

PLANNING GROUP ANNUAL REPORT PORTAL

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1a. Provide your planning group's name.

- **Linda Vista**

Members

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Felicity Senoski

2c. Indicate Officer Position, if applicable.

- **Chair**

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Christopher Beesley

2c. Indicate Officer Position, if applicable.

- **Vice-Chair**

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Ashley Marinez

2c. Indicate Officer Position, if applicable.

- **Secretary**

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Carol Baker

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Christina Bambino

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Margarita Castro

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Alex Chipman

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Judy Ha-Guevara

2c. Indicate Officer Position, if applicable.

- **Treasurer**

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Kim Heinle

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Non-profit**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Becky Hunt

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Brian Lovell

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Terri Tebbetts

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Member Details

2b. Provide Voting Member Name.

Christine Weinstein

2d. Indicate seat held/community affiliation.

- **Resident**

Appointed Members

Appointed Member Details

2e. Provide appointed member names, if applicable.

Marcos Camargo

2f. List Interest Represented by Appointed Seat (e.g. youth, other agency, large employer, etc.).

CPG vacancy - resident

Appointed Member Details

2e. Provide appointed member names, if applicable.

Victor Ochoa

2f. List Interest Represented by Appointed Seat (e.g. youth, other agency, large employer, etc.).

CPG vacancy - resident

Appointed Member Details

2e. Provide appointed member names, if applicable.

Lynne Dorris

2f. List Interest Represented by Appointed Seat (e.g. youth, other agency, large employer, etc.).

CPG vacancy - resident

Appointed Member Details

2e. Provide appointed member names, if applicable.

Jennifer Carroll

2f. List Interest Represented by Appointed Seat (e.g. youth, other agency, large employer, etc.).

CPG vacancy -resident

Appointed Member Details

2e. Provide appointed member names, if applicable.

Myles Morris

2f. List Interest Represented by Appointed Seat (e.g. youth, other agency, large employer, etc.).

University of San Diego

Subcommittee

Subcommittee Member Details

2g. Name of Subcommittee.

Landscape Maintenance Assessment District

2h. Provide the Name of the Subcommittee Chair.

Victor Ochoa

2i. List Names of Subcommittee Members.

Carol Baker, Margarita Castro, Brian Lovell

Subcommittee Member Details

2g. Name of Subcommittee.

Morena Corridor Specific Plan Ad Hoc

2h. Provide the Name of the Subcommittee Chair.

Felicity Senoski

2i. List Names of Subcommittee Members.

Carol Baker

Subcommittee Member Details

2g. Name of Subcommittee.

Riverwalk Development Ad Hoc

2h. Provide the Name of the Subcommittee Chair.

Felicity Senoski

2i. List Names of Subcommittee Members.

Jennifer Carroll

Subcommittee Member Details

2g. Name of Subcommittee.

Traffic & Transportation

2h. Provide the Name of the Subcommittee Chair.

Christopher Beesley

2i. List Names of Subcommittee Members.

Lynn Dorris, Marcos Camargo, Christine Weinstein

Subcommittee Member Details

2g. Name of Subcommittee.

Zoning & Land Use

2h. Provide the Name of the Subcommittee Chair.

Ashley Martinez

2i. List Names of Subcommittee Members.

Christopher Beesely, Margarita Castro, Carol Baker, Victor Ochoa, Marcos Camargo, Brian Lovell

Subcommittee Member Details

2g. Name of Subcommittee.

Affordable Housing Task Force

2h. Provide the Name of the Subcommittee Chair.

Kim Heinle

2i. List Names of Subcommittee Members.

Felicity Senoski, Judy Ha-Guevara, Marcos Camargo, Carol Baker, Becky Hunt

Subcommittee Member Details

2g. Name of Subcommittee.

Community Improvements

2h. Provide the Name of the Subcommittee Chair.

Jennifer Carroll

2i. List Names of Subcommittee Members.

Margarita Castro, Carol Baker, Becky Hunt, Lynn Dorris

Subcommittee Member Details

2g. Name of Subcommittee.

Skate World Ad Hoc

2h. Provide the Name of the Subcommittee Chair.

Becky Hunt

2i. List Names of Subcommittee Members.

Judy Ha-Guevara, Lynne Dorris

3a. How many regular meetings did your planning group have this year?

10

3b. How many total subcommittee meetings did your planning group have this year?

21

3c. Have there been any amendments to the planning groups bylaws that have been approved by the City? If so, select yes and describe.

Yes

3d. Describe amendment(s).

