

Mira Mesa Community Planning Group Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, February 19, 2026, 7:00pm

Location: Mira Mesa Public Library, 8405 New Salem Street, San Diego CA 92126

Action/Information: All items noted as (Action) items may be moved/seconded as a Question for discussion and vote. All items not so noted will be information items.

Order of Consideration: Items on this agenda may be discussed in an order different than shown here for the convenience of elected officials, representatives of government agencies or other participants.

Call to Order/Confirm quorum:

1. Modifications to the Agenda
 - a. Sorrento Valley Golf Project deferred to later meeting
2. Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes (Action).
 - a. Minutes of January 22, 2026 meeting
 - i. Adopted by unanimous consent
3. Non-Agenda Public Comments: 3 Minutes per speaker.
 - a. None
4. Planning Group Member Comments
 - a. Joe: Denial of pedestrian crosswalk by city. Advised by Michaela Valk that processes for controlled crosswalks will be under review.
 - b. Kevin Yu: Pedestrian crosswalk across Parkdale south of Gold Coast Dr. Will send traffic service request to Councilmember Lee's office.
5. Reports
 - a. Report of the Chair

Mail:

CUP for WCF at 9059 Mira Mesa Blvd was approved. Approved by MMCPG last month.

PRJ-671396: Sorrento Valley Golf Project plans recently resubmitted. Plans distributed to committee. Requested presentation, but they are not ready to present yet. Will meet with Federal Wildlife on March 20. Assuming that goes well, they will present to us in April or May.

Letter from Ana Serrano reporting that our request for a pedestrian walkway on Mira Mesa Boulevard between Mira Mesa High School and Mira Mesa Community Park has been rejected. Letter distributed to committee.

Invitation to Miramar Change of Command Ceremony on February 27. Major General James B. Wellons will relinquish command to Brigadier General Robert B. Brodie.

Letter from CPC with recommendations on Land Development Code Update. Total of 107 changes. CPC opposed 5 of them, recommended changes or further review in 5 others. Disagreed with 5 others, but they are state law.

"A Seat at the Table" – CPC has requested that the City Council, its committees, and Planning Commission each adopt a policy giving community representatives equal time as current policies

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allow project applicants, developers and other proponents to ensure equitable participation at public hearings. They have asked for support from individual Planning Groups. On agenda tonight. Full letter distributed to committee.

NORA for Sidewalk Replacement in Mira Mesa and University City. Includes Black Mountain Road from Miramar Road to Capricorn and most sidewalks on larger roads east of Black Mountain Road.

Approval for Neighborhood Use Permit for (WCF) located at 9292 Miramar Road.

I asked Jared Taylor who made the presentation for Lazy Dog about its status and received the following reply:” Lazy Dog is working through a few small branding design updates. We will share updated drawings with you in the near future. I understand Lazy Dog's goal is to resume construction in Mira Mesa as soon as the design updates are approved by the City.”

b. Community Planners Committee

CPC is reviewing items within the Land Development Code Update through a subcommittee of the group.

Discussion regarding “Seat at the Table” and asking other planning groups to weigh in regarding an update to the process due to state changes to the Brown Act.

c. Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee.

No February meeting. Next meeting will be in March. The CAC and Friends are bringing back the 2nd Annual Festival of the Night Sky on April 11th at the Ranch House.

6. Old Business

a. None.

7. New Business

- a. PRJ-671396: Sorrento Valley Golf Project (information) – postponed.
- b. “A Seat at the Table” request from CPC (action)

Joe/Keith: motion to ask the City to provide a designated amount of time for CPG’s at meetings of the Planning Commission and City Council. 13-1-0.

8. Elected Officials/Government Agencies

- a. United States Congress – California 51st District Imani Drew for Sara Jacobs – No report
- b. California Senate – District 40 Marc Schaefer/Valeria Alondo for Brian Jones – No report
- c. California Assembly – District 78 Michael Bravo for Chris Ward – No report
- d. San Diego County – Board of Supervisors District 3 Quinton Grounds for Terra Lawson-Remer – No report
- e. San Diego – Mayor’s Office Michaela Valk for Todd Gloria

Report from Mayor Todd Gloria's Office:

On [Thursday, February 19 the Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee](#) had an [informational presentation on marked crosswalk criteria at uncontrolled locations and the criteria for the installation](#)

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[of stop signs](#). This item will be presented to the full City Council in the Fall and the Transportation Department will be rolling out a survey for the public to take on this item.

