

Navajo Community Planning Group (NCPG)

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January 08, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

In person meeting at Flood Church, 4772 Alvarado Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92120
navajoplanners@gmail.com

Call to Order: January 08, 2026 at 6:33 p.m.

By Chairperson John Hoy presiding: Welcome.

Roll Call of Board Members:

Jana Hartwell (Allied Gardens)

Marilyn Reed (Allied Gardens) absent

Kevin Sullivan (Allied Gardens)

Brian Woodhouse (Allied Gardens)

Pamela Cotta (Del Cerro)

Elizabeth Grell (Del Cerro)

John Hoy (Del Cerro)

Nate Stein (Del Cerro)

Nicholas Stoneking (Grantville) virtual

Kyle Walker (Grantville)

VACANT (Grantville)

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Tamar Caspi (San Carlos)

Danny Fitzgerald (San Carlos) excused

VACANT (San Carlos)

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1 -Absent

1 -Excused

10 in attendance of 12 members, Quorum achieved

Approval of January 08, 2026 Agenda: ~Brian Woodhouse motioned to amend the agenda to add item 6, an update by the Meeting Space and Technology Subcommittee. Motion to accept the agenda as amended seconded by Kevin Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of December 11, 2025 Minutes: ~Motion to approve the minutes by Nate Stein and seconded by Elizabeth Grell. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on non-agenda items: No public comments were made.

Board Comments on non-agenda items: Elizabeth Grell spoke about the non-functioning elevator at the Grantville Trolley station. The timeline to repair the elevator is 14 months. Old infrastructure needs to be maintained.

Councilmember Campillo was recently removed from the City's Land Use and Housing Committee. Elizabeth would like to write a letter to the City for the Board to endorse stating support for Councilmember Campillo. The letter will be put before the Board at a future meeting.

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Comments included: The elevator needs repair time to obtain parts that are no longer available. Riders that need the Grantville station elevator should get off at the Mission station and take a shuttle to the Grantville station. Grantville is a Transit Priority Area and it should have a fully functioning station to support the community.

Brian Woodhouse spoke on the San Diego Education Association's planned one-day protest strike happening on February 26. The strike is in response to the San Diego Unified School District's underfunded special education programs and the District's unwillingness to fully fund the special education program in current contract negotiations.

Tamar Caspi spoke about the family of Andrew Olsen, the boy struck and killed by an automobile on Jackson Drive on October 20, 2025; they are suing the City for failing to address a dangerous roadway.

The old Nicolosi's restaurant has been torn down.

Elected Officials' Reports:

- City Council Member Raul Campillo's report by representative Anthony Hackett – Councilmember Campillo has planned a Town Hall meeting series. The Navajo community meeting will be on February 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Mission Trails Regional Park. Other town hall meetings are available in the District 7 area. Councilmember has proposed the “5-5-5 Parking Plan” to improve the parking situation during downtown special events. The plan is to have paid parking at \$5 per hour with a 5-hour limit and extend the affected area 5 blocks from the event. Councilmember Campillo voted against the parking fees at Balboa Park and thinks the rates should be repealed. The Allied Gardens Community Park had some maintenance needs that were not being met. Some of the needed maintenance has been done but the water fountain still needs to be replaced and parking lights are in the process of being repaired. A tree in Tuxedo Park was damaged during a recent storm and the health of the tree is still being determined.

Comments included: In the Allied Gardens Park there is tree trimming going on. At Rancho Mission Park there is damage to a light. At the park on Margerum Ave, City workers were seen “hanging out” during work hours. Along Mission Gorge Road some signs and stanchions were knocked down. Any problems in the City’s right-a-way, should be reported on the “Get it Done” app then followed up with Anthony Hackett. Do residents with handicap placards need to pay for parking? Answer: Anthony doesn’t think so. An update is requested regarding the Development Impact Funds that were directed away from the Navajo community, and Anthony will look into it.

- County Supervisor Joel Anderson's report by representative Partick Ward – Neighborhood Investment Program and Community Enhancement Grants are available. The representative shared his goals for the upcoming calendar year.

Directors' Reports:

- City's Community Planning Committee (CPC) report by Kevin Sullivan – The CPC 2025 Land Development Code (LDC) subcommittee is reviewing the proposed changes to the LDC. One proposed amendment is to extend permission for businesses to keep digital billboards that are already in use.

Comments included: When the CPC finishes with its review of the LDC, the CPC will send out proposed changes to the City. The CPC meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Clairemont Recreation center. Public comments on the LDC can be made through an online portal and two public workshops.

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- **Treasurer's Report by Kevin Sullivan, Treasurer** – The NCPG still has \$335.10 available for reimbursements, this amount has been approved to purchase audio and video equipment for hybrid-meetings.

Action Items:

Action Item - NCPG - Mission Gorge Rock Quarry Subcommittee Report - Close out report and presentation of the subcommittee's recommendations for review of PRJ-1070013 and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 82-0611.

Chairperson Hoy presented the Board members with two documents recently sent to the Board regarding the rock quarry.

