

## UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Meeting Minutes  
Hybrid Meeting  
September 10, 2024  
6:00 PM

Meeting held at the Center for Novel Therapeutics, La Jolla Shores Conference Room this time only.

**Directors present**, directors absent

**Chris Nielsen (CN) (Chair), Neil de Ramos (NR), Joann Selleck (JS), Daren Esposito (DE), Jon Arenz (JA), Anu Delouri (AD), Kristin Camper (KC), Petr Krysl (PK), Carol Uribe (CU), Georgia Kayser (GK), Karen Martien (KMar), Andrew Wiese (AW), Linda Bernstein (LB), Fay Arvin (FA), Alex Arthur (AA), Anna Bryan (AB), Sasha Treadup (ST), Coby Tomlins (CT-City of SD Planning).**

**1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chris Nielsen, Chair.** Chair CN at 6:05 pm.

**2. Agenda: Call for additions / deletions: Adoption.**

CN: Any additions or corrections to the agenda? None raised. Motion to approve by JS, seconded by KM. Passed unanimously,

**3. Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2024, minutes, and July 9, 2024**

CN: Any changes, additions, or corrections to the minutes for June 11?

Motion by DE, second by JS, Motion carried unanimously.

CN: Any changes, additions, or corrections to the minutes for July 9?

Motion by DE, second by JS, Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Announcements: Chair's Report, CPC Report**

CN: I'll give my report now.

- Welcome to the UCPG meeting for September 10! Thanks to Biomed Reality for this meeting room that supports hybrid meetings. Let me repeat that this is a one-time meeting room change, and that we will be back in our Alexandria GradLabs meeting location for October.
- On the agenda, we have the renewal of a Conditional Use Permit for an ATT Wireless Control Facility located just north of the Salk Institute, an Action Item to postpone UCPG District 4 elections by one month, an action item to determine if the UCPG would like to take a final vote on the University Community Plan, and an action item to rank our CIP choices.

- The UCPG did not meet in August, and CPC did not meet in August.
- Before proceeding with our Agenda, I'd like to ask if there is interest in having a UCPG booth at the Oktoberfest celebration at Standley Park on Saturday October 5 from 2 – 6PM. Last year, we had a decent number of UCPG sign ups from the Standley Park July 4 celebration, but none from Oktoberfest. I'd need a couple of volunteers for this event if we elect to do it.
- This is the first meeting where voting members (of the board) may attend and vote by Zoom. We still encourage voting members to attend UCPG meetings in person.

**5. Information Item: Information Item: Col. Erik Herrmann, MCAS Miramar base commander, will introduce himself to the UC community and give a summary of his goals for his three-year term as base commander. Kristin Camper, Col. Eric Herrmann, presenting.**

Eric Herrmann (EH): Hello, everyone. My parents used to live locally on Nobel. I've been in command at MCAS Miramar for the last six weeks. It's been incredible so far.

For goals: support current operations of third Marine Air Wing, base security, resiliency for the base, future operations and force design, and very importantly, support the men and women who work and live on the base, and their quality of life. They also live in the surrounding community, so there is a need to tie in with all San Diego communities. For Diane Ahern, course rules are very important. Three weeks into my tour, I met with a squadron commander from Luke Air Force Base about course rules and said I would ask him to sign the acknowledgement of the rules. He said he was very aware of the rules as he was aware of another unit that was not asked back, so the word has spread through the forces that following course rules is a requirement. I analyze each instance of a violation of the course rules carefully. If there are issues that are of interest to you in the community, please get in touch via Kristin. Camper. I'd like to recommend the Miramar Air Show, which, in addition to the air show, also has many exhibits of technology, some relating to energy resilience, and some related to fighting fires. There was a follow up question from Col Bedell's last visit to the UCPG on fusion, but I was unable to locate any reference to this on the DARPA website, and there is no program involving fusion on the Miramar base.

