

# Community Planners Committee

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**Tuesday, July 22, 2025**  
**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**TIME: 6:15-8:15 p.m.**

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**ITEM #1 – 6:15**      **CALL TO ORDER/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA/ROLL CALL**

**ITEM #2 – 6:20**      **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** - 2 minutes per issue  
Identification of issues that are within the jurisdiction of the CPC, but not on the agenda. No discussion or action is permitted, except to establish a subcommittee for study, or place the item on a future agenda.

**ITEM #3 – 6:35**      **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2025 & JULY 9, 2025**

**ITEM #4 – 6:45**      **AIRPORT AUTHORITY TERMINAL ONE OPENING (INFORMATION)** – Presentation on of the New Terminal One, opening this Fall. *Kimberly Miller, Miller Public Affairs for the Airport Authority.*

**ITEM #5 – 7:30**      **CPC REPRESENTATIVE FOR CITY OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OSCAC) (INFORMATION/ACTION)** – *Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo PB, Current representative.*

**ITEM #5 – 7:40**      **CITY COUNCIL VOTE KLAUBER PROJECT/FOOT NOTE 7 (INFORMATION)** – *Rob Campbell, Chollas Valley CPG Chair.*

Topic:

**ITEM #6 – 7:50**

**PBPG CORRESPONDENCE TO DSD (ACTION ITEM)** PBPG request for CPC to support position regarding DSD letter/policy. *Marcella Bothwell, PBPG Chair.*

**ITEM #7 – 8:00**

**REPORTS TO CPC:**

- Staff Report
- Chair's Report
- CPC Member Comments

**ITEM #8 – 8:15**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Victoria LaBruzzo, CPC Hybrid Zoom Meeting

Time: Jul 22, 2025 06:15 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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**MEETING NOTES**  
**City of San Diego**  
**OPEN SPACE CANYONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Meeting held at:  
Virtual Teams meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present:

**Parks & Recreation**

Chair Carey Goldstein (*Supervising Park Ranger*)

**Stormwater Department**

Anastasia Brewster (*Senior Planner*)

**Planning Department**

Daniel Monroe (*MSCP*)

**Streets & Transportation Department**

Brian Widener (*City Forester*)

**Development Service Department**

Rudy Bilan, *Associate Planner*

**Community Planning**

Victoria Touchstone (*CPG*)

**Environmental Organization**

Jesh Taucher (*SDCL*)

Justin Daniels (*CNPS*)

**Recreational Organization**

Domingos Dias (*Mtn. Bike Comm.*)

**SDG&E**

Lisa Murphy (*SDGE*)

**Member at Large**

Deborah Knight

GUESTS:

Erika Weikel (*OSCAC liaison, Senior Park Ranger*)

Tershia d'Elgin

Mark Berninger (*BIO*)

Terrell Powell (*PUD*)

Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz

Lee BenVau (*BIO*)

Eddie Salinas

Ella Horvath

Tiffany Smith

Ronald Rizo

Dustin Harrison

Members Absent:

Dirk Smith (*Senior Planner, Public Utilities Department*)

Matt Adams (*Building Industry Association*)  
*unexcused*

Nick Ferracone (*Project Officer II, Engineering and Capital Projects*)  
*unexcused*

Disabled Community Member (*vacant*)

Community Member Chair (*vacant*)

Prepared by:

Erika Weikel

City of San Diego, Parks & Recreation  
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## CALL TO ORDER

Carey Goldstein, OSCAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### **Approval of Meeting Notes from Jan. 23, 2025.**

Carey Goldstein asked for any questions or concerns regarding the Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> OSCAC minutes, Erika Weikel mentioned switching the attendance of Roger Lewis from Guest to Member at Large. Minutes were approved by consensus.

