

**TORREY HILLS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**  
**MEETING MINUTES DRAFT**  
**March 17, 2026**

**Present:** Victor Marshall, Teresa Henning, Elaine Sampson, Rama Subramanian, Paula Abney, Matt Bliss, Johnny Grady and Brad Fagan.

**Not Present:** N/A

**Guests:** Kathryn Burton, Jessica Reed, DeLisa Deleo, Doug Bishop, Nicole dePinto

**A. CALL TO ORDER** by VMarshall at 6:30 PM.

a. **INTRODUCTIONS AND ATTENDANCE**

**B. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2026 MINUTES** – KBurton proposed that we hold on approval of the February 17, 2026 minutes. Additional time required to transcribe the recording from that meeting. PAbney motioned to approve, THenning seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

**C. ELECTION Introduction** – JGrady

a. **5 CANDIDATES FOR MARCH 2026 ELECTION** –

- Paula Abney (nominated during Feb 17 business meeting)
- Brad Fagan (nominated during Feb 17 business meeting)
- Kathryn Burton (nominated during Feb 17 business meeting)
- Jessica Reed (email nomination received by midnight Feb 17)
- Dwiti Pathak (email nomination received by midnight Feb 17)

b. **INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES AND BRIEF STATEMENT OF INTEREST IN PLANNING GROUP** - JGRADY – asked each candidate to share their name, why they'd like to be on the Board and what they'd like to accomplish,

- Paula Abney- statement shared, Brad Fagan – statement shared, Kathryn Burton – statement shared, Jessica Reed – statement shared, Dwiti Pathak – not present.

c. **RECAP OF SEATS FOR 2026 AND 2027**

- Seats expiring March 2026:
  - Victor Marshall
  - Paul Abney
  - Brad Fagan
  - *DeLisa DeLeo (resigned Feb 2026) Vacant*
- Seats expiring March 2027:

- Rama Subramanian
- Matt Bliss
- Elaine Sampson
- *Cassie Paumard (resigned March 2026) Vacant*

**d. VOTE**

- JGrady provided voting instructions to BOD - vote by sending email to Election Committee Chair, Elaine Sampson, [elaine@sdbostechs.com](mailto:elaine@sdbostechs.com),
- No write-in candidates allowed.

**e. Announce Election results**

- ESampson: All 5 candidates voted in – PAbney, BFagan, K Burton, JReed and DPathak.

**D. OFFICER ELECTIONS**

**a. Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary**

- Position of Chair - PAbney nominated K Burton, ESampson seconded, unanimous vote to approve K Burton as Chair of the THCPB,
- Position of Vice Chair - PAbney nominated BFagan, K Burton seconded, unanimous vote to approve BFagan as Vice Chair of the THCPB,
- Position of Secretary – PAbney nominated THenning – THenning advised the Board that, after 14 years of service she would be resigning from the THCPB, and also that a new individual from American Assets Trust was ready and willing to assume the vacant Business Chair seat. His name is Joe Armbruster, and he is a Senior Project Manager for American Assets Trust, PAbney then nominated ESampson for the position of Secretary, RSubramanian seconded, unanimous vote to approve ESampson as Secretary of the THCPB,
- BFagan thanked the outgoing Board members for their service.
- K Burton – as the new Board President took over the meeting proceedings. First order of business – would like to form an ad hoc sub-committee for revision of the THCPB operating procedures – seeking volunteers – PAbney, BFagan, DDeleo volunteered. The second ad hoc sub-committee for the park. Items to address are – items can be done quickly, if approvals take longer we can convert to a standing subcommittee – volunteers are PAbney, JReed, RSubramanian and DDeleo.

**E. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**a. STATE SENATOR JONES REPORT – Valeria Mayoral**

- Absent.

**b. MAYOR TODD GLORIA REPORT – Fatima Maciel**

- Launched 'resident budget survey' for community input on budget priorities – currently in budget season. 04/15 budget proposal will be released, 04/20 council presentation, 5/04 – 06/09 final approval, July start for budget. K Burton: when is last date for input to the City of the budget proposal, FMaciel – 04/15 is final date., K Burton – sidewalk repairs are a priority for inclusion in the budget;
- City released speed management plan – commitment to reduce traffic

incidents – certain locations specified where speeds will be reduced, July.26 commencement, JReed – can we see where the changes will be implemented?, FMaciel – yes, will provide link in chat, JReed – is this list final, can we add or subtract streets?, FMaciel – yes, City Council already voted on and approved/finalized for this fiscal year.

- c. **COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 REPORT** – Sandy Mach
  - La Jolla Town Hall coming up – will discuss Zone-Zero, Parks & Rec's. Entering budget season. Public-community feedback accepted 05/04-05/08/26. Budget will be approved by 06/15/26, with roll-out in Jul.2026. PAbney comment – we don't have anyone at the park doing work – trash pick-up, clean-up, etc. SMach – City Council passed the speed management plan which will reduce speeds in areas of repeated auto incidents. RSubramanian comment – how do we get people to drive slower around the Ocean Air school?
  
- d. **STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER DARSHANA PATEL REPORT** – Tracy Nguyen
  - Absent.
- e. **SUPERVISOR TERRA LAWSON REMER REPORT** – Jeffrey Yuen
  - Absent.
- f. **COMMUNITY POLICING** – Officer John Briggs
  - Absent.
  
- g. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – non-agenda items (3-minute limit)
  - RSubramanian – park issues – 1) Parks & Recs is committed to kind of doing something with the pergolas, P.O. in progress – will also clear up the frontage of the park – half of this is already done. They will return next Wednesday (3/25) morning to do more work, 2) Asked JGrady if SDGE owns a part of property in the middle of the park. Is there a vegetation control/group to clear vegetation? JGrady – yes, will provide contact number to Board.
  - KBurton – per 600-24, is committed to following the Brown Act, and committed to getting things done,
  - PAbney – all plants purchased. Planting will start next Tues/Wed. Also, pulled 30 trees, installed 30 trees.

F. Meeting adjourned by KBurton at 6:52PM.