JS: One of the things we talked about was remuneration of service members, and how this relates to housing. Will there be any temporary housing provided?

EH: There will be no temporary housing. The barracks are a high priority, including renewing the carpets, bathrooms, and so forth on an ongoing basis. We have increased

out ability to handle service request of all kinds to about 700 / month and this should make a difference. This includes water leaks, A/C issues, and so forth.

JS: The concept of trailers was related to high local housing costs. I suspect that Miramar has a fire-fighting capability. Is there a joint operations capability with the city and county?

EH: Great question. There is a great relationship between the Miramar Fire Department and the City and county FDs, and a great relationship with CalFire for brush fires. We have a great wildfire team. My brother-in-law is a Captain in the San Diego Fire Department. We have great relationships with both FD and PD.

DA: We know you are working on battery storage. Any DOD effort on battery storage?

EH: Any effort on batteries will be DOD-wide and will consider fire safety as a priority. Battery storage is required by solar power on the base.

CN: The methane gas from the city's land fill has a private company contracting to extract and sell the gas and power to the base, correct? Do you have first call on the energy generated.

EH: The Power Purchase Agreement with the city allows us to share power with the city. We would like to be able to make further use of the methane generated in the future.

CN: Thanks for giving the presentation.

## **6. Presentations:**

- **Councilmember Kent Lee (Zach Burton).**

- The City held a large item disposal event for residents in Mira Mesa. We held one about six months ago in UC and look forward to repeating the event here in another six months.
- On Marcy Park, thanks for the advocacy by the group and placing it on our CIP list. This project will commence shortly, including new benches, irrigation, everything. That's a big item for the community.
- The second reading of the ordinances implementing the new community plan at the city council was concluded today, and the ordinance will go into effect December 1 except in the coastal area that requires coastal commission approval.

- **Membership Report (Anu Delouri)**

None.

- **Mayor Todd Gloria (Michaela Valk)**

None.

- **Assembly Member Tasha Boerner (Andres)**

- None.

- **Pure Water Project (Clem Wassenberg, Matt Parks)**

- Matt Parks is the new community liaison person with the city for the Pure Water Project. He went to school in Clairemont and attended UC San Diego.
- Clem: We're here with another update on the project. We are working on all three tunnels, at the 52 at Rose Canyon, in front of the High School, and crossing the 805. The contractor continued open trench work along Nobel from Towne Centre to Via Las Ramblas. Work times are unchanged. Please take care when driving along the work zone areas, and no parking in the construction zones.
- Clem: Described the current work areas and progress: We finished the tunnels in front of UC High School and are completing tunneling along Nobel near its intersection with Genesee.
- .JS: Is there any update on when you will be working on Nobel and Genesee.
- Clem: November or late January.
- JS: Is the contractor planning to revegetate the areas in Rose Canyon being used as lay down space?
- Clem: Yes.
- JS: How did you know the area the contractor needed to rework was leaking?
- Clem: Testing. The leaky item was casing, not pipe. The pipe is inserted after testing is done on the casing. This is a CALTRANS requirement.

**7. Public Comment: Non-Agenda, but within the scope of the UCPG, Items (2-minute limit).**

- Diane Ahern: Thanks to the many contributors to the UC Newsletter, both the print edition and the online edition. Next week we will take over the former UC Plan Update "third Tuesday" slot for UCCA meetings that will take place every other month in person at the UC Community Library. We will have Scott Whal, the new police chief, who will answer questions from 6 to 7 PM, followed by the regular UCCA meeting. We hope to see you at Oktoberfest as well.

- Lou Rodolico on behalf of the UC Fire Safe Council: Join us at the North University City Library Saturday September 14th at 3PM to discuss how: Fire Hardening Your Home Will Increase Its Value and Help With The Sale of Your Home, see attached flyer. If possible, the Fire Department will be present. There will be a presentation of the 2024 Brush Management Assessment (see below) and a Q&A What are some of the factors that affect insurance risk: distance to fire station, distance to canyon or wildland, distance to fire hydrant, condition(age) of hydrants, regional road system, flammable materials on outside of house, proximity of plants to house, proximity of houses to each other & house vents. Also, Fire History can be a factor: 1) The 2003 \$50 million Crossroads Arson Fire and 2) The 2003 Cedar Fire driven by Santa Anna winds both fires affected or endangered UC.

