

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting
January 13, 2026
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 (KM), Andrew Wiese (AW), Fay Arvin (FA), Anna Bryan (AB), Apolo Madrigal (AM), Emma Chavez (EC), Josh Kenchel (JK), Sasha Treadup (ST), Sasan Asadyari (SA), Dan Wagner (DW), Jay Gima (JG), Suchi Lukes (SL-City of SD Planning). 13 voting members present, 17 voting members possible, 9 required for a quorum. After Jay Gima appointed 16 / 18 with 10 members required for a quorum.

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

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

CN: No changes were requested for the agenda. Motion to approve made by DE, seconded by AW, and approved unanimously, 13-0-0.

3. Approval of Minutes.

CN: No changes were requested for the Minutes of November 11. Motion to approved made by AW, seconded by DE, and approved unanimously, 13-0-0.

4. Appointment to the UCPG board of a voting member for seat R4-A, expiring March 2026.

CN: Jay Gima has applied for the position and will introduce himself prior to a vote by the UCPG board.

JG Jay expressed interest in learning about land use, environmental regulations, and projects affecting UCSD students and the La Jolla community. He is a transfer student to UC San Diego.

CN: Called for a motion to appoint. AW made the motion with EC seconding. Motion carried unanimously with a vote of 14-0-0. Jay took his seat as a voting member of the UCPG board.

5. Announcements: Chair's Report, CPC Report

CN: We have several information items and a "discussion" item tonight. I'll explain the Torrey Pines Glider port issue with that item.

Our main issue tonight is a discussion about Governor Drive. "This is a discussion item to provide community feedback to City Staff about how Governor Drive should operate going forward".

At CPC, the subcommittee that I chair continues to look at revised Land Development Code language for the January meeting. All 107 items have been reviewed; the subcommittee will make its final recommendations to CPC at the end of this week.

The Subcommittee's recommendations consist of a list of LDC amendments described as "not opposed", "opposed", and "need further clarification". City staff have been working with the CPC subcommittee to clarify issues discussed and to provide feedback to City Planning about potential issues with code revisions.

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

Becky Rapp raised concerns about marijuana advertising regulations, particularly regarding off-site marketing considering the current land code update in progress.

Diane Ahern reminded attendees that the meeting was being recorded and would be posted online on the UCCA website.

7. UCPG Election Subcommittee: The UCPG election will take place on Tuesday, March 10, from 5PM to 8PM at its regular meeting location. Chris Nielsen, presenting.

CN: The UCPG will hold its annual election for business and residential "A" voting member seats on March 10, 2026, from 5PM to 8PM at this location. All candidates must declare candidacy by or at the UCPG meeting on February 10, 2026. It is expected that there will be a drop-off ballot box available for UCPG member voting at the North UC Library. The UC Community Library is closed for renovations and is not available for a UCPG election drop-off box.

Anu Delouri agreed to be the Election Subcommittee Committee Chair with Daren Esposito assisting.

8. Information Item: Torrey Pines Glider Port. Ernie Casco, Torrey Pines Glider Port user, gave a public comment Nov 11, and the UCPG asked him to return to give an information item in January. He will discuss current operations at the Torrey Pines Glider Port and suggest changes that he would like to see made.

CN: Note: the 15-minute presentation time for this item was divided into equal shares for Ernie Casco and Bob Kuczewski.

Ernie Casco: A senior pilot and former assistant flight director, Ernie presented his concerns about the Torrey Pines Glider Port, advocating for the reinstatement of the Oversight Advisory Board and the implementation of the San Diego Recreational Waiver. He emphasized the need to prioritize public safety, preserve recreational rights, and ensure accountability, highlighting issues such as arbitrary fees and insurance requirements imposed by the leaseholder.

