

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of
September 16, 2025

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

P Matt Wang - Chair	P Michael Hernandez	P Eric Leftwich
P Glen Schmidt - Vice Chair	P Steven Palmer	P Paige Walker
P Marc Mytels - Secretary	P Eadie DeMarcus	
P Suzanne Smith - Secretary		

P - Present A - Absent L-Late

Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Matt called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Roll call was taken to determine if a quorum was present. Quorum was established with 9/9 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. NOTE: 2-minute time limit per speaker.

Public:

- Michael Dwyer: Libraries will be closed on Mondays; wasteportal.sandiego.gov website may be used to select a size of trash container and be able to get trash collection email updates.
- Thad Pubmire: Concerned about traffic at Marstson Middle School caused by new striping on Clairemont Drive. School and City officials are discussing the matter. Traffic has been noted to be backing up to Balboa during times when parents are dropping kids off at school
- Deanna Richardson: Concerned she will not be able to use the trash bins she paid for and will not get reimbursed. Also concerned about debris, glass and trash in the new bike lanes makes the bike lanes unusable.
- Natalie Rios: Pure Water updates - For Pure Water, night work being done at Clairemont Mesa & Genesee, along with Clairemont Drive & Denver. About 2 more weeks of work is expected at Clairemont Drive & Denver. Round-the-clock work expected on Morena Bl once Clairemont Drive & Denver work is complete. 3 miles of Clairemont drive was repaved, more repaving is expected toward the end of the year.

Board Members:

- Suzanne: SB79 has passed both the California Assembly & Senate and is on Gov Newsome's desk awaiting his signature. The bill could affect much of Clairemont due to Clairemont being considered a Transit Priority Area. An ADU convention will be held at the Downtown Marriott. Tickets cost \$1,600 and protests are expected.
- Glen: City Chevrolet has vacated the premises on Morena Bl. Land has been sold to UCSD.
- Marc: Del Taco in Clairemont may be closing
- Eric: HOV Stickers will no longer be valid on Electric vehicles

Item 3. Modifications to the Agenda - Requires 2/3 approval.

- None

Item 4. Reports to Committee

- **Chairperson: Matt**
 - o Daniel Bussius resigned his position on the CCPG board

- **Clairemont Town Council (CTC): Matt**
 - o Gave Clairemont Plan Update presentation to the CTC board
- **Community Planning Commission (CPC): Matt**
 - o At July CPC meeting discussions were held about the Clover project and Footnote 7
- **Vice Chair: Glen**
 - o No report
- **Secretary: Tarah/Marc**
 - o (Marc) After an oversight, meeting minutes were sent to the City for posting on the City's website.
 - o (Suzanne) No report
- **Airports: Paige**
 - o No report but may have info in October
- **Treasurer: Suzanne**
 - o No Report
- **Project Review Subcommittee (PRS): Glen**
 - o Will discuss Clairemont Plan Update later in meeting
- **Sgt. at Arms: Suzanne**
 - o No report
- **Social Media: Marc**
 - o No report

Item 5. Consideration of Meeting Minutes from January 2025 CCPG meeting:

- o Approved: Eadie, Glen, Marc, Matt, Michael, Steven and Suzanne Abstained: Eric and Paige

Item 6. Council Representative Reports

California Senate District 38 Report, Moana Alo, District Representative from Senator Akilah Weber Pierson's office, (619) 688-6700

- Legislative session completed, 9 bills passed to governor Newsom's office. Moana may be reached for more info on each bill.
- September is Hispanic Heritage month and San Diego Restaurant week is underway
- Upcoming events include a webinar on Sickle Cell, a community town hall, a young legislators program which is accepting applications, and a free turkey giveaway & health fair on November 15th at Madison High School. Volunteers are sought for the turkey giveaway; info on the Senator's website.
- The senator abstained in her vote for SB 79 due to community concerns which were shared with Moana and her colleagues. Her abstention was effectively a 'no' vote

District 2 Council Report, Carrie Munson, Community Liaison, cmunson@sandiego.gov

- Carrie not present

City of San Diego Planning Department Update, Sean McGee, City of San Diego, SMcGee@sandiego.gov

- Sean not present

District City of San Diego Mayor's Office Neighborhood Representative Report, Randy Reyes, Clairemont Community Liaison, RandyReyes@sandiego.gov

- The city is conducting a Community recreation needs assessment for each council district. The public may give feedback at sandiego.gov/parksurvey. Meetings will be scheduled in the near future.
- Midway rising project is heading to the Planning Commission for a meeting. The public may attend at the DSD building in Mission Valley.
- Downtown Maintenance agreement with Caltrans for Homeless Encampments along a stretch of I-5 has performed 106 abatements, removed 84 tons of trash and placed 28 people into shelter in the past 6 weeks. The program is expected to expand after a year to allow the City to service other SD freeways.
- Questions and concerns included:
 - Recreation survey outcomes, which are directed at recreations programs, not facilities
 - The company that owns the land slated for the Midway Rising project also owns the dilapidated property at Clairemont Drive and Morena Bl.
 - Airborne Police helicopters giving audible notices are highly ineffective. Other means to deliver messages or an improved audio system would be more productive.