Public comments included: Community attendees shared concerns that operations and lack of maintenance at the quarry can cause physical and mental health issues, dust, noise, shaking of properties, reduced land values, broken windows, doors that don't fit, landslides, and the threat to Mission Trails Regional Park. Potential blasting zones are as close to 275 feet from homes, yet quarry employees need to stay 500 feet away from the blast. Why do employees need to stay farther back than neighbors? Fly rock can travel long distances and cause damage to life and property. Operating machinery can be heard coming from the direction of the quarry during the night which violates the CUP. Please be a business that is a positive member of the community.

Vulcan representatives commented: The permit allows blasting in the approved area and currently there is no plan to blast on the hillside next to the Mariposa Community. Vulcan would notify the community in advance if blasting was to be planned on the adjacent hillside. Noise at night may be coming from maintenance or neighboring businesses.

Public comments continued: Condition 10 identifies blasting areas and need to be changed to provide a buffer between the quarry and the residential neighborhood. The CUP and the Reclamation Plan do not agree on condition 10. The environmental study was done in 1983 and there have been significant events since then. Landslides are happening. There are chemicals located within the business that can be a fire risk. Brush abatement needs to be done because residents can't access areas that need to be trimmed. What effect does blasting have on possible liquefaction on properties? There needs to be more studies and more data. A CEQA analysis should be done.

~Kevin Sullivan motioned that the NCPG Board accept the recommendations of the subcommittee and the letter the subcommittee wrote to the Chair of NCPG and for the Chair of the NCPG to write an endorsement letter to the City. Elizabeth Grell seconded the motion.

Comments included: Many of the issues the public has brought up are in the CUP report and its recommendations. Reclamation on the western side should be performed and has not been. There needs to be better annual inspections. The safety distances for blasting need to be addressed. The area next to Mariposa should be removed from potential blasting areas. Vulcan could fix issues proactively.

~Jana Hartwell motioned to add a requirement that the most recent minutes of the Quarry Subcommittee be reviewed and voted on at a subcommittee meeting before the subcommittee's recommendations are approved. The motion to add a requirement to use these minutes was not seconded.

~Motion to accept the subcommittee's recommendations and letter is passed 10-0-0.

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Discussion Items:

Consideration of revising the formal name of the Navajo Community Planners Group – Brian Woodhouse presented a discrepancy between the name of the planning group used by the City and the name used in the Operating Procedures. The approved minutes from October 09, 2025 identify the planning group as “Navajo Community Planning Group (NCPG) and the updated Operating Procedures identify the group as “Navajo Community Planners Group.”

Comments included: The planning group could formally take the name “Navajo Community Planners Group” or amend the Operating Procedures to have the name be “Navajo Community Planning Group.” Other community planning groups go by “Planning Group” The Board voiced their preference to amend the Operating Procedures to have the name be “Navajo Community Planning Group.” An action item to amend the Operating Procedures is planned for the February 2026 meeting.

Update on issues related to the residential project planned for Del Cerro Blvd. – John Hoy shared that there is a development project in Golden Hill that is being litigated and that project is similar to the old Cerro House planned development relating to qualifying transit stops as part of Complete Communities.

Comments included: There is a development in Pacific Beach that is also being challenged due to safety, traffic, fire zone, and the character of the neighborhood. There are multiple projects in the City that are being built under Complete Communities and law suits are being considered. The Board is trying to clarify who determines what area of the City is part of the Complete Communities. Community Planning Groups are concerned about the disregard the City has for Planning Groups and that they should have a voice regarding developments in their area.

NCPG – Subcommittee Reports:

NCPG - Elections Subcommittee Report on upcoming Board election. Applications at Navajoplanners.org or <https://forms.gle/vixiG9D3Jfq3GkacA> - John Hoy stated election forms are available on the NCPG website. There is both a PDF and a Google form available. Jana Hartwell asked if any board member not intending to serve out their term, would please let her know. Sitting Board members that are ending their term must re-run for their position. The deadline for applications is March 10, 2026.

NCPG – Community Engagement Subcommittee Report Presentation regarding membership, with possible Board action to approve appointments. - Kyle Walker volunteered to Chair the subcommittee. Jana Hartwell and Tamar Caspi will be part of the subcommittee. The goals of the subcommittee is to improve communication with the community. An action item to authorize the subcommittee to create and manage social media accounts will be on the next agenda.

Meeting Site and Technology Subcommittee – Update on the committee’s plan to purchase audio equipment – Brian Woodhouse shared that potential audio systems get very complicated and expensive so he is investigating used equipment and he is looking to borrow an “Owl” microphone to test at a future meeting.

Adjournment at 8:31 pm by John Hoy.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday**, February 12, 2026 at 6:30 pm. This will be an in-person meeting at the Flood Church, 4772 Alvarado Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92120.

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Meeting Calendar for 2026: The Second Thursday of each month excluding August and December.

January 08, February 12, March 12, April 09, May 14, June 11, July 09, August – no meeting scheduled unless the need arises, September 10, October 08, November 12, December - no meeting scheduled unless the need arises.