Linda Vista Planning Group met all requirements of amended Council Policy 600-24, agreed to all requirements of the Terms and Conditions and was recognized as official planning group for the community on May 29, 2024. (R-315561)

4a. How many members are identified on the planning group per your operating procedures?

21

4b. How many members are currently seated (non-vacant)?

18

4c. How many vacant seats were declared this year?

3

4d. Are there any issues with retaining members on the planning group?

At least one member during this reporting period with chronic absenteeism who failed to meet minimum attendance requirement..

4e. When were this year's annual elections held?

Mar 25, 2024

4f. How many individuals voted in this year's election?

31

4g. Describe any issues or challenges with this year's annual election / special election(s).

We did not have any issues or challenges. It went smoothly.

4h. How were election issues resolved or corrected?

N/A

4i. Have there been any complaints received regarding individual planning group members or the planning group as a whole?

No

5a. Community Plan Updates (CPUs).

No

5c. Community Plan Amendments (CPAs).

No

5e. Rezones.

No

5g. Infrastructure Priorities (Prioritization of CIP Projects).

Yes

5h. Describe key actions taken related to CIP's (e.g. dates of discussion, results of votes).

Community Improvements Committee (CIC) solicited infrastructure improvement ideas from planning group members. CIC met to create spread sheet of all ideas. CIC spread sheet presented to full planning group for discussion and prioritization on 7/22/24.

Special Projects

Special Project Details

6a. Describe Special Project.

Comment letter on Blueprint San Diego

6b. Provide Date of Action.

Apr 22, 2024

6c. Provide Vote and/or Key Actions.

Motion to approve draft comments, seconded, and unanimously carried.

Special Project Details

6a. Describe Special Project.

STR citizen-led initiative

6b. Provide Date of Action.

Jul 22, 2024

6c. Provide Vote and/or Key Actions.

Approval of STR citizen-led initiative; motion, seconded, and carried.

Special Project Details

6a. Describe Special Project.

Creation and format of LVPD website

6b. Provide Date of Action.

Jul 22, 2024

6c. Provide Vote and/or Key Actions.

Motion to approve, seconded, and unanimously carried.

Special Project Details

6a. Describe Special Project.

AHTF draft letters to state legislature

6b. Provide Date of Action.

Apr 22, 2024

6c. Provide Vote and/or Key Actions.

Motions, seconded, unanimously carried as to two letters presented.

Special Project Details

6a. Describe Special Project.

Letter to City raising concerns related to reconfiguration of Friars Rd resulting from Riverwalk Specific Plan implementation and seeking action on those safety-related concerns.

6b. Provide Date of Action.

Oct 28, 2024

6c. Provide Vote and/or Key Actions.

Motion, seconded, unanimously carried.

Special Project Details

6a. Describe Special Project.

Letter to City raising concerns of Hillside development project

6b. Provide Date of Action.

Jan 27, 2025

6c. Provide Vote and/or Key Actions.

Motion, seconded, and carried.

Special Project Details

6a. Describe Special Project.

Support VHFHSZ building moratorium as requested by CPC

6b. Provide Date of Action.

Mar 24, 2025

6c. Provide Vote and/or Key Actions.

Motion, seconded, unanimously carried.

Project Review

Project Review Details

7a. Provide the Name of the Project.

Vacation of utility easement within Chesterton Elementary School property

7b. Provide the Address of the Project.

7335 Wheatley St., San Diego, CA 92111

7c. Provide Planning Group's Recommendation.

Approve utility easement vacation; motion, seconded, unanimously carried.

Project Review Details

7a. Provide the Name of the Project.

Vacation of sewer easement

7b. Provide the Address of the Project.

6625 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, CA 92111

7c. Provide Planning Group's Recommendation.

Approve vacation of sewer easement; motion, seconded, carried.

8a. Provide the name of the organization involved in past or ongoing collaboration or joint activities.

Linda Vista Town Council; SDPD Western Division Captain's Advisory Board

8b. Describe the nature of the partnership or collaborative effort.

Sharing of information, cross-attendance at meetings, and cross-membership (LVTC/LVPG).

9a. Upload your approved minutes for the year and any relevant documents you wish to include in this year's annual report.

PDF LVPG letter re infill in fire hazard zones.pdf
34.3KB

9b. Upload any other documentation relevant to any of the report sections.

PDF LVPG -Blueprint SD APPROVED COMMENTS General Plan.pdf
95.7KB

10a. Planning Group Representative.

Felicity Senoski

10b. Email.

happydogz247@yahoo.com

10c. Phone Number.

619-318-6042

11. Additional notes or comments.

I made every effort to upload 10 sets of minutes and 11 documents relevant to the reporting period to no avail. I am forwarding documents by separate email.