City of San Diego Releases Comprehensive Speed Management Plan:

- This week, the City of San Diego announced the release of its [Comprehensive Speed Management Plan](#), a citywide, data-informed strategy to reduce vehicle speeds in areas allowed under state law and advance the City's [Vision Zero](#) commitment to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries.
 - Throughout the document, the segments are labeled by Council District so you can refer to the ones in Council District 6
- The Comprehensive Speed Management Plan used a data-driven, city-wide approach to lower speed limits across San Diego's neighborhoods, commercial corridors, and school zones.
- In 2022, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the City of San Diego \$680,000 through the [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) grant program, funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The SS4A grant, which was supported by San Diego's congressional delegation, funded several supplemental planning efforts, including the development of this Comprehensive Speed Management Plan.
- The analysis found that over 20 percent of San Diego's roadway network, 679.1 centerline miles, is eligible for potential speed limit reductions, including:
 - **189.6 centerline miles** eligible as Safety Corridors
 - **32.6 centerline miles** eligible as High Pedestrian & Bicyclist Activity Corridors (All 189.6 miles of Safety Corridors also qualify under this category)
 - **58.7 centerline miles** eligible as Business Activity Districts
 - **371.1 centerline miles** eligible for School Zone speeds (15 or 20 mph)
 - **27.1 centerline miles** eligible for School Approach speeds (25 mph)
- Implementation of the plan is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2027, subject to available funding and approval through the City's annual budget process.

City of San Diego Trash and Recycling Customers Can Now Apply for Financial Assistance Program:

- Customers of the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department (ESD) can apply for financial assistance to pay annual fees for trash and recycling services. Applications can be submitted online and in-person assistance will be available for people who need help with the application process.
 - There will be in-person assistance at the Mira Mesa Library on March 4 from 9:30am-3:30pm
- In order to qualify, customers must own and live in the home as a primary residence, and the home must be eligible to receive trash and recycling collection from the City of San Diego. In addition, they must meet one of the following qualifications:
 - Household income is at or below 60% of California's State Median Income.

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- At least one person in the household is enrolled in one or more of the following assistance programs: Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs or the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
- Customers can apply for assistance whether or not they have already paid part or all of this year's fee, which was due in December 2025.
- ESD expects approximately 7,000 customers will be admitted into the program, and applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Miramar Road

- Miramar Road resurfacing from Kearney Villa Rd. to Eastgate Mall is still planned as part of the Pure Water Pipeline project, and budget for this work has been secured. The work remains on track and is scheduled to begin in fall 2026.
- I have asked the contractor to maintain debris and fill potholes within their construction area. Transportation will be filling additional potholes outside of the construction area this Saturday. Additionally, the team will have electronic message boards placed by Miramar Road to let the public know the road will be paved later this year following construction.
 - f. San Diego – City Council District 6 Ana Serrano for Kent Lee

Council District 6 Monthly Report

PROJECTS

- **Mira Mesa Community Park**
 - Since we last met there have been around 12 additional rainy delay days, but the project remains on track to be substantially completed this summer. *24 total since project commencement*
 - The contractor has installed security cameras throughout the park and hired a security guard during business hours and on weekends to protect the nearly finalized facilities. *These cameras are programmed to notify police when unauthorized movement is detected after hours (weekdays from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. and all day on weekends).*
 - Construction is ongoing throughout the site. For the recreation center specifically, the interior painting has been completed. I asked staff about the timeline for reopening the recreation center in comparison to the rest of the park improvements. They shared that they are still aiming to open it to the public before the remainder of the park, but no specific timeline has been provided.
 - Additional details and updates are available online. I also have a printed copy with photos if anyone would like to take a look.
- **Salk Park**
 - The project remains on schedule, with the plant establishment period and substantial completion still projected for Spring 2026. As of earlier this month, the shade structures that previously experienced delays are nearing completion of installation.
 - I also asked staff about the dog park. They shared that they continue to explore options for opening the dog park before the rest of the park, though this remains tentative.