## **Action Items**

## **Workshop Items**

## **Informational Items**

### **301. Open Space Canyon Ranger District Update – Erika Weikel, Senior Park Ranger, Parks and Recreation**

- Senior Park Ranger Erika Weikel discussed the impact ranger staff have had on responding to Get It Done (GID) reports and community issues.
- Trail and bridge improvements made at Paradise Canyon and Juniper Canyon were shown.
- Senior Park Ranger Erika Weikel discussed a project where she contacted the principal at Morse High School and conveyed an interest in collaborating with science teachers. This led to a PowerPoint presentation for 60+ students. When asked who had ever been in Paradise Canyon before, only 3 students raised their hands. The presentation given by Ranger Iggy Sorenseene and Senior Park Ranger Erika Weikel discussed everything from why we have open space, what park rangers do and how habitat restoration benefits nature and the community. A week after the presentation the students walked to Paradise Canyon and helped plant 170 native plants. These Morse High School students will continue to water and care for this restoration site monthly.
- Senior Park Ranger Erika Weikel mentioned upcoming cleanup events and habitat restoration events happening throughout the canyons, some in conjunction with I Love a Clean San Diego and San Diego Canyonlands.

Debby Knight asked how the habitat restoration site in Paradise Canyon will get watered while the Morse High School students are on summer break. SPR Erika Weikel said the park rangers will hold monthly community events at Paradise Canyon and she hopes students will show up with their families along with other community members.

Dom Dias thanked SPR Weikel for getting young students involved early in nature appreciation. She agreed, this is how nature stewardship begins.

Dom also asked about a sinkhole that is located off Syracuse Ave. near or in Marian Bear Park. Supervising Park Ranger Goldstein said the sinkhole had just been reported using The City of San Diego's App Get It Done.

Jesh, from San Diego Canyonlands, made a quick report of how well the scrub oak acorns that were planted in Olivia Canyon are doing.

### **302. Future Agenda Items**

Senior Park Ranger Weikel suggested an update on the Maple Canyon project as well as a presentation on the Jamacha Waterway Revitalization Project.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Will be Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and held on Teams.

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**Open Space Canyons Advisory Committee**  
**Informal Meeting Notes for the Meeting of July 10, 2025**

*Prepared by CPC Representative Vicki Touchstone*  
*Final Meeting Notes will be forward to the CPC Members*  
*when the City issues them in October 2025*

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:30 pm

**CONFIRM QUORUM** – Erika Weikel, Senior Park Ranger, confirmed a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The official minutes from the April 10, 2025 meeting, which were approved, are attached.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – No communications.

**ACTION ITEMS** - None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

201. Maple Canyon Update – Victor Salazar, Senior Planner, Communications Liaison for Engineering and Capitol Projects Dept. gave an introduction of the project, but the details of the Maple Canyon Phases 1 and 2 storm drain restoration project were provided by staff. This Capital Improvements Project addresses the need to improvement the conveyance of stormwater through Maple Canyon. Project Phases 1 and 2 address stormwater flow from Bankers Hill to numerous areas downstream. The stormwater the enters the canyon at Bankers Hill is generated from approximately 100 acres of land upstream of the canyon. The project proposed to improve water convenience through the canyon, as well as protect the canyon floor by controlling water velocities and associated erosion. Various water control structures have been or will be installed in the installation of a 40" pipe under Maple Street, installing a grade control drop structure at 28<sup>th</sup> Street, and install a new drain outlet at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Quince. The project is 80% completed and efforts have been made to preserve existing habitat in the canyon. Future work includes irrigation for plant establishment and installation of additional storm drains.

Answers to questions include: No maintenance access is proposed on steep slopes, and Eco Block drop structures will be used to control flows. No new access is proposed, access will be limited to an 8-foot trail with 2-foot shoulders. The outfall of Maple Canyon is Maple Street, where there is a 42" line to Maple & State, which connects to a 54" line in Laurel. From there it flows into San Diego Bay. The project was designed to minimize sediment flow into the Bay.

202. Brush Management Audit Update- *Erika Ferreira, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation*

Erika gave an update on the Brush Management Update. There have been no changes for the last five months. They have met with the Transportation Department to ask for funding to implement brush management on paper streets in canyons and other areas. In addition, department are including funding for brush management in the FY 2027 budget process.