City of San Diego Planning Department Update, Megan Covarrubias, City of San Diego,
MECovarrubia@sandiego.gov

- Megan not present

San Diego County Board of Supervisors District 4 Update, Max Ellorin, Director of Community Engagement for Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe (619) 531-5544

- Grants available for community based 503c organizations. The due date to apply is Sept 30th.
- Several new policies have been passed by the County Board, including County Reserve policies intended to make up for recently cut funding from the Federal Government, expansion of the Citizens Law Enforcement Board and a resolution to request funding from the State of California to address the Tijuana Valley River crisis.
- The Supervisor will be holding a “Mocha with Monica” event at the Bird Rick Coffee shop on Morena Bl. to meet constituents on October 10th.

Item 7. Consent Agenda

- None

Item 8. Workshop Items

- **801: Discussion of the Second Draft of the Clairemont Community Plan Update**
 - Glen led the discussion and presented slides of maps and renderings.
 - Upon close review of the Second Draft of the Clairemont Community Plan Update, the CCPG would like to make the following recommendations to the plan:
 - Add comprehensive protection to the private canyonlands in Clairemont.
 - Approximately 50% of the undeveloped canyonlands Clairemont lie in private property
 - Include a more robust and detailed recommendation to add bus service and a 4th Trolley Station at the foot of Jutland Drive where it intersects with Morena Boulevard.
 - A Trolley Stop in that area could promote business growth and additional housing opportunities in an under-utilized section of Clairemont.
 - Include a concept we call “Villages within the Village” to provide significant housing to serve the Blue Line Trolley along Morena Blvd.

- Rather than a “wall” of housing along Morena Bl, allow a small number of higher density buildings to create windows to Mission Bay and maintain sea breezes into the remainder of Clairemont.
- Increase housing and mobility opportunities at the Community Core Village.
 - Improve access to the Balboa Trolley station to the proposed developments at Balboa and Genesee, possibly including an aerial tramway which is being proposed for Mission Valley.
- Add more robust and visionary community connections for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Refine and add more Park and Recreation facilities recommendations.
- Refine and complete more comprehensive design standards for ALL of the community villages as part of the Implementation Overlay Zones
 - Included would be a “green spine” recreation trail in the powerline easement to connect Marian Bear park to the Tecolote Park trail, which would provide greenspace to the large number of dwellings proposed for the Balboa & Genesee area.
- Add opportunities and more emphasis on public art.
 - Clairemont is the only neighborhood in San Diego without any public art.
- Request a more comprehensive study of how fire safety will be maintained as the proposed additional housing is constructed.
- Include unit counts and population impact of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), Complete Communities, and State Senate Bills factored into the unit and population projections.

Item 9. Action Items

• 902: Installation of a Power Supply Cabinet (PRJ# 1134192)

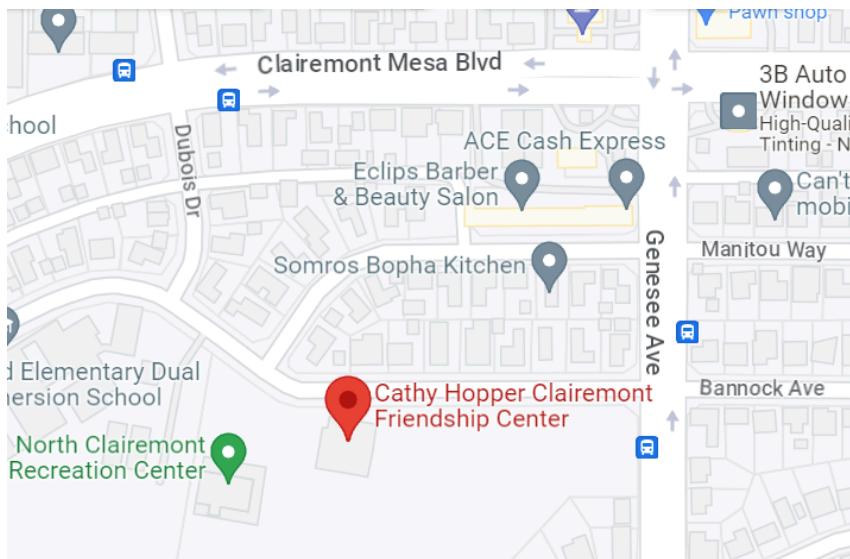
- Proposal to install a power supply cabinet for Charter Communications Corp.
- Renderings and a location map of the proposed power supply cabinet were presented.
- Location is 3876 Modoc St.
- Cabinet will hold several SLA batteries in case of a power outage to ensure internet access for Charter Communications customers in case of a power outage.
- Batteries are expected to be able to supply power for 72 hours in a power outage
- Questions and concerns included:
 - Landscaping and weed abatement in the cabinet’s area.
 - Pedestrian access to the sidewalk adjacent to the cabinet not be impeded
 - The current stage of approval from the City of San Diego; application status was unknown
 - Suggestions given to add paving in the cabinet’s area for weed abatement and reducing fire risk
- Motion to approve the project with the stipulation that decorative impervious paving be provided for weed abatement
- Approved by all in attendance.

Item 10. Information Items

- None

Adjournment at 8:00 PM

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center, 4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117. (<https://goo.gl/maps/jkb4sftrQ1jm9oQj6>)



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