



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

Planning a Vibrant Downtown for All

Downtown Community Planning Council Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2025, 5:30 PM

12th Floor Committee Room, City Hall

202 C Street, San Diego, CA, 92101

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Roll was conducted; quorum was established.

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

A. Virtual public comment raised concerns regarding marijuana delivery regulation and compliance. Requested that DCPC recommend the City conduct and publish a full audit and breakdown of enforcement and tax collection.

B. Another commenter highlighted ADA accessibility issues with Ike kiosks, emphasizing that they are not user-friendly for people with vision or mobility disabilities and lack visible instructions or usable interactive features.

III. Reports

A. Elected Officials' Representatives

1. Christina Gaffney (Councilmember Whitburn's Office):

- Expressed concerns with new Balboa Park parking fees
- Shared updates on streetlight and sidewalk repairs from parking meter revenue
- Discussed ongoing encampment abatements and service placements

2. Manny Reyes (Mayor Gloria's Office):

- Discussed the city's use of automated license plate reader (ALPR) technology and related privacy concerns
- Shared information on recent state grant funding for traffic and pedestrian safety enforcement

3. Beth, Program Manager for City of San Diego:

- Provided an update on aging parking meter equipment and new

technology contracts

- Encouraged residents to appeal parking citations with Park Smarter app errors

- Noted improved lighting downtown due to increased maintenance funding

4. Danny Avitia, Board of Supervisor Paloma Aguirre's Office:

- Addressed the Tijuana sewage crisis and indoor air quality initiatives

- Shared that an ad hoc committee has been formed to improve transparency in County contracting

B. Committee Reports

1. None presented

IV. Action Items

A. Approval of October Minutes

1. Corrections: Updated project addresses for Mirka Tower and Valero Gas Station CUP.

2. Motion: Bob; Second: Damon

Vote: Approved unanimously

B. Conditional Use Permit – 7th & Island Surface Parking Lot

1. Applicant requested a new CUP due to expiration of the previous permit

2. New landscaping proposed: 16 new trees to meet updated code requirements.

3. Public Comment:

- a) Support from resident with recommendations for trees and lighting.

4. Board Discussion Highlights:

- a) Concerns raised about lack of visible signage for rates.

- b) Suggestions to improve design, include hardscape, and explore temporary activations.

- c) Debate over long-term use of the site and CUP policy implications.

5. **Motion:** Motion to approve CUP with recommendations to increase activation opportunities and improve signage and design.

- Second: John Paul; Vote: Motion passed with majority; 1 no vote (Chair Bargmann).

C. Sunday Parking Permit Proposal

1. City Transportation Department presented draft program to allow Sunday meter enforcement with residential parking permits.
2. Permit would be per vehicle, not per household.
3. Public Comment:
 - a) Concerns over complexity, clarity, and equitable implementation.
 - b) Emphasis on signage, technology clarity, and potential integration with Google Maps.
 - c) Requests for senior and employee permit accommodations.
 - d) Encouragement for business-sensitive implementation, especially near the Children's Museum.
4. *No formal vote taken; feedback to be compiled and submitted.*

V. Informational Items

A. MTS Community Outreach Presentation

1. Presenter: Brent Boyd, Director of Planning & Scheduling
2. Overview of the "On Track" comprehensive service review.
3. Planning for both revenue-expansion and budget-deficit scenarios.
4. Public engagement to expand in Spring 2026.

VI. Remainder of Non-Agenda Public Comment

- A. Concerns about the accuracy of Google Maps transit data at the airport.
- B. Advocacy for reliable service over frequency.
- C. Interest in turnstile options and fare enforcement improvements.
- D. Praise for Youth Opportunity Pass; concerns about funding expiration.
- E. Call for additional community engagement and activation partnerships.
- F. Request for transit support for foster youth and transition-aged young adults.

VII. Adjournment

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 7:39p