March 31, 2025

To: Raul Campillo, Councilmember District 7

CC: Todd Gloria, Mayor of San Diego
Joe LaCava, Councilmember District 1
Jennifer Campbell, Councilmember District 2
Stephen Whitbrun, Councilmember District 3
David Foster III, Councilmember District 4
Marni Von Wilpert, Councilmember District 5
Kent Lee, Councilmember District 6
Vivian Moreno, Councilmember District 8
Sean Elo-Rivera, Councilmember District 9

Re: Halting Infill Development in High Fire Risk Zones Within Linda Vista

Recently, the Community Planners Committee (CPC) called upon the Mayor and City Council to immediately halt granting permits and approvals for any infill projects that more than double the presently approved number of dwelling units per parcel located in very high risk fire zones. In its letter, dated January 30, 2025, CPC drew attention to the recent wildfires in the Los Angeles area and noted concerns about San Diego and whether the continued increases in density will aggravate and increase fire hazards here.

At its March 2025 meeting, the Linda Vista Planning Group voted unanimously to endorse and stand by the CPC's letter to the Mayor and City Council. We further wish to draw additional attention to the particular concerns of the Linda Vista Community.

As you may recall, Linda Vista had its own fire scare recently when a fire broke out across from Fashion Valley Mall along Friars Road. Residents in the Fashion Hills neighborhood located on top of the mesa overlooking the valley were evacuated and several other neighborhoods in Linda Vista received alerts to be ready for possible evacuation orders. Fortunately, firefighters quickly brought that blaze under control and there was little damage to nearby structures. But that it happened reinforces the vulnerability Linda Vista faces. Indeed, the very topography of the Linda Vista mesa renders it a vulnerable community as it is bounded by Tecolote

Canyon to the north, and brush-lined hills to the east and south rising from the Mission Valley floor to the mesa.

Of particular concern to the Linda Vista residents is reassurance of critical infrastructure to ensure adequate evacuation routes. Of note, Linda Vista is an older community in the heart of San Diego. Many of its residential streets are significantly narrower than those found in newer neighborhoods. This poses a potential challenge for the ingress and egress of emergency vehicles, particularly large fire engines.

Permitting an increase in per-parcel density beyond doubling has a direct impact upon accessibility. The reality is that when three or more units are planned for a space that was originally only intended as a single-family unit, additional vehicle traffic and parking will occur. Without mandated parking on the property for such new “apartment” homes, the already narrow streets become even more cluttered with additional vehicles which only exacerbates the already challenging ingress and egress of emergency vehicles.

Additionally, allowing higher density without adequate parking, forces some residents to rely on walking or biking. The City’s answer for this mobility problem is public transit. But such an answer offers no comfort to that resident who, in the event of a fire emergency, must flee on foot or bike.

Brush abatement continues to be a concern. Again, the topography of Linda Vista reveals that it is surrounded by brush. And yet it does not appear that the City is interested, let alone equipped, to control the significant amount of brush that can readily ignite in our annual Santa Ana conditions. This lack of regular and proactive brush abatement only heightening the vulnerability the Linda Vista community already faces.

In short, because of the foregoing identified challenges the Linda Vista community faces, we call upon you to support an immediate halt on the permitting of infill projects that more than double per-parcel occupancy in high fire risk zones in Linda Vista, until further study can be conducted to ensure that such projects can be accomplished without further aggravating the fire risks in the community.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this important matter.

April 26, 2024

Dear blueprints@sanidiego.gov:

On April 22, 2024, the Linda Vista Planning Group voted unanimously to provide the following four comments on San Diego's General Plan proposed revisions under Blueprint SD:

1. Reliable growth forecasts should be required yearly for appropriate scope of densification.
2. Zoning should be balanced north and south of I-8 to reflect market rate and affordable housing needs across the City and the purposes those types of housing serve- economic viability and housing stability everywhere, not just in affluent areas.
3. When community plan updates occur Land Value Capture should be included as a policy to provide revenue for needed public facilities and community benefits. To be fair in implementation of this policy, Land Value Capture should be analyzed through transparent economic study that objectively (1) assesses the increases in land values resulting from upzoning and (2) establishes the feasible amount of additional fees required from the development.

4. San Diego should not infill with density unless new development is concentrated near high-quality transit that has convenient and competitive access to job centers that are polycentric in San Diego, and not limited to Downtown or Midway areas. Blueprint should create policy to identify a limited number of specific locations or transit corridors that make sense to densify, instead of relying on overly expansive Sustainable Development Areas (SDAs) to justify upzoning.

Sincerely,
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