Also review State of California Catastrophic Modeling Insurance Regulation which is in our future: <https://www.insurance.ca.gov/0400-news/0100-press-releases/2024/release011-2024.cfm>

2024 Brush Management Assessment:

<https://ucfiresafecouncil.com/documents/Brush%20Management%20Assessment%202024.pdf>

We hope to see you there.

Lou Rodolico UC Fire Safe Council

8. **Action Item: PRJ-1093444, AT&T Torrey Pines ROW. Wireless Control Facility, located at 11602 Torrey Pines Scenic Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037. AT&T Mobility is proposing to retain an existing Wireless Communication Facility (WCF) within the Public Right-of-Way located on the 10010 block of North Torrey Pines Road on the southwesterly portion within the intersection containing Torrey Pines Scenic Drive. The WCF includes two façade mounted antennas located on an existing signalize pole (traffic signal Pole Join ID 25681), three (3) above ground mounted cabinets, telco boxes and various supporting triplexers, diplexers, and Remote Radio Units. As designed, the project requires a Conditional Use Permit, Process 3, Hearing Officer Decision. No construction is involved. Harold Thomas Jr., MD7, presenting.**

- We seek your approval for renewal of the Conditional Use Permit for a Wireless Control Facility project in the 10010 block of North Torrey Pines Rd. This facility currently provides service to the North Torrey Pines Road area and has improved coverage for the Salk Institute and the Estancia hotel and housing development. The existing structure is a 30'-4" streetlamp with a power cabinet below.
- Surrounding land uses are residential, institutional, and corporate. We are not proposing any new construction except for the addition of some landscaping.

We will add some dark green paint to the base of the streetlamp. Some photo renderings were given. A diagram of coverage without the WCF was given, and a diagram of the coverage with the WCF was given. Questions?

- DE: You are not adding any additional structures or work. Any impact in coverage?
- Harold: No changes are being made to the facility that effect coverage.
- **Motion to approve the project as presented.by DE, seconded by CN. Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Recuse. Motion passed.**

**9. Action Item: Change in UCPG District 4 Election Timing. Outreach has not been sufficient to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to run to be a voting member for the three seats in UCPG District 4 It is proposed that the election be shifted later one month, with nominations due on October 8 and voting to conclude on November 12. Chris Nielsen, presenting.**

- Outreach and promotional materials have taken longer than expected, but residents will be returning to campus in a week. It makes sense to postpone elections for a month to move nominations to October and elections to November.
- I've been working with a group of residents on promotional material to explain what the UCPG is and how to run for a seat. All three seats will be up for election in November. We want to make sure that no one feels left out. We will see if we can come up with a similar drop-box arrangement for ballots that we use for the two UC libraries during UCPG elections. Can I get a motion to make this change in election procedures?
- **Motion: to set the District 4 UCPG election for November, with nominations due by the October UCPG meeting. Made by DE, seconded by AB.**
- DE: You might want to promote the elections at Oktoberfest.
- JS: Faculty?
- CN: Anyone in University housing on campus, not off campus.
- CN: Call the question.
- **Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Recuse. Motion passed.**

**10. Action Item: University Community Plan. The UC Plan Update passed the City Council on July 30, with the ordinance enacting the plan signed by the Mayor on August 7. The UCPG will decide if it wants a vote on this final plan, and if so, hold a vote. Chris Nielsen, presenting.**

- CN: Originally, I had thought that we would hold a vote tonight to decide if we were going to take a position on the UC plan, but based on remarks that Joann made, I think we'd be better off waiting until next month with higher attendance to hold this vote since we don't have the final plan with all of its tweaks.