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They are coordinating with Parks and Recreation, as a 90-day plant establishment period will be required for the surrounding lawn before it can open to the public.

- *Current ongoing work includes:*
 - *Oval Park: shade structure footings, installation of veneer seat wall, fencing installation and planting material.*
 - *Comfort Station: concrete work, metal handrail installation.*
 - *Rectangular Park: planting material, fencing installation*
 - *Maddox Park: installing stone veneer on seawall, installation of fencing*

- **Street Reconstruction Group 1801**

- Update from today:

All paving work along Gold Coast Drive has been completed. Final striping along Gold Coast Drive is tentatively scheduled for next week (Feb. 23). Final paving work at Westchester Avenue is tentatively scheduled to begin early to mid-March, with striping work to follow shortly after. Once all paving and striping work is completed, the closeout phase of the project will begin, and crews will be on-site addressing any final items. Please note that all dates are tentative and subject to weather conditions.

EVENTS & RESOURCES

- ESD Financial Assistance Program
 - Launched last month (01/22).
 - Customers may qualify if:
 - They own and live in the home as their primary residence, the home is eligible for City trash and recycling service, and
 - Their household income is at or below 60% of California's State Median Income or at least one household member is enrolled in Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, or LIHEAP.
 - Applicants can apply online (at MAACproject.org/SDSWAssistance). The deadline to apply for 2025–2026 fee assistance is April 30, 2026.
 - There will be an in-person assistance clinic at the Mira Mesa Library on March 4th

from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

- *For more information, customers can visit MAACproject.org/SDSWAssistance or call 619-946-4419.*
- *The program is paid for by \$3 million from the City's fiscal year (FY) 2026*

budget and more than \$60,000 in donations pledged by City customers.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- MMHS & Park sidewalk

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- After the Planning Group reached out to our office for an update, I connected with the department for additional information. Staff shared that the traffic evaluation was completed last May, and based on their review, the findings did not justify installation of a midblock crosswalk along this segment.
- We also asked whether there are any cost effective or interim measures that could help address the community's concerns. Staff noted that there are currently 10 existing "NO PED CROSSING USE CROSSWALK" signs located within the raised landscaped median, directing pedestrians to cross at the controlled intersections at Camino Ruiz and New Salem Street. They have submitted a maintenance request to replace the existing signs with updated ones.
- I emphasized that the community's primary concern is students crossing the boulevard at unofficial or undesignated locations, particularly with the upcoming park and Epicentre improvements expected to increase activity in the area.
- Below is the department's technical response following their evaluation:
 - "... our traffic evaluation for a midblock crosswalk along Mira Mesa Boulevard between Camino Ruiz and New Salem Street has been completed (SN 40300944016). According to Council Policy 200-07, uncontrolled marked crosswalks are justified by meeting each of the Basic Warrants and scoring 16 or more points under the Point Warrants. The criteria consist of the examination of various roadway conditions relevant to pedestrian safety including the number of pedestrians crossing the road, the speed of traffic, the number of available gaps in traffic, and other general roadway features. This location does not meet the Approach Speed Warrant, as the 85th percentile approach speed must be equal to or lower than 40 miles per hour, nor the Accessibility Warrant, as there is an 18-foot-wide raised landscaped median, per Council Policy 200-07. Furthermore, there are 10 existing 'NO PED CROSSING USE CROSSWALK' signs located within the existing raised landscaped median that guide pedestrians to cross at the controlled intersections of Camino Ruiz and Mira Mesa Boulevard, or at New Salem Street and Mira Mesa Boulevard. Therefore, we cannot install a midblock crosswalk along this segment. Thank you."
- The Councilmember's Fiscal Year 2027 most recent budget priorities memorandum includes the pedestrian safety improvements across Mira Mesa Boulevard, specifically between Mira Mesa High School and Mira Mesa Community Park. You can read our memo (starts on page 73) here: [26-03-rev-fy-2027-updated-city-council-budget-priorities.pdf](#)

g. MCAS Miramar – No report

9. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday