention - clearing drains and channels before the upcoming rainy days (there are about 6-10 channels in D9's portion

of the SSD CPG), new stop light at 31st and Market, Mt. View mural at 36th and imperial to be led by D9 intern (April 12), and Unity Games participation at Dennis V. Allen Park.

D. City of San Diego Mayor's Office - Office of Mayor Todd Gloria

Lucero Maganda (She/Her), Council Districts 8 and 9; LMaganda@saniego.gov
Not in attendance.

E. San Diego County, 1st District

O: (619) 531-5511

Ernesto Castenada in attendance - Discussed upcoming special primary election to fill Nora Vargas' seat, last day to vote in special election is April 8, the office is not working on legislation but is still providing assistance to access necessary resources.

F. Office of California Senator Steve Padilla, 18th District

Jessie Schmitte - Jessie.Schmitte@sen.ca.gov; O: (619) 409-7690
Not in attendance.

G. Office of Congressman Juan Vargas, 52nd District

Louis Ward III - O: (619) 422-5963; Louis.Ward@sen.ca.gov
Not in attendance.

H. Office of Assemblymember LaShae Sharp-Collins, 79th District

Janet Farala - O: (619) 465- 7903; Janet.Farala@asm.ca.gov

In attendance - Discussed a recent package that the office put together including access to important resources, please contact the office with any questions.

I. Office of Assemblymember David Alvarez, 80th District

Mayra Hernández - O: (619) 338-8090; Mayra.hernandez@asm.ca.gov
Not in attendance.

J. San Diego Central Division Police Department

Officer Gary Gonzales Jr., Community Relations Officer, 510/530 Service Areas C:
(619) 705-9439; O: (619) 744-9516; GSGonzales@pd.sandiego.gov

Not in attendance.

K. San Diego Southeastern Division Police Department

Officer Chris Jones, Community Relations Officer

O: (619) 527-3532; C: (619) 455-5298; jonescl@pd.sandiego.gov
Not in attendance.

L. Community Liaison Organizations

Members of local organizations can provide updates regarding their mission and activities.

Jessie - Senator Weber-Pierson 39th District - Discussed the May 7th deadline to get a Real CA ID, and please contact the office for any birth certificate or bill questions.

Tanisha-Jean Martin - City of San Diego Climate Advisory Board, Chair - Discussed the board's meetings (first Tuesday of each month) and focus on community engagement, mobility, and interest in joining the SSD CPG.

M. SSD CPG Chair Report

Imani - We are working with our new intern Amaan to pump up our website and add helpful community events and information to the site.

N. Community Planning Committee (CPC) Report

<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community-plans/community-planners-committee>

Jasmine - Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings on behalf of the SSD CPG. At the last two meetings, the CPC discussed outreach initiatives, fire safety in neighborhoods, and the City's ADU program.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Proposed Costco Fuel Expansion -PRJ-1129885 / 656 Gateway Center

Presented by: Alberto Esquivel, Senior Planner, Barghausen Consulting Engineers, Inc.

An application for a Neighborhood Use Permit to allow for the expansion of the existing fuel facility. The existing facility consists of eight (8) multi product dispensers (MPDS), a 3,842 square foot canopy, three (3) 20,000-gallon underground storage tanks (USTS), and related underground and surface improvements. The project would increase the number of multi-product dispensers MPDS from 8 to fourteen 14 by adding 6 dispensers more and the size of the canopy from 3,842 square feet to 10,560 square feet total, a 40,000-gallon UST, a new controller enclosure, a new remote fill, a new vapor recovery unit, and associated site improvements including landscaping and striping would also be added.

Alberto in attendance, discussed the purpose of the Neighborhood Use Permit for the expansion of Costco's existing fuel facility, project timeline (to be completed by Spring 2026), and addressed community questions and comments regarding parking, possibility of including a crosswalk, future updates to board, Costco's contribution to the Southeastern community, and commitment to DEI policy/initiative.

B. City of San Diego, Urban Forestry Program - Ready, Set, Grow

Presented by: Amy Nonaka, Urban Forestry Program Coordinator

The City of San Diego's Urban Forestry Program will provide an update on its tree planting project, Trees for Communities! This project is designed to support the City's commitment to increasing the urban tree canopy cover and improve the quality of life for residents with more trees. <http://sandiego.gov/TreesForCommunities>

Karen in attendance, discussed upcoming Arbor Day, the Ready Set Grow program and the planting of 2,000 trees in the first year, importance of Get it Done to report tree issues, and process for commemorating trees/trees for community.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. SSD CPG Board Minutes, Officers and Membership - Item to be moved to next meeting.

a. [October 14, 2025 Board meeting minutes \(link\)](#)

b. [January 13, 2025 Board meeting minutes \(link\)](#)

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

A. SSD CPG Monday April 14, Monthly Board Meeting - Officer Elections

Mountain View Community Center, 641 South Boundary Street (92113)

Jasmine - For the record, after a voting period of 30 minutes, all current board members and newly eligible board members were unanimously elected to the Southeastern San Diego Community Planning Group. There are still vacancies on the board, if you or other community members you know are interested in joining, please let the secretary know.

B. SSD CPG Monday May 12, Monthly Board Meeting

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8. ADJOURNMENT - 8:23pm