

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting
July 8, 2025
6:00 PM

Meeting held at the Terranova Conference Room, third floor of Alexandria's GradLabs building.

Directors present, directors absent

Chris Nielsen (CN) (Chair), Neil de Ramos (NR), Joann Selleck (JS), Daren Esposito (DE), Jon Arenz (JA), Anu Delouri (AD), Kristin Camper (KC), Carol Uribe (CU), Georgia Kayser (GK), Karen Martien (KMar), Andrew Wiese (AW), Fay Arvin (FA), Anna Bryan (AB), Apolo Madrigal (AM), Mike Borisov (MB), Josh Kenchel (JK), Sasha Treadup (ST), Suchi Lukes (SL-City of SD Planning).

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chris Nielsen, Chair. Chair CN at 6:00 pm.

2. Agenda: Call for additions / deletions: Adoption.

CN: Any additions or corrections to the agenda? CN: At the request of Emma Johnson, on behalf of her safe sleeping proposal, Emma has requested a change from Action Item to Information item on tonight's agenda. Motion to approve JK, seconded by KM. Passed without objection,

3. Approval of Minutes: February 11, 2025.

CN: Are there any changes for the January 11, 2025, minutes?

CN: Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion to approve. Moved by DE, seconded by MB. **Approved unanimously, 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.**

4. Announcements: Chair's Report, CPC Report

CN: Describes tonight's agenda.

CN: Says the UC Library on Governor Dr. will close in August from construction of the library renovation CIP project funded largely by a State grant sponsored by Sen. Toni Atkins.

5. Public Comment: Comments on items not on the agenda but within the scope of the UCPG. Two-minute limit.

Becky Rapp urged the planning group to support restrictions on marijuana billboard advertising in neighborhoods, citing concerns about the impact on children and youth.

6. Information Item: Pure Water Project. The pure water construction team will present an update on the project. Mike Parks, Yvette Gonzalez-Mendez, Carlos Molina.

Carlos provided an update on the current work areas and progress of the pipeline installation project. Over 2,000 linear feet of tunnels have been completed, with nearly 39,000 linear feet of pipe installed. Recent notable work includes finishing pipeline installation along Genesee Avenue between Governor Drive and Decoro Street, as well as completing the dual pipeline installation at Marion Bear Park. Tunneling at I-805 is progressing well and is expected to be finished by late August or early September. The project continues with open cut casing work at Genesee Avenue and SR-52, and hydrostatic testing is planned for various sections. Carlos also discussed upcoming work at the Genesee Avenue and Nobel Drive intersection, which may take 4-5 months and will be approached in three sections to maintain traffic flow and normal operation of traffic lights.

Carlos presented information about upcoming construction work, including traffic delays and noise. He discussed efforts to expedite the work and shorten its duration through collaboration with the contractor and community. The community will be notified about the project through various methods, including construction notices, presentations, and social media. In response to questions, Carlos confirmed that repaving will be curb-to-curb and provides an estimated completion date of spring 2026. The final restriping is expected to occur about 30 days after paving is complete.

7. Presentations.

- Zach Burton, CM Lee.

Council Member Lee's office announces the opening of applications for community project grants until August 7th.

- Michaela Valk, Mayor Todd Gloria.

Mayor Gloria's office reports on road repair progress, federal funding for housing, and a partnership with Caltrans to address encampments.

- Anu Delouri, UC San Diego.

UC San Diego shared information about new exhibits at the Birch Aquarium and the Ridge Walk Living and Learning Neighborhood project, which will provide housing for 2,400 undergraduate students and is part of the university's goal to house 65% of students on campus.

