

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting
October 14, 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), 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? Passed without objection,

3. Approval of Minutes.

CN: There are no minutes to approve from September. We'll do them in November.

4. Announcements: Chair's Report, CPC Report

CN: We have a short agenda tonight.

CN: The old Costa Verde Mall project continues to progress quickly at the city. The Planning Commission recommended this project to the full city council last month. It was passed without discussion on the consent agenda. It will be heard by the City Council on Tuesday October 21 at 2PM downtown. Anyone who wishes to make a comment may do so in person or on zoom.

CN: Diane Ahern would like to mention that the city is updating the master plan for the Montgomery-Gibbs airport in Kearny Mesa that includes an increase in the runway length by 1199 feet to the east that increases the size of planes that may use the runway. This may also increase overflights of University City, especially when MCAS Miramar is not operating. The Serra Mesa Community Council, representatives from surrounding communities, and environmental groups are being invited to become involved and to help with the evaluation of the Montgomery-Gibbs Airport Master Plan PEIR. People who are interested in participating or need more information can contact Serra Mesa Community Council at CommunityCouncil@SerraMesa.org.

CN: Zach Burton, our rep from CM Lee's office, on a request from Isabelle Kay, former UCPG board member, will give an update on the Coastal Rail Trail project at November's meeting.

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

None.

6. UCPG Election Information: The UCPG will hold a special election on Tuesday, November 11, from 5PM to 8PM at its regular meeting location. Chris Nielsen, presenting.

CN: We will hold UCPG elections on November 11 at the Terra Nova room on the third floor of the GradLabs building at 9880 Campus Point Drive from 5-8PM for resident seat R-4C, business seat B2-B, and business seat B3-B. The candidate for R-4C is Emma Chavez, for B2-B is Sasan Asadyari (Scripps Health), and for B3-B is Dan Wagner (La Jolla Country Day School).

7. Action Item: PRJ-1136683, installation of a power supply for a wireless control facility at 4830 1/3 Eastgate Mall. Nancy Delgado, Video Voice Data Communications, presenting.

Postponed until November 11. Applicant did not attend meeting in person or on zoom.

8. Information Item: Pure Water Project. The pure water construction team will present an update on the project. Information on the current work at Genesee and Nobel will be presented. Marisa Cesare, Yvette Gonzalez-Mendez.

Yvette presented updates on the Pure Water project, highlighting the completion of tunneling at the 805 and ongoing work at Genesee Avenue and SR52. She announced plans to combine the remaining construction phases into one to expedite work and meet the goal of finishing this segment of the project before Thanksgiving. The team also discussed upcoming paving plans for 2026, which will include new bike lanes and traffic lane resurfacing along several streets. Bill Beck inquired about the project's completion date, to which Yvette replied that paving is expected to begin in summer 2026, with the entire project likely finishing in fall 2026.

9. Presentations.

- Zach Burton, CM Lee.

Zach confirmed that the planned bike lanes after repaving Genesee are Class 4, protected bike lanes. He announced an upcoming e-waste event at University City High School on November 25th from 9 a.m. to noon. He also provided updates on Marcy Park construction, which is progressing with playground equipment now being installed, and the Mira Mesa Street Fair, which celebrated its 25th anniversary. The group discussed the Costa Verde Mall development, which is set to go before City Council on the 21st or 22nd, with no significant opposition so far. Barry inquired about the council meeting on the 21st regarding new water rates, which Zach clarified is on the 28th, with some opposition expected.

- Michaela Valk, Mayor Todd Gloria.

No oral report this month.

- Roberta Camarena, UC San Diego.

Roberta provided a comprehensive update on UC San Diego's recent achievements and developments. The university was ranked sixth best public university by U.S. News and World Report, received recognition as the top public college for research, and launched a new Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health in partnership with Southwestern College. UC San Diego welcomed three new Vice Chancellors and announced the launch of an AI major. The university also opened the Ridgewalk North Living and Learning Neighborhood, a new home for Thurgood Marshall College featuring amenities like a marketplace and a state-of-the-art glass studio.

10. Adjournment: *Next Meeting will be on November 11, 2025, located at Alexandria's GradLabs, 9880 Campus Point Drive, 6PM, third floor Terranova conference room. This will be a hybrid meeting using Zoom.*