

Community Planners Committee

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APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT and ATTENDING VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM:

Jeff Heden, Carmel Valley (CV)	Paul Coogan, Secretary, Normal Heights (NH)
Saige Gonzalez Walding, Chollas Valley (CVE)	Lynn Elliott, North Park (NP)
Robert Montana, College Area (CA)	Andrea Schlageter, Ocean Beach (OB)
Bob Link, Downtown (DT)	Eric Law, Peninsula (PEN)
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area (EA)	Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)
David Swarens, Golden Hill (GH)	Evelyn Heidelberg, Rancho Penasquitos (RPQ)
David Moty, Kensington-Talmadge (KT)	Victoria LaBruzzo, Chair, Scripps Ranch (SR)
Kathleen McNeil, La Jolla (LJ)	Deb Burns, Serra Mesa (SM)
Felicity Senoski, Vice Chair, Linda Vista (LV)	Jasmine Mallen, Southeastern (SE)
Bo Gibbons, Mira Mesa (MM)	Chris Shamoan, Tierrasanta (TS)
Kevin Sullivan, Navajo (NAV)	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, SY and TH.

AGENDA ITEMS:

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

Chair LaBruzzo called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. upon reaching a quorum and conducting roll call. One modification was offered by City staff to change "DSD" to "Engineering & Capital Projects" in item 4. Motion to approve the agenda as modified made by PEN. Seconded by UNIV. Approved by those in attendance with one abstention from TS.

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 24, 2026

Motion to approve as amended to include Kathleen Neil as the alternate present representing La Jolla and to remove “unanimously” from the vote on Item 4 since there one nay vote. Motion made by NP and seconded by PEN.

Yea: CV, CVE, CA, DT, EA, KT, LJ, LV, MM, NH, NP, OB, PEN, SE, RB, PQ, SR, SM and UNIV.

Nay: None.

Abstain: GGH, NAV and TS

Motion approved: 19-0-3

4. COMPLETE COMMUNITIES DENSITY TRACKING PROJECT (INFORMATION ITEM)

Presentation given by Jen James and Richard Santini, with Preserve Greater Golden Hill a community-based non-profit organization focusing on promoting smart growth, preserving open space, providing affordable housing and protecting wildlife, on addressing unsustainable growth in GGH and how they are tracking information related to residential density in their community, issues/research findings and opportunities.

5. UNDERSTANDING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES (DIF) PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS PROCESSES (INFORMATION ITEM)

Presentation given by Sameera Rao, Assistant Deputy Director, City Planning Department and Caryn McGriff, Assistant Director, Engineering & Capital Projects, explaining what DIF is, how it has evolved in the City, the transition to the Citywide DIF, how infrastructure projects prioritized in the City and how Environment Justice is addressed as part of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) prioritization process.

REPORTS TO CPC

- **Staff Report** – Marlon Pangilinan, Program Coordinator, City Planning reported that the City's [Senate Bill 79 website](#) is now available and provides information on the how the City intends to implement Senate Bill 79 (SB 79) in phases as well as maps on where SB 79 applies and how the public can stay involved.
- **Chair's /CPC Member Reports** – Chair LaBruzzo (SR) informed the members of the useful and informative resources on the CPC's own website: sdcpc.org, as well as efforts being made to increase CPC's voice and elevating their position equal to the level of applicants when it comes to speaking at public hearings and tying this effort with SB 707 which supports promoting robust public participation.
- Vice-Chair Senoski (LV) announced that Chair LaBruzzo (SR) has been distinguished and recognized by Senator Brian Jones, California State Senate, 40th District for her leadership as Chair of the CPC, fostering city engagement, amplifying neighborhood voices, connecting community leaders with City Hall and commitment to transparent, inclusive public service.

- At the request of Secretary Coogan (NH), the Chair directs the creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to be formed to restore the role of planning groups in the development of the Mid-City Communities Plan.

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. to the next regular meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

A recording of the meeting can be viewed at the following link: [CPC 2026 March 24](#).