- 8. Action Item: PRJ-1132219, Revised Tentative Parcel Map, no construction, subdivision only, located at 4577 La Jolla Village Dr., the eastern third of University Towne Centre owned by Seritage. Process four. Peter Spencer, Curzon Co. representing Seritage, presenting.**

Peter Spencer presented revisions to the plan presented at the prior UCPG meeting based on previous comments, including increasing all lot sizes to meet the 25,000 square foot threshold for requiring 5% public open space in each parcel. William Beck, representing Vista La Jolla residents, expressed concerns about potential development on Lot 9, which overlooks their homes. He requests that any future structure on Lot 9 be limited to 2-3 stories. Peter stated that the current proposal is only for lot subdivision, with no specific development plans, but the existing zoning allows for buildings up to 220 feet tall, subject to setback requirements. A motion was made to approve the project as presented, made by MB, seconded by KM, with the discussion continuing about potential height restrictions and visibility concerns for future development. An amendment was made by DE, seconded by JK, to include a request that the developers consider the Vista La Jolla neighbors to the south when developing parcel #9. **The motion with amendment was passed unanimously.**

- 9. Information Item: Safe overnight parking proposal for UC San Diego students. A proposal for safe overnight parking for unhoused UC San Diego students will be discussed. This is a follow up to a comment made at the March 2025 UCPG meeting and is not endorsed by UC San Diego. Emma Johnson, presenting.**

Emma Johnson presented on student homelessness at UCSD, drawing from her personal experience and collaboration with student leaders. She highlighted the need for additional resources to address long-term homelessness among students, citing statistics and a recent ASUCSD resolution. Emma proposed a pilot safe parking program on campus, which was rejected by the university administration due to safety concerns and the availability of on-campus housing. As an alternative, she is now exploring the possibility of an off-campus pilot safe parking lot and a student-

run homeless shelter in partnership with the nonprofit Student Mojo. Emma seeks input and potential locations for these initiatives. Chris suggested working more closely with UCSD to clarify data and definitions related to student homelessness. The planning group discussed ways to support Emma's initiatives, including lending authority to the cause and helping with outreach for potential off-campus locations. Local news media has shown interest in the issue, which could help raise public awareness and support. Emma discussed two separate pilot programs: a student-run homeless shelter and a safe parking program. The safe parking program aims to provide an off-campus location for students living in their cars to park overnight, as the university currently won't allow it on campus. Emma explains that the need for safe parking arises because UCSD only guarantees housing for two years, leaving many students without accommodation options. CN suggests separating the issues of short-term emergency parking and longer-term student homelessness for clarity. The group discusses how the University Community Planning Group (UCPG) can support these initiatives, with suggestions to involve local city council members and frame the issue as addressing both short-term and long-term housing needs for students experiencing homelessness.

10. Action Item: UCPG CIP list. The city has asked the UCPG to submit its Capital Improvement Projects list for FY 2026-7 by 31 July. Georgia Kayser, Chris Nielsen, presenting.

The planning group discussed updating the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) survey to include the Vista La Jolla streetlights, which were previously approved and funded by the City Council but vetoed by the mayor. Georgia will modify the survey, and Chris plans to submit it to the city by the end of the month. The group also discussed the Governor Drive safe crossing project, which is not directly part of the Pure Water project but could be implemented during the restriping phase. Chris emphasized that while the city doesn't prioritize rankings, it's important to have all community priorities on the CIP list. Georgia encourages community members to submit additional CIP proposals, and Chris explains that cost estimates are not required for submissions. The group discusses strategies for indicating community preferences, including submitting multiple requests for high-priority projects.

Diane Ahern discussed the need for air conditioning at the Standley Recreation building, which is currently unsuitable as an evacuation center due to lack of proper ventilation. Chris encourages members to submit requests to the city for capital improvement projects by July 31st, emphasizing the importance of concise and well-justified proposals. Georgia asked Diane to provide additional justification for the

Standley building project to increase its chance of funding. The group decides to keep the UC Library on the CIP list and add the Vista La Jolla streetlights back to the list. Georgia stated that the CIP document is publicly available and welcome community input. A community member inquired about an intersection concern at the I-805 interchange on Governor Drive, and Chris advised contacting Caltrans for issues under their control.

- 11. Adjournment: *Next Meeting will be on September 9, 2025, located at Alexandria's GradLabs, 9880 Campus Point Drive, 6PM, third floor Terranova conference room. There will be NO August UCPG meeting. This will be a hybrid meeting using Zoom.***