- CN: We have provided a comment to the city that was a basis for our presentations before the city decision makers. I agree with you and Andy that we should let our comment stand. I will continue the item until October.
- JS: Is it customary for Planning Groups to vote on the Plan?
- CN: Yes, but the comment we gave to the city was fairly unusual. Mira Mesa came the closest to what we did. They generated a list of points and voted to approve the plan if the city agreed to the list of points. They did not. Newspapers and the city reported the result as “approved”. I think the choice is to stand by our 65-page comment or an up-or down vote.
- JS: Can we get a sense of where the members sentiments are?
- CN: Sure. We can do this.
- NdR: When will be well the “final-final”
- CN: Zach, do you know when we’ll see the final version in a package.
- Zach: it’s on the web site in pieces.
- CN: We’d like to make sure there is a final place where the complete set of documents is.
- CN: Those interested in letting the comment stand as the final work product by the UCPG please say so, and those interested in an up-or-down vote indicate so. This will be an informal straw poll.
- **Result: 8 in favor of letting the comment stand, 2 vote for up-or-down (NdR, GK).**

**11. Action Item: UCPG CIP list ranking. We chose projects to submit to the city in July and agreed to rank the projects in September. The rankings will primarily be for the use of our Council office and the UCPG. Chris Nielsen and Georgia Kayser, presenting.**

- CN: I am sharing a copy of the spreadsheet I submitted to the city that contains our CIP priorities. This is an unranked list, per current city policy. The question is, does the group wish to rank the projects by priority. This would primarily be for our council office’s use. It is useful to have a number 1 priority.
- CN: I will ask our CIP chair, Georgia, to indicate how we should proceed.
- GK: I would like to have these projects available to vote on. I think this could be done by listing the project and voting, then discarding the least popular, reranking the remaining projects, and so forth until the projects were ranked. But I’d like to get the group’s opinion on this.
- CN: Georgia, would you like to give your opinion to start?
- GK: I’d like to set up an on-line poll. Just to back to our original list, we had Genesee / Governor second after Vista La Jolla streetlights, then the Standly Rec Cooling, Standley Rec Center renovation, followed by South / North overlook parks, followed by “Dinosaur” Park parking and access improvements, and the Governor Drive traffic calming proposal between Radcliffe and Stadium.
- GK: We could keep the order basically the way it was in 2023, removing the funded Vista La Jolla streetlights. We also had funding estimates before that are missing

from the proposals sent to the city. There is some feeling that lower cost projects could be funded more quickly than higher cost projects.

- JS: Is there a perception on how these projects could be funded? I wonder if the city has thoughts about how these projects would be funded.
- CN: Now that the linear parks are in the community plan, the city may look at them differently in terms of a possible funding queue. There is value in indicating community support for both parks.
- NdR: Have we submitted ranking in the past and not even one is approved?
- CN: Vista La Jolla was captured and funded, the UC community library improvements were captured and funded. Libraries have come under a new design / build methodology. Marcy Park was ranked second or third for years, got funding, and we can declare this CIP finished when complete.
- JS: I note that there is only one north UC (overlook park) on the CIP list. I think this deserves to get done simultaneously with the south UC park.
- CN: I agree.
- GK: I can update the list, removing the funded projects to the end of the list. The cost estimates are just estimates at best.
- CN: The cost estimate is not required by the city. They are more focused on the benefit to the community and what the project could accomplish.
- GK: I could think about revising the list for the October meeting. Remember, anyone can submit CIPs to the city at any time under the new city CIP policy.
- CN: We'll postpone the CIP discussion until October.

**12. Adjournment: Next Meeting will be on October 8, 2024, at our regular meeting place, Alexandria's GradLabs, 9980 Campus Point Drive, Third Floor, Terra Nova conference room. This will be a hybrid meeting using Zoom or virtual meeting using Zoom.**