



February 12, 2025 Minutes

In person meeting at Temple Emanu-El 6299 Capri Drive, San Diego, CA 92120

**navajoplanners@gmail.com
6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order: February 12, 2025 @ 6:32 p.m.

By Chairperson Brian Gile presiding: Welcome

Roll Call of Board Members:

Gary Whaley(San Carlos)
Danny Fitzgerald (San Carlos)
VACANT (San Carlos)
Tamar Caspi (San Carlos)
Cory Lashell (Grantville)
David Smith (Grantville)
VACANT (Grantville)
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Marilyn Reed (Allied Gardens)
Shain Haug (Allied Gardens)
Kevin Sullivan (Allied Gardens)
Brian Woodhouse (Allied Gardens)
Abel Santana (Del Cerro)
Brian Gile (Del Cerro)
John Hoy (Del Cerro)
Nate Stein (Del Cerro)

1 -Absent

4 -Excused

8 in attendance of 13 members

Approval of February 12, 2025 Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda made by Kevin Sullivan and seconded Cory Lashell. Motion passes unanimously.

Approval of January 08, 2025 Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes by Nate Stein, second by Tamar Caspi, passes unanimously.

Public Comment on non-agenda items:

Brian Woodhouse spoke on the importance of the U.S. Constitution.

Tamar Caspi stated that the next City meeting regarding the All Peoples Church would be on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025.

Gary Whaley spoke about the City of San Diego Safety Committee meeting he attended. Brush abatement was a top topic for the Committee because environmental overlays and sensitive habitats hinder brush abatement on private lands.

Other comments included –

Concern over the need of an environmental impact report regarding Vulcan use of and expansion of the quarry. Concern over residential structures and critical infrastructure adjacent to the quarry was raised.

The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) amendment process has been hard on the committee and the committee working on the amendments is in deadlock. There is more work to be done. Vulcan, the new owner of the quarry asked for more time to review the CUP and received more time. The community also wants more time to work on the CUP.

Vulcan representative spoke on presenting to the Navajo Planners board at the March 12, 2025 board meeting.

Condition number 10 on the Vulcan CUP needs to be addressed. Identifying problems is possible but expensive and takes away profit from the company. Safety for the community should be considered above the profits of the company. The current 275 feet set back on blasting is too close to the community. Home owners did not have access to the mining locations when they purchased their homes.

Neighbors of the Vulcan quarry are worried.

Chairperson Gile closed public comment on non-agenda items

Elected and Public Officials' Reports:

- Councilmember Raul Campillo report given by Anthony Hackett –

Some areas of the city are prone to flooding, the city has an emergency dispatch number available. Non-emergency issues should be done through the Get It Done app. If a Get It Done App request is made, Anthony Hackett asks that you also contact him to let him know what request was made in the app so he can look into it and try to help.

The Town Hall presentation at Mission Trails was well attended. Due to the large number of questions, not all questions were answered. There will be a Coffee with the Councilmember scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2025 9:30 – 11:00 am at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center. A future Coffee with the Councilmember is being planned for April at the Mission Trails Visitor Center.

The City has a fire safety council. It is like a neighborhood watch for wild fires and monitoring defensible space and fire safety supports. Citizens are invited to join the fire safety council.

Discussions and comments include: The Mayor mentioned possibly be cutting City employee hours related to Community Planning Groups as a way to save money. Anthony Hackett noted that the City has many ideas about saving money and funding the City, but Anthony and the Councilmember's staff plans to continue to report to the Navajo Planning Group.

Our community needs a senior center to serve seniors. Currently there is no plan on expanding senior centers but conversations about creating one have occurred.

The San Carlos library is in the preconstruction phase. Funding still needs to be secured for future construction phases.

- Corey Funk from the San Diego City Planners Board –

The Historic Resources Board is looking for nominations to highlight someone that has worked on preservation activities. Fill out the online form found on the Historical Preservation page if interested.

The City Planning Department is looking for public feedback on its development of a roadmap for public spaces for children and teens.

No comments or questions were made.

Tiana with Assembly Member Ward sent a statement shared by Chairperson Gile –

The budget for 2025 – 2026 is still being worked on. Current bills are being worked on and citizens are encouraged to contact the assembly member if they have any ideas about possible bills. Currently the bills being introduced are: AB 368 regarding certified passive houses, AB 446 regarding business using consumers' personal information to adjust pricing. Assembly member Ward has been appointed to new Chair positions.

- Koral Taylor from Mayor Todd Gloria's office sent a statement shared by Board member Tamar Caspi -

Shelter beds will be expanded, parking meters pricing has changed, safety improvements for dangerous intersections have been identified, floodplain areas were given information to prepare for floods, police accountability and oversight continues, fiscal analysis for this fiscal year is ongoing. Looking forward, increase shelters, flood protection, and recreational facilities are the topics being focused on.

