

Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Planning Group

September 9, 2025 Minutes

Call to Order

Vice Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 18:00 hours.

Roll Call

The following members were present for a quorum:

- Samantha Jenkins
- Don Houston
- Tanisha-Jean Martin
- Avery Montoya
- Erin Tomaras
- Wayne English
- Guy Preuss

The following members were absent:

- Arielle Cook
- Rhonda Shepherd

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Member Preuss made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an agenda item from Member Houston to the Voting Members Report regarding Land Development Code updates. Member Tomaras seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Member Tomaras motioned to approve minutes from the August 12, 2025 meeting. Member Houston seconded. Members Tomaras, Houston, Jenkins, Martin, and Montoya approved. Members Preuss and English abstained.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

- Community member Larry Young discussed an annual community clean-up event being held on September 20 from 8:00-noon that meets at the Skyline Hills Library.

Representative Reports

- Bruce Williams (City Council District 4) provided the following information:
 - Use Get It Done to inform City staff of issues.
 - Member English noted that the app only allows 1 pothole per address. He also brought up a Get It Done issue that he submitted recently regarding a delay in the traffic lights to get on the freeway at Parkside.
 - Councilmember Foster meets with constituents on Fridays from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Stephanie Sanchez can set up the meeting and can be reached at 619-236-6644.
 - Encanto Southern Baptist Church is having a dumpster day on September 20 from 9:00-noon.
 - Community members can earn money by driving for Southeastern Connect/SANDAG.
 - The protest form for water rate increases is due by September 30.
 - A Hispanic Heritage Social Mixer is occurring on September 17 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Festival Park.

- Budget wins in District 4 include funding for Marie Widman Memorial Park, Oak Park Library, infrastructure improvements, and others.
- Mariah Jameson (County District 4) provided information about a virtual grant workshop that will be held on Thursday, September 11. Community and neighborhood grant applications are due on September 30.
 - Member Houston asked about the Board of Supervisors connection to the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) regarding the City water rate increases. Ms. Jameson did not know about the connection to the SDCWA, but said that Supervisor Montgomery Steppe would look into the water rate increases if she gets complaints from the public.
- Representative for Senator Weber Pierson (Senate District 39) provided the following information:
 - Breaking the Sickle Cell Silence webinar will be held virtually on September 16 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 - Community Town Hall will be held on October 16 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Crawford High School.
 - The Young Legislators Program for 2025-2026 is starting up in October.

Community Planners Committee Report

- The August meeting was cancelled.

Chair's Report

- Chair Jenkins put together a report with live links to a number of relevant items. The report will be included with the meeting minutes. She will try to finish this report in time to send out with the agenda every month going forward.
- The City Parks and Recreation Department has launched a Community Recreation Needs Assessment. Phase 1 includes District 4. The survey is due by February 28, 2026.
- Chair Jenkins reached out to the City about the Jamacha Drainage Channel Upgrade Project (PRJ-1138503) and said there is no action for the CPG right now. The City will be engaging the public early next year.
 - Member Houston requested a site visit to prepare for the CPG's recommendation. Chair Jenkins will make this request to the City.

Voting Member's Report

- Member Houston received an email from the City on August 5 regarding 142 land development code changes. He believes that the CPG should look at these changes and provide feedback to the Community Planners Committee (CPC). Member Preuss said he can push the feedback through the CPC once he gets a copy of the changes. Member Houston will provide Member Preuss with a hard-copy of the changes. Public workshops will be scheduled in the fall.
 - Member Houston recommended a subcommittee to review the changes. He asked that Chair Jenkins check with Marlon Pangilinan about whether one can be formed as there have been questions brought up by community members about their validity.
 - *Member Houston made a motion for a subcommittee to be formed to review the proposed changes and provide input to the CPC once a response is received from Marlon Pangilinan. Member Preuss seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

- *Member Houston made a motion to revisit this topic at the next meeting. Member Preuss seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Member Preuss will push his agenda item recapping the ULI UrbanPlan Workshop to later this fall.

Informational Items

- None were received.

Action Items

Review and submit protest letter to the City regarding water rate increases

It was discussed that the increase is made up of pass-through costs from SDWCA and costs for the Pure Water Project (i.e., sewer water recycling). It was noted that energy requirements for recycling water are high. If energy prices increase, then the cost to recycle water will increase, leading to more increases in water rates.

Member Houston noted that the City's cost of service report was deficient and inconsistent but could not find a hook in the report that could be added to the protest letter. It was noted that there are questions about the City's use of water. Chair Jenkins will reach out to the City to have the Water Department make a presentation.

Member Preuss made a motion to approve the letter as written, but cc' Supervisor Montgomery Steppe. Member Montoya seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Determine date for next subcommittee meeting to reconcile CPG By-laws and Operating Procedures

Chair Jenkins will reach out to subcommittee members to schedule the next meeting. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 19:36 hours.

Meeting minutes were recorded by:

Erin Tomaras

Erin Tomaras, Secretary

Minutes approved during 10/14/25 meeting