Funds if provided would be consolidated with other department funds for brush management, including but not limited to police, library, and economic development. The plan for implementing the projects is completed, but there is no funding at this time. Biological over site will be provided during brush management, which when funded will involve a variety of contracts and City staff.

203. Open Space Canyon Ranger District Update – *Erika Weikel, Senior Park Ranger, Parks and Recreation*

There are currently three open space rangers plus Erika. In April, 3,000 pounds of trash were removed per 250 Get It Done requests. They are currently working on four restoration sites, including an area in City Heights; Paradise Canyon/Plaza Blvd., near Curlew, and Radio Canyon. The Paradise Canyon/ Plaza Blvd. site is located adjacent to Morris High School, where a partnership with the school's teachers and students have resulted in regular monthly events during the school year involving native plant installation, removal of invasive plants, and overall habitat maintenance events. The experience has been positive for staff and students. The program will begin again in September. Erika reported that as a result of the restoration efforts, there is now a resident coyote, several snake species have been spotted, and wild rose has successfully reestablished.

Erika also addressed the fate of mural in Swan Canyon. As reported previously, a beautiful community mural was painted on an abandoned block wall in the canyon. It received a lot of good press. Unfortunately, it was tagged numerous times by local gang members and it has since been painted over. It has been a disappointment to those who worked on the mural. The project also involved removal of piles of illegally dump materials, no illegal dumping has occurred on the site since the cleanups were completed.

Other volunteer events include watering native plants in Radio and Paradise Canyons.

204. Future Agenda Items

*Unfortunately, I had to leave the discussion at the end of Item 203. Any discussion after that will be reflected in the meeting minutes provided by Open Space Division staff before the October 9, 2025 meeting.*

**NEXT MEETING:** October 9, 2025



**Pacific Beach Planning Group**

The Official Planning Group for the Coastal Community of Pacific Beach

June 11, 2025

City of San Diego  
Development Services Department  
1222 First Avenue, MS 301  
San Diego, CA 92101

Subject: Request for Documentation and Clarification on \$34 Document Review Fee and Note-Taking Policy

Dear Elyse Lowe, Director:

In our recent appointment at DSD, John Terrel, Development Chair, PBPG and myself were surprised to learn about the \$34 administrative fee for reviewing project documents and the policy prohibiting constituents from taking notes during these reviews. While our Councilmember clarified that the note-taking restriction was a misunderstanding, the staff member clearly believed this was an official policy. As residents and Community Planning Group members committed to transparency and community engagement in the development process, we respectfully request clarification, documentation, and reconsideration of these measures.

The \$34 fee creates a financial barrier for residents seeking to stay informed about projects that may impact their neighborhoods. Access to public records is essential for fostering trust and participation in local governance, and this fee may disproportionately affect individuals or community groups with limited resources. Additionally, prohibiting note-taking during document reviews restricts constituents' ability to engage meaningfully with the information provided, limiting their capacity to provide informed feedback or participate in public discussions.

To better understand these policies, I kindly request the following:

- Documentation outlining the new \$34 administrative fee, including the ordinance, resolution, or policy establishing it, its purpose, and how it aligns with the City's commitment to transparency and public access.
- Identification of the department, office, or individual(s) responsible for implementing and approving the \$34 fee and the note-taking restriction policy.
- An explanation of the note-taking restriction, including its intended purpose and any supporting documentation or guidelines.



- Consideration of alternative approaches, such as waiving the fee for non-commercial, public interest reviews.
- Relaxation of the "no phones" policy, an overreach to comply with State Law prohibiting copies, to bar photos only, not note taking, checking or research common to this modern technology

I appreciate the Department's efforts to manage resources efficiently while serving the public. However, I believe these policies may inadvertently hinder community involvement. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further or participate in any public forums addressing these concerns. Please provide the requested documentation and responses to our address and or email below.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Marcella Bothwell, MD, MBA  
Chair, Pacific Beach Planning Group

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