Director's Reports

- Chair Report by Brian Gile, Chairperson – The information embargo by the City continues on the Public Request Act (PRA) requests on the Cerro House property. The Board made the requests to learn about the future development of the property that has not been shared publicly.

All Peoples Church will meet with the City to discuss the revote on the Church's request to build on College Avenue. The City will first vote to dismiss the last vote, then vote to rehear the request, then vote to approve or deny the project.

Discussions include the land is for sale on Madras where is Cerro House is to be built. Will the sale of the land transfer the ministerial permits to a new owner? Corey Funk will look into it. The Cerro House is advertised as being for sale and fully titled.

- Community Planners Committee Report by Gary Whaley

A summary of the San Diego Community Planners Committee meeting was given by Gary Whaley. At the meeting, the community is allowed to speak first.

Item 4 was a discussion item on the mobility master plan, prioritizing travel options, improving safety, and reducing greenhouse emissions. The city wants alternative transportation options. Attending citizens were observed to oppose the city's plan to support non-car options.

Item number 5 was an action item to request to halt permits in the very high fire hazard safety zones until the City upgrades infrastructure to meet the increased wild fire threat. Community and panel commented on brush abatement needs. Panel and participants unanimously voted to advise the City to place temporary moratorium on ADU's and other construction until Infrastructure and fire safety / brush abatement study is completed.

Item number 6 was table due to meeting time expiring.

Comments include the City has been working on the mobility plan for many years. The Community Planning Groups (CPG) are requesting more support from the City to conduct the CPG business and outreach.

- Treasurer Report by Kevin Sullivan, Treasurer –

If applicable, members of the board should prepare requests for reimbursements from the city, original receipts are needed. \$287,436 is still in our DIF fund.

Discussion include the City took \$3 million dollars from our communities DIF funds recently. The Board was saving the money to support the Alvarado Canyon Realignment Project.

Action Items:

- **NCPI Election Sub-Committee** – March 2025 board member elections. Brian Gile and Cory Lashell presented a call for candidates and a notice of election. Document amended by Tamar Caspi. Motion to approve both documents as amended by Kevin Sullivan, Gary Whaley second. Vote passes unanimously.

- **Approval of Special Meeting on March 5th, 2025 at 6:30 pm** – NCPI needs a short Zoom meeting on March 05, 2025 at 6:30 pm to confirm the candidates that will appear on the March 12, 2025 ballot. Proposal to have the meeting made by Brian Gile. Tamar Caspi motioned to approve the meeting request, second by Cory Lashell. The motion passes unanimously.

- **Thank you to 2024 NCPI donors** – Kevin Sullivan has several thank you letters he would like to send out to people that have donated to the NCPI.

The bylaws/operating procedures identify our leadership positions as Chair and Vice-Chair, however our corporate documents identify our principal position as President.

Kevin Sullivan asks for approval to send out the thank you letters, Tamar Caspi approves second by Nate Stein. The motion passes unanimously.

- **Benjamin Library DIF commitment** – This presentation was tabled to the next meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- **NCPI Superior Ready Mix (Vulcan) Sub-Committee by Kevin Sullivan** –

The NCPI thanks the Vulcan representatives for attending our meeting. Kevin asks Vulcan for a time to meet and for the sub-committee to review items including the different parcels involved in the quarry, an environmental initial study (EIR) proposal and a committee name change proposal, as well as conditions 10 and 28.

Discussions include the involvement of Tierrasanta residents. Tierrasanta voted to accept the CUP as is and is not part of the current Conditional Use Permit (CUP) amendments. Item number 10 will be gone over at the next sub-committee meeting. The Board's review of the subcommittee is not a final statement and any recommendation can be changed over time. Vulcan stated that they do have local company representatives and they are Barbara Goodrich-Welk and Abbey Sanderson.

Community Group Reports:

-San Carlos Community by Tamar Caspi – Voice of Del Cerro is still forming. A Navajo Community Group is still in planning. San Carlos is going to have a coffee meet up.

-Allied Gardens Grantville Community Council by Marilyn Reed - On March 03 at 6:00 pm at the Benjamin Library, a meeting will be held on the topic of homelessness in our neighborhood. The Police gets information from complaints in the Get it Done app. The purpose of the meeting is to find out what citizens can do about the homeless in our area.

-Mission Trails Regional Park Advisory Board by Marilyn Reed – No report made

Re-opening of Public Comment on non-agenda items:

Gary Whaley thanked the City and Vulcan representatives. Gary also asked if making a bill to help with brush abatement could be brought up in the future.

Adjournment. At 8:04 pm by Chairperson Brian Gile.

The next meeting will be on Zoom, March 05, 2025 at 6:30 pm to finalize the candidates running for the Navajo Planners Board.

Our next in person meeting will be on March 12, 2025.

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Meeting Calendar for 2025: January 08th, February 12th, March 05th on Zoom, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August – no meeting unless needed, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December – no meeting unless needed.