

## Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of  
July 15, 2025

Meeting Held at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center  
4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117

P Matt Wang - Chair P Glen Schmidt - Vice Chair P Marc Mytels - Co-Secretary P Suzanne Smith - Co-Secretary P Matt Wang - Treasurer	P Matt Wang P Glen Schmidt P Marc Mytels P Suzanne Smith	A Paige Walker P Steven Palmer A Eric Leftwich	A Daniel Bussius P Michael Angelo Hernandez A Eadie DeMarcus
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P – Present A – Absent L – Late

### **Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call**

Matt called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Roll call was taken to determine if a quorum was present. Quorum was established with 6/10 members present.

### **Item 2. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

Issues that are not on the agenda and are within the jurisdiction of the Clairemont Community Planning Group (CCPG). **NOTE:** 2-minute time limit per speaker.

#### **Public:**

- Margaret Henning asked how much money the city is getting for the cell tower proposed at Cadman Park. Glen explained that the project was pulled and that, as of now, the project is not before the CCPG.

#### **Clairemont Community Planning Group Members:**

- Matthew Wang welcomed Boy Scout Troop 11 to the meeting.
- Steven Palmer announced that the restaurant Boomerangs had closed and would be replaced by Indya. Also, the restaurant Butcher and Cheese closed and is being replaced by L&L Hawaiian.

### **Item 3. Modifications to the Agenda – Requires 2/3 approval.**

- None

#### **Item 4. Reports to Committee**

- **Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs):**
  - No Report
- **CPC (Community Planners Committee):**
  - Matt expressed his appreciation to Glen running the last CCPG meeting. Matt said that the CPC has been focused on the ADU reforms. The CPC is concerned that the ADU reforms are too wide and they are in favor of more restrictions.
- **Bylaws: Matt**
  - No report
- **Secretary: Marc**
  - No report
- **Treasurer:**
  - No report
- **Project Review Subcommittee (PRC): Glen**
  - Glen explained what the CCPG and PRC do for the audience and the boy scouts. At the July 9th PRS meeting, there was a pedestal and the Cadman cell phone tower on the agenda. There was a lot of public outcry about the 70 foot tower. ATT pulled the application just before the meeting. We do not know if they are going to propose another location or a modification of their original plan/location.
  - No PRC meeting in August (we are dark in August).
- **Parking and Transportation:**
  - No report
- **Airports: Paige**
  - No report
- **Sgt. at Arms: Steven**
  - No report
- **Social Media: Marc**
  - No report

#### **Item 5. Consideration of Meeting Minutes:**

For June 2025 minutes, Marc made a motion to approve with minor fixes and Steven seconded (all present approved except Marc and Matthew who abstained).

#### **Item 6. Council Representative Reports**

**District 2 Council Report, Carrie Munson, Community Liaison, [cmunson@sandiego.gov](mailto:cmunson@sandiego.gov)**

- Carrie not present

**District City of San Diego Mayor's Office Neighborhood Representative Report, Randy Reyes, Clairemont Community Liaison, [randyreyes@sandiego.gov](mailto:randyreyes@sandiego.gov)**

- Randy not present

**California Senate District 38 (Dr Akilah Weber Pierson) Report, Moana Alo, District Representative**

- Several bills are in motion and headed to the Governor's office.
- Hosted a perfect attendance celebration at Sea World for nearly 1000 students.
- Military appreciation ceremony at North Island where 10 military officers were honored.
- Annual backpack giveaway. 530 kids received 530 backpacks for school.
- Upcoming events: senior quarterly advisory committee meeting and Sickle Cell workshops.
- The office is always looking for recommendations of people and businesses that should be honored.

**San Diego County Board of Supervisors District 4 (Monica Montgomery Steppe) Report, Max Ellorin, Director of Community Engagement**

- There are \$2 million available for community grants and 1.3 million for non-profits in District 4. On September 11th, a grants workshop will be held.
- Paloma Aguirre won election as Chula Vista mayor so a position is open on the county board. There will be a special election at some point for the seat.
- The Board of Supervisors passed their county budget, but are watching state and federal funding to see how it could affect the budget.

**City of San Diego Planning Department Update, Sean McGee, Community Planner**

- Sean not present

**Item 7. Consent Agenda**

- None

**Item 8. Action Items**

- **Charter Communications battery unit on Beagle Street. Francisco is the representative.**
  - Charter Communications wants to include a back up battery unit with six batteries on Beagle Street. This can keep power going for 72 hours and is helpful for emergencies.
  - Francisco took PRC recommendations to Charter. Only one of the risers belongs to Charter and they say that their riser is tight to the pole and fine. (Other risers belong to SDG&E and other organizations.) Charter also said they would not install pavers, but would keep grass there. So, no on both requests from the PRC.
  - Marc asked about what kind of batteries were in the cabinet. They are not lithium and they are not the type that would explode. Marc asked if nearby homeowners were notified and Francisco replied that all homeowners within 600 feet were notified by mail.

