

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting
March 10, 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, 18 voting members possible, 10 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: Call for adoption: DE moved adoption with JK seconding. Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes.

CN: Call for approval of the January 13 minutes. Approved unanimously. Call for approval of the February 10 minutes. Approved unanimously.

4. Announcements: Chair's Report, CPC Report

CN: The 2026 Land Development Code is proceeding towards final approval in April at the City Council.

The City Council Rules Committee heard "A Seat at the Table" proposal a few weeks back as an information item. There was some interest shown by Rules Committee members in the proposal, but their main interest was in devising new rules for public comment as required by new state legislation.

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

Public comments were made by Isabelle regarding the Gilman Drive bike facility and bird strikes, and Becky Rapp raised concerns about the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program, urging the planning group to oppose its expansion due to financial uncertainties and lack of transparency.

- 6. UCPG Election. The UCPG election will take place on Tuesday, March 10, from 5PM to 8PM at its regular meeting location. Results will be after 8PM. Chris Nielsen and Anu Delouri, presenting.**

CN: The UCPG held its annual election for the business and residential “A” voting member seats on March 10, 2026, from 5PM to 8PM at the meeting location on the adjacent patio.

Voting results were announced after 8PM:

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Current Board Member</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
R2-A	Karen Martien	4 years.	8
R2-A	Chris Nielsen	8 years.	2
R3-A	Josh Kenchel	1 year.	1
R4-A	Jay Gima	3 months.	1
B1-A	Carol Uribe	5 years.	1
B2-A	Fay Arvin	2 years.	2
B3-A	Dan Wagner	4 months.	0

- 7. Information Item: Information Item: Governor Drive Mobility Study. The city will give a presentation regarding the traffic study for Governor Drive, followed by Q&A. Philip Trom, City of San Diego, presenting.**

Note: CPPT Kent Lee (KL) was present at the following discussion.

The meeting focused on the Governor Drive mobility study results, which evaluated two alternatives for traffic calming and safety improvements. The study, conducted in 2025-2026, examined traffic impacts of potential bike lane additions, with concerns raised by school principals about increased congestion and parents' reluctance to allow children to bike on painted lanes in the roadway. While the city decided not to move forward with the proposed lane configuration changes due to budget constraints, the transportation team emphasized the importance of continuing to address traffic safety concerns, particularly for school-aged children.

The meeting focused on analyzing traffic conditions and potential improvements for Governor Drive, including the addition of bike lanes. Philip Trom, San Diego City Planning, presented data on current traffic volumes, field observations during school peak times, and the impact of temporary lane reductions for a water main project. The team found that reducing lanes from four to two, as proposed in alternatives 1 (Governor Drive between Genesee and the west end) and 2 (the entire length of Governor Drive), would add minimal travel time delays during peak hours. They also noted that vehicles exceeded the posted speed limit, leading to a potential speed reduction from 35 to 30 mph. The discussion addressed concerns about emergency access, school access, and the feasibility of bike lanes, with some participants questioning the practicality of the proposed changes given existing traffic conditions and emergency response needs.

The implementation of bike lanes on Governor Drive was discussed, covering funding, traffic impacts, and safety concerns. Phil Trom clarified that while the CIP project for striping Governor is funded, the repaving component is not, and the city is prioritizing other projects due to budget constraints. The traffic study showed minimal delays (about 20 seconds) during peak hours, though some residents raised concerns about the timing of the study and its relevance to actual conditions. Safety considerations, including the impact on school drop-offs, driveway access, and emergency evacuations, were debated, with the city maintaining that the proposed changes would not significantly affect current capabilities.

The meeting focused on traffic and safety concerns on Governor Drive, specifically speed limits and bike infrastructure. Phil explained the methodology behind speed studies and noted that vehicles exceed the speed limit by 4-6 mph on average. The group discussed the lack of dedicated bike lanes and the inefficiency of not implementing them during the current street resurfacing project. There was frustration expressed about the city's decision not to use available funds for traffic calming measures, despite the community's calls for improvements to improve safety. The discussion also touched on the need for transparency in the decision-making process and the importance of considering the safety of children and other vulnerable road users.

The potential reduction of Governor Drive to two lanes from four, which is part of the Climate Action Plan and University City Community Plan, was discussed. Phil emphasized that while the plan calls for bike lanes, funding remains a significant obstacle. Linda Bernstein expressed concerns about safety near schools and supported a pause in aggressive bike lane implementation. Charles Frasier clarified that the Mobility Technical Report (UC Plan) did not assume constant vehