

**City Heights Area Planning Committee**  
Meeting Minutes of Monday, November 3, 2025 6:15 PM  
City Heights/Weingart Branch Library  
3795 Fairmount Avenue, San Diego, CA 92105  
Meeting ID: 934 197 810 151 4  
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Board Member	City Heights District	Attendance
Maria Cortez	At Large	Present
Angela Martin	At Large	Present
Nam Nguyen	At Large - Third Chair	Present
Mark Van Milligan	At Large	Present
Ricardo Catano	Business	<b>Absent</b>
Mazda Mehrnaz	Business	Present
David Nelson	Business	Present
Edwin Lohr	District 1 - Second Chair	Present
Evihn Vasily	District 1	Present
Denisse Lopez	District 2	Present
Jennipher Hager	District 2	Present
Patty Vaccariello	District 3	<b>Absent</b>
Marcellus Anderson	District 3 - Chair	Present
Noema Aguilar	District 3 - Secretary	Present
Mary Otero	District 4	Present
Maria Lopez	District 4	Present
Jodee Page	District 4	Present
Dan Castanon	District 5	Present
Sneha Craig	School/Non-Profit	Present
Victor Ponce	School/Non-Profit	Present
Tanya Brown	Youth	Present
Zamzam Fadhil	Youth	<b>Absent</b>

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

## 2. Correction of Minutes – October 6, 2025

*Motion: David Nelson*

*Second: Maria Cortez*

*Vote: Unanimous approval*

## 3. Approval of the Agenda

*Motion: Edwin Lohr*

*Second: Denise*

*Vote: Unanimous approval.*

## 4. Staff Comment

- *Fatima Maciel (Mayor Todd Gloria's Office):* Not present
- *Diana Frias (District 9 Representative)*
  - Safety, Vacation Home, Junkfreeze - all preliminary ordinances that came to council.
  - Former Central Elementary site is a safe parking zone for families experiencing homelessness, Jewish Family services will maintain
  - Maintenance on trees for 3 years
  - Daylighting and labeling the curbs, there is not a document available with information on which ones are and aren't painted
  - Sean Elo Rivera has not made it to this CHAPC meeting, Mazda asking if we can ask him to come
- *Sam (Office of State Senator Webber Pierson):* Not present, emailed note

## 5. Off-Agenda Public Comment

- David - trashcan roll out, new ones are being sent but the old ones aren't getting picked up, submitted various GID reports, seconded by Angela.
  - Diana (D9 Rep) asking to get an email
  - Mark Van Milligan - concerned about the contents of cans getting mixed due to the majority of City Heights residents not separating and using bins correctly.
- Kathleen - Concerned about security guards being removed from public parts, will create a vacuum for people to sleep over night and use drugs there. Asking Planning Group to ask Mayor for support, transferring responsibility of taxes and fees to cover their own deficits.
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## 6. Business Agenda

### 6.1. Verizon Permit Renewal - 3875 Swift Ave.

- Presenters: Craig Macias
- Project: Smart Link asking for approval of renewal of existing CDP
  - Does not require to close the street

- Edwin moves to approve the Verizon Permit Renewal - 3875 Swift Ave. with the caveat that there will be aesthetic improvements
- Seconded by Denise
- *Vote:* Unanimous approval

## 6.2. Castle Neighborhood, Street Sweeping - Letter of Support

- Presenters: Larry from Castle
  - 36 blocks in Castle have no signage about street sweeping, street sweeping comes down the middle of the street because the cars don't move, so in the South/Southeast section of the Castle area we have relaxed parking enforcement so we have dirty streets, abandoned cars, and Get it Done does not get it done
  - One home has 7 cars, 3 on the lawn and 4 in the street. Lots of abandoned cars
  - D9 is not interested and has not provided support, we are underserved and underrepresented and we need to step up with the CHTC. D9 has said they can't support the Mayor's office to solve the issue. There is a lot of revenue that could be generated, the budget is coming up and this is the time for us to try - letters from CHTC and CHAPC to support
  - Mary Otero: redlining concern in Castle, streets aren't being swept, near Manzanita canyon there is a watershed.
  - Maria Cortez: an issue that's happening for decades
  - Angela: Supports
  - Zamzam: How often are they actually cleaning? If the signs say twice a month, is that accurate?
  - Providing a letter of support for Castle neighborhood for signage, schedule, and enforcement of consistent street sweeping
- *Motion:* Mark Van Milligan
- *Second:* Evihn Vasily
- *Vote:* Unanimous approval.

## 6.3. Jamacha Neighborhood Council, City of San Diego mapping boundaries - Letter of Support

- Presenters: Dorene Daspasta
- Project: Accurate Mapping - Jamacha Community
  - Asking D9 for support after not receiving support from District 4, last map approved 1987, current council member made a correction on his website but hasn't brought it to council and doesn't want to put it forth
  - Can't create evacuation zones, Lomita's crime is coming to Jamacha, and a very dangerous intersection is being identified in the wrong neighborhood (where is the accident happening?), Storm Water said they cannot use CP map, 92114 homes are being called Encanto, redlining history, Lomita is a Transit Priority Area (TPA) but Jamacha isn't so the TPA funds are being allocated to the wrong area
  - All maps need to be updated, CPC did vote and endorsed it last week
  - Skyline, Paradise Hills Planning Group maps should be corrected, respect the existing community plan, use maps in existing community plan
- *Motion:* David Nelson
- *Second:* Mark Van Milligan
- *Vote:* Unanimous approval

#### **6.4. Mid-City CPU - City Heights Priority Alignment**

- Victor Ponce and Nam Nguyen were present at the last Community Plan Update for the voting of the land use plans.
  - Concern about homes being built along ECB and University Ave. but we need the housing to be spread along other ways, we need housing to be concentrated along other parts of the area so that we can prioritize green spaces and parks.
  - Menlo, 46th, 47th, Chamoune, Wightman all damaged due to the rerouting of the project, need to be fixed
  - Ensuring there is housing coming up in other neighborhoods, no privately funded projects in City Heights, no one wants to build here (David).
  - Emphasis on housing, other housing development, affordable housing to go into other neighborhoods, as well as other types of buildings.
  - Street conditions - potholes, and detour streets
  - Angela - trees serve as natural form of drain and purify our water, there is trash that is getting into our water and then into our trees, tree care can prevent fires and make everyone's lives better - health, air, and water
  - Roundabouts in Castle, by Central Skate Park, are not being maintained, from Central Ave. to Wightman, haven't been paved. The construction of the roundabouts damaged the streets all along Wightman.
  - Ad-hoc committee suggestion from Victor, Marcellus to join
  - Passing SB 79 there could potentially be future revisions to CPU taking into account new state-level transit oriented development.
  - Nam suggested the December agenda include a CPU land use presentation for CHAPC.

#### **7. Chair Comments**

- CPU comments due November 21st
- Respecting different beliefs and addressing respect within the committee

#### **8. Suggestions / Comments**

- Jim - is there a cell tower installation at the intersection of Euclid Ave. and Home Ave.?
- Jennipher - Mid-City Homelessness Coalition meeting, last Tuesday of the month at 8 am in the Mid City Police Station

#### **9. Adjournment**

*Motion:* Maria Cortez

*Second:* Jennipher

*Vote:* Unanimous approval