- Margaret Hennig (community member) asked what the pedestal was. Glen pointed it out in the photo. She asked if kids could break in. Francisco said that it is in concrete and that there is a key.
- Another community member asked if it was for the internet or cell phones. Francisco said that it is for cell phones mainly. Community member also asked if the cabinet made noise. Francisco said no noise.
- Margie asked if there was a reason for Charter saying no to our request for pavers. Francisco just said that they wanted to just keep grass.
- Another Community member asked when Charter was going to stop adding these cabinets throughout neighborhoods. Francisco was not sure. He is here just for the one cabinet.
- Moana Alo asked why is it going there? Were people complaining that they were losing service? Francisco said they are adding a cabinet with 6 batteries because the only one there now is just 2 batteries. Moana also asked about energy footprint. Francisco said there is a pipe underneath from the new cabinet to the old cabinet and haz mat materials.
- Margie asked why the old cabinet couldn't be replaced by the new one instead of adding a second cabinet. Francisco said that the original cabinet has two batteries and other equipment. The new cabinet contains only the 6 batteries.
- Another community member wanted clarification about who benefits from the cabinet. Is it just people with Charter/Spectrum plans? Yes, just Charter/Spectrum customers. It doesn't help Verizon or other users.
- Marc asked if cars or parked car doors could hit the cabinet. Francisco said that the cabinet can withstand a lot of force.
- Matt asked what the next step is? Francisco said that city staff are waiting for the CCPG recommendation.
- Glen made a motion to approve IF Charter adds interlocking, pervious concrete pavers from curb to sidewalk in the area from the large pole to the last cabinet. Michael seconded the motion. Marc, Matt, Glen, Suzanne, and Michael approved. Steven abstained.

## **Item 9. Information Items**

### **Pure Water update from construction manager, Natalie Rios**

- The project has completed 5.25 miles of the 7 miles total.
- Work near the post office will take another 2 weeks. Work is taking place Monday-Friday during the day. Then work will move toward Clairemont Mesa Blvd and Genesee.
- Work is finishing at the intersection of West Morena and Morena intersection. Most of the work is taking place during the day, but welders are working at night. This part of the project is heading toward Milton.
- Paving on Clairemont Drive from Balboa to Lakehurst will take place in the weeks ahead. After paving, new striping will be painted similar to the earlier striping on Clairemont Drive.
- Questions:
  - A community member asked about the intersection near the post office. There used to be workers directing traffic, but now they aren't. Now, drivers are just blazing through the flashing lights and not stopping. It is especially bad at rush hour. It's hard to have just one lane there. Natalie said she would ask the right folks what can be done there to make it safer. Also, when will the project be done? Natalie said all pipes will be done in October 2025 and the paving and striping done in early 2026.
  - Margie said thank you for the paving on Clairemont Drive from Morena to Balboa. When will Morena be repaved? Natalie said that there is a different project (not Pure Water) with water pipes and when that is done, Morena will be repaved from Balboa to Napa.
  - Deanna asked where the air vent map is. Natalie said she has it. There are 11 vents. All are on main streets except there is one on Chicago, which is a residential street. Natalie had brought the map to a meeting that Deanna did not attend. Natalie will put the map in the next Powerpoint presentation so it is available to everyone.

## **Item 10. Workshop Items**

### **Clairemont Community Plan Update**

- City Planners contacted Glen and Matt and said that our draft community plan will be sent to us in late July. The current Clairemont Community Plan is from 1989. In 2021, Glen and a group of other Clairemont residents met over 50 times to gather comments/feedback from the community. The group provided the comments to the city.
- Glen said that the city wants to fast track the new plan. Glen asked for more time. It is unlikely they will give us more time. Hillcrest and University City didn't get much time last year to review their updated plans. Glen said he was told that there would be a media release, a companion document, an FAQ, and a way to see the delta. The city also said there would be a community engagement survey online.

- The city wants to take the updated Clairemont Community Plan to the Planning Commission in October. That doesn't give us much time to review and provide feedback. The city wants feedback from the CCPG in October and a recommendation.
- Matt acknowledged that it is a big project to push through in that amount of time. How should CCPG manage this 2nd draft?
- One option is an ad-hoc committee and another is to use the existing PRC subcommittee to take this on. Matt would like to schedule a special meeting in August to have staff from the city come and present the plan. Hopefully we could ask questions and we could give some meaningful feedback. Marc and Glen will both be gone for parts of August. The PRC regular meeting would be August 13th (we have the room reserved, but we are dark). Same thing with the regular CCPG reserved room - we have it but are usually dark in August.
- Should we have an ad-hoc committee or a PRC committee? Glen is crucial. Glen will contact members of the original group from 2021 to see if they want to be involved. Glen feels that PRC monthly meeting cadence may not be fast enough to handle the fast review. Margie, Suzanne, Michael, and Glen from PRC are good with adding the review to the PRC committee. Marc said that Eadie is also interested. Matt will call in to the City Council meeting during public comment and announce that we want people to provide feedback on the Clairemont Community Plan.
- Steven asked about the cadence of PRC and CCPG special meetings in August. It is a fast timeline. Possible timeline is:
  - Obtain the plan from the city
  - PRC review the plan
  - Full CCPG meet
  - The city planning group wants to present to us - not sure of the timing on that, possibly our regular September 16th meeting or PRC meeting on September 10th?
- A community member asked if a CCPG member could attend the Clairemont Town Council meeting in early August to provide an update. Matt and Suzanne said yes, one of them will attend to provide a summary and status.
- A community member asked how they could be involved in reviewing the plan. Matt will add the community member to our email blast that will announce meetings. Marc also mentioned our CCPG Facebook group and Twitter/X posts.
- The city wants to go to the Planning Commission in October. The Planning Commission wants projects 95% complete before they come before them. We will provide an advisory recommendation. For example, the Encanto group has been commenting and commenting every chance they get. We either say yes or make thoughtful, helpful recommendations. We have to offer solutions. How can we have this change improve life in Clairemont? If we have an objection, we need to make professional and clear recommendations.
- The PRC subcommittee will take on the review of the Clairemont Community Plan 2nd draft update and digest it for the full CCPG.

Adjournment at 7:34 PM

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center, 4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117.

(<https://goo.gl/maps/jkb4sftrQ1jm9oQj6>) There will likely be one or more public PRS meetings in August to review the proposed Clairemont Community Plan 2nd draft.



Note: Location subject to change, please see the meeting agenda for finalized location