

Community Planners Committee

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APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FOR MEETING OF TUESDAY, JAN. 27, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT and ATTENDING VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM:

Jeff Heden, Carmel Valley (CV)	Kevin Hastings, Ocean Beach (OB)
Saige Gonzalez Walding, Chollas Valley (CVE)	Allen Kashani, Otay Mesa (OM)
Robert Montana, College Area (CA)	Marcella Bothwell, Pacific Beach (PB)
Bob Link, Downtown (DT)	Eric Law, Peninsula (PEN)
David Moty, Kensington-Talmadge (KT)	Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)
Lisa Kriedeman, La Jolla (LJ)	Jon Becker, Rancho Penasquitos (RPQ)
Felicity Senoski, Vice Chair, Linda Vista (LV)	Victoria LaBruzzo, Chair, Scripps Ranch (SR)
Bo Gibbons, Mira Mesa (MM)	Guy Preuss, Skyline-Paradise Hills (SPH)
Michele Addington, Mission Valley (MV)	Jasmine Mallen, Southeastern, (SESD)
Lynn Elliott, North Park (NP)	Liz Shopes, Torrey Pines (TP)
Paul Coogan, Normal Heights (NH)	Chris Nielsen, University (Univ)

VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:

Per Article IV, Section 5 and Section 6 of the CPC Bylaws the following planning groups have three (3) consecutive absences and will not be able to vote until recordation of attendance at two (2) consecutive CPC meetings by a designated representative or alternate:
BL, CMR/SS, KM, MWPH, OT, OMN, SP/LH and TH.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Chair LaBruzzo called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. upon reaching quorum and conducted roll call was conducted.

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT.

Non-agenda public comment included a report on homes going into foreclosure and potential squatters related to several Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in the Chollas Valley/Encanto community, an announcement that “the January Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Planning Group meeting was cancelled due to another complaint with photos of failure to comply with the Ralph Brown Act, agenda physical posting and Council Policy 600-24,” review of a “vacant vacation home tax” related to vacation homes at the Jan. 28 Rules

Committee, comments on the presence of Immigration, Customs and Enforcement (ICE) in communities and a thank you to the CPC for supporting the community planning on their position on the Emerald Hills Radio Towers project.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 27, 2026

Motion to approve as amended to remove “motion passed” and add “Torrey Pines” to item #6 made by UNIV. Second by KT.

Yea: CV, CVE, CA, DT, KT, LJ, LV, MM, NH, NP, PB, PEN, RB, RPQ, SR, SPH, SE, TP and UNIV.

Nay: None.

Abstain: MV and OM

Motion approved: 22-0-2

4. 2025 LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATE (ACTION ITEM)

Courtney Pash, Principal Planner and Megan Covarrubias, Senior Planner from the City Planning Department presented proposed regulatory changes for the 2026 Land Development Code (LDC). Chris Nielson (UNIV) and David Moty (KT) also presented on the CPC 2025 LDC Subcommittee comments and recommendation to the CPC.

Additional comments expressed by the public on this matter included:

- That it is important to have the proposed draft language of the LDC changes available and early enough to access, so that there is enough time to review given the number of items proposed.
- The cannabis leaf symbols should not only be prohibited outlet signage, but also on billboards nor should they be depicted in association with candy and cartoon characters.
- Allowing the public to comment on the placement of utility boxes which should not block commercial storefronts, not be placed in the public domain.
- Relief regarding the \$1,000 - \$2,000 appeal fee which is a burden on the planning groups to file for appeals and that “one free appeal per year” or a waiver should be considered for low resource community areas.

Motion: Adopt the subcommittee recommendations as presented at the February 27, 2026 CPC regular meeting. Furthermore, CPC urges the city to publish remaining code language as soon as possible to inform the public. Motion made by PEN. Seconded by NP (additional details to the motion attached).

Yea: CV, CVE, DA, DT, KT, LJ, LV, MM, MV, NH, NP, OB, OM, PB, PEN, RB, RPQ, SR, SPH, SE TP and UNIV.

Nay: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion approved unanimously: 22-0-0.

5. "A SEAT AT THE TABLE" (ACTION ITEM)

Vice-Chair Felicity Senoski (LV) and Chair Victoria LaBruzzo (SR) discussed submitting a formal request to the City Council, Planning Commission, and other relevant City boards and commissions to allow Community Planning Groups (CPGs) and the Community Planners Committee (CPC) designated presentation time during public meetings without requiring the ceding of public comment time.

Comments expressed on this issue included:

- All voices need to be heard in order to advance meaningful public engagement.
- Overall support was expressed by all attending members of the CPC.

Motion: Move that CPC Chair draft a letter to City Council, City Clerk and DSD that describes the problem of imbalance during public comment periods and that includes the policy change request for equal time and equal access for community members (as is granted to project applicants, developers and other proponents) before City Council, its committees, and the Planning Commission; CPC Chair draft a letter to CPGs inviting community groups to review and adopt CPC's letter and forward their support by form of letter to their respective Council representatives. Motion made by LV. Seconded by PEN.

Yea: CV, CVE, DA, DT, KT, LJ, LV, MM, MV, NH, NP, OB, OM, PB, PEN, RB, RPQ, SR, SPH, SE TP and UNIV.

Nay: None.

Abstentions: None.

Motion approved unanimously: 22-0-0.

REPORTS TO CPC

- **Staff Report** – Marlon Pangilinan, Program Coordinator, City Planning provided brief updates, reporting that the City has kicked-off initial work on the Extreme Heat Action Plan, Annual Planning Group Training in May and the City is seeking input on the Draft Bicycle Master Plan Update and that a survey would be available.
- **Chair's /CPC Member Reports** – None.

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. to next regular meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2026.