

# **Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Planning Group**

## **May 13, 2025 Minutes**

### **Call to Order**

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 18:35 hours.

### **Roll Call**

The following members were present for a quorum:

- Wayne English
- Samantha Jenkins
- Erin Tomaras
- Don Houston
- Avery Montoya
- Tanisha-Jean Martin
- Arielle Cook

The following members were absent:

- Cynthia Romero
- Rhonda Shepherd
- Guy Preuss
- Larry Young

### **Non-Agenda Public Comment**

- Citizen Brian Matthews, representative from the San Diego Black Arts + Culture District and the Chair of the Chollas Valley Community Planning Group, provided information on the San Diego Black Arts + Culture District Music Festival. The festival will be held at Martin Luther King Jr. Park from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on June 28, 2025, and include vendors, food, art, and performances.
- Citizen Dorene Dias reported that she has submitted numerous Brown Act and Policy No.: 600-24 violations spanning from the January to April 2025 meetings. She specifically mentioned the March 2025 meeting agenda only had three positions listed for the election (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary) but more positions were voted upon. She also mentioned that the April 2025 meeting agenda was not properly noticed and that her name was spelled wrong in the May 2025 meeting agenda.
- Member Martin provided information on multiple community events:
  - Tree San Diego's Emerald Hills Tree Trek will be held at Emerald Hills Neighborhood Park from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on May 31, 2025.
  - Urban Greening Community Open House will be held at the Groundwork Earth Lab from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 14, 2025.

- 100 years of Malcolm X Community Celebration will be held at the Malcom X Library from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2025.
- San Diego Urban Sustainability Coalition Climate Ambassador Training Program will be held at the Meadowbrook Community Room on May 19, 21, 23, and 24, 2025.
- Citizen Carol Ann Flanagan representative from the Skyline Hills Library, provided information on the Arts & Cultura: Unity, Literacy and Lowriding event. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on May 31, 2025.

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

- Member Houston noticed that language has been added to the agenda regarding meeting conduct that may dissuade community members from attending the meetings.
- Member English moved to approve the agenda with the amendment to move the meeting conduct language to the end of future agendas. Member Montoya seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Citizen Dias abstained, but Chair Jenkins noted because Citizen Dias has not been seated, she cannot vote or abstain from the vote.
- The following edits were requested for the April 8, 2025 minutes:
  - Correct spelling for Dorene Dias
  - Add Policy No. 600-24 to Citizen Dias's non-agenda public comment.
- Member English moved to approve minutes. Member Houston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Citizen Dias abstained, but Chair Jenkins noted because Citizen Dias has not been seated, she cannot vote or abstain from the vote.

### **Representative Reports**

- Jesse Brown (Senate District 39) provided information on the Backpack Giveaway and Family Resource Fair. The fair will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on July 12, 2025 at the KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy.
- Officer Chris Jones (Community Relations Officer) provided information on the National Night Out. It will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on August 5, 2025 at Chris Wilson Park. They are looking for organizations to table at the event.

### **Community Planners Committee Report**

- Member Houston reported on the following updates from the meeting:
  - Mobility Master Plan was approved by the City Council last month. The long-term objective is to reduce vehicle miles traveled and improve air quality.
  - The Urban Land Institute Workshop, which is an introductory workshop on land use and real estate, will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 12, 2025.
  - The City Environmental Services Department presented on the proposed trash fee. Homeowners must mail in a formal protest if they do not agree with the fee. The City

Council will have a public hearing on June 9, 2025 to consider adoption of the proposed fee.

- The ad-hoc committee presented their proposals for changes to the ADU Bonus Program. The Land Use and Housing Committee of the City Council will be discussing the ADU Bonus Program at the May 15, 2025 meeting.

### **Chair's Report**

- Chair Jenkins asked members if they have any issues with receiving information sent to the planning group via email. No members had any issues. It was discussed that weekly emails may be something that can be done in the future to reduce email traffic.

### **Information Items**

- An update was presented on the “Ready, Set, Grow” tree planting program.
  - 236 trees have been planted in Paradise Hills and 504 trees have been planted in Bay Terraces. The 1,000th tree of the program was planted in Bay Terraces.
  - A tree planting event will be held at the Bay Terraces Senior Center on May 15.
  - A tree planting event will be held at Boone Elementary on May 21.
    - Member Martin asked Jesse Brown (Senate District 39) if Senator Weber Pierson could attend the event.
  - Tree planting will stop in May and resume in the fall. Planted trees will be watered weekly
- Chair Jenkins reminded voting members of the annual planning group training requirement. The training will be held virtually on May 29, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. It is required to register for the training. Citizen Dias and Members Montoya and Martin have not received an email for the training. The link to RSVP to the training is included in the virtual version of the agenda.
- Chair Jenkins mentioned the Urban Land Institute Workshop again. The link to RSVP to the training is included in the virtual version of the agenda.
- Member Houston reported that the Annual Report was submitted on time and without issue. Member Houston adjourned the ad-hoc committee for the Annual Report.

### **Action Items/Motions**

#### Proposed Time Change of Meetings

Chair Jenkins proposed moving the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. since the library closes at 8:00 p.m. and announcements about the library closing starts at 7:30 p.m. Member English suggested potentially changing venues. Member Houston suggested looking into back-up venues if needed. Member Martin moved to change the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. Member Montoya seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Ad-Hoc Committee for Election Complaints

Member Romero, Chair Jenkins, and Member Martin met virtually to respond to election complaints. Citizen Dias stated that she did not receive notice of the meeting and did not attend. Marlon Pangilinan, City Planner, sent 14 violations via email to Chair Jenkins; the committee responded to each of the 14

violations. Citizen Dias said she had submitted more than 14 violations to the City. She noted that she submitted four pages of issues, but did not document how many issues that included. Chair Jenkins told Marlon that the voting members would be discussing this issue at today's meeting. A representative from the City was not present at the meeting even though it was requested.

Member Houston noted that the election presented an opportunity to significantly increase the number of voting members. He acknowledged not every procedure was followed, but there was an overriding benefit to the group. Member Houston moved to submit the prepared responses to the City. Member Cook seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Ad-Hoc Election Committee

Members Cook, Young, and English formed the election committee and counted the results of the March election after the April 8, 2025 meeting. The ballots were received in a sealed envelope along with the eligibility documentation for the members that were running. Some portions of the ballots were not valid due to not being able to distinguish names/who was being referred to. Eleven ballots were received in total. Member Cook could not confirm how many ballots were printed and distributed during the March election. Citizen Dias noted that Chair Jenkins brought the ballots home in March and they were counted in April. Member Cook presented the election results:

- Chair: Member Jenkins
- Vice-Chair: Member Martin
- Secretary: Member Tomaras
- Treasurer: Member Cook
- Parliamentarian: Citizen Dias
  - Because Citizen Dias has not been seated as a member, she cannot become an executive officer.

Citizen Dias stated that the member application was incorrect because it includes the requirement for a person to attend 3 meetings before becoming a member. Citizen Dias had previously reported this to Chair Jenkins. Citizen Dias also noted that one community member would have joined but was dissuaded by the application. Member Martin suggested this member apply.

#### Agenda Topics for Next Meeting

- Member Houston sent a list of recommendations to the new executive offices and noted that his recommendations were not added to the meeting agenda for discussion. Chair Jenkins said the recommendations were not time sensitive, but they will be added to the agenda for next month.
- Citizen Dias noted that she has repeatedly asked about adding the Jamacha map issue to the agenda. This issue will be added to agenda for next month as well.

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 19:50.

Minutes approved at the 6/10/25 meeting.