Bob Kuczewski: Bob also expressed support for the waiver and advisory board reinstatement, while addressing concerns about park access and commercial interests. Bob presented a proposal he made to the City Council requesting two actions: reactivation of the Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Board and implementation of a flight waiver for the glider port. He explained that advisory boards are needed to provide expert advice to the city and noted that both La Jolla Town Council and La Jolla Shores Association have supported the proposal. He also discussed the need for a flight waiver, explaining that recreational land use statutes protect landowners from liability for injuries sustained by recreational users. He shared his experience of being banned from flying at the glider port after testifying against the business operator, leading to the development of a two-page waiver used at Dockweiler Beach in Los Angeles. He highlighted issues with the current operation of the glider port, including accidents, bullying, and violations of the lease agreement. He concluded by emphasizing the need for oversight of the glider port through an advisory board and the implementation of a waiver to allow people to fly there without joining an organization that may retaliate against them for testifying.

AW: Andy suggested keeping the focus on the advisory board and leaving the insurance issue to be decided by the city.

The group discussed the need for oversight of leaseholders on public land, with Economic Development Department (EDD) identified as potentially responsible.

Michaela Valk offered to follow up with various departments to determine who is responsible

CN: We will bring this item back in a month or two as an Action Item.

9. Presentations.

- CM Kent Lee was present at the meeting and gave updates on various projects in the 6th District, including Marcy Neighborhood Park's expected completion in spring, library renovations, and concerns about Balboa Park parking implementation.
- Roberta Camarena provided updates on UC San Diego's achievements, including recognition for influential research and the progress of the Triton Center project. She also highlighted the upcoming opening of the Glass Center and the discovery of a new Dr. Seuss manuscript.

10. 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.

Ivette and Marisa presented updates on the Marina Conveyance North project, discussing ongoing pipeline installation, tunnel work, and plans for curb ramp installation and paving. They also mentioned upcoming work on water main replacement and landscaping plans around Nobel and Genesee.

The meeting discussed the status of bike lane projects along Genesee Avenue and Governor Drive, with Ivette explaining that while the Genesee project has pending funding for bike lane upgrades, there are no plans to reduce traffic lanes. Kent Lee clarified that the funding would be city-local funding rather than external sources, and Ivette agreed to provide PDFs of planned bike lane upgrades for review by the bicycle advisory group to which Jeff Dosick belongs. William Beck raised concerns about construction encroaching on private property at Renaissance and Town Center intersections, which Ivette addressed by explaining that while some curb work was ADA and required easements. The project was primarily focused on ADA compliance. Ongoing road maintenance and future traffic planning for Governor Drive. Ivette reported that contractors began trench paving work and agreed to address debris and bike lane issues daily.

11. Information Item: Discussion of future changes to Governor Drive. Zach Burton from CM Lee's office will be present to take comments from the community on how Governor Drive should be configured to operate in the future.

The discussion began with a planned traffic study to update lane configurations on Governor Drive, with Councilmember Lee emphasizing the need for accurate data and coordination with

schools. One community member raised concerns about resident input for the traffic study and noted four schools significantly impact Governor Drive. Mike questioned the need for a study given the city's financial situation.

Governor Drive

Traffic and safety concerns along Governor Drive were discussed, particularly around schools and recreational areas. Residents expressed concerns about high-speed traffic, the need for bike lanes as traffic buffers, and the potential impact of new housing developments on traffic. The group discussed a potential road diet that would reduce lanes and add bike lanes, though some residents questioned whether this would affect emergency vehicle access. There was also discussion about the need for traffic calming measures that support speed reduction and improved pedestrian safety. The conversation ended with a call for a comprehensive traffic study that considers all these factors and considers future development in the area.

Governor and Genesee

Traffic and safety concerns related to a potential road diet and bike lane implementation on Genesee were discussed. AW emphasized the need for a comprehensive traffic study that considers peak hours, school schedules, UC High traffic, park usage, and evacuation scenarios. He stressed maintaining automobile throughput while enhancing safety for pedestrians and cyclists. The group discussed the importance of addressing concerns about driveway access, bus stops, and road rage, with suggestions for traffic calming measures like speed bumps. Councilmember Lee encouraged continued community feedback and noted that city staff would lead the traffic study and decision-making process.

- 12. Adjournment: *Next Meeting will be on February 10, 2026, located at Alexandria's GradLabs, 9880 Campus Point Drive, 6PM, third floor Terranova conference room. This will be a hybrid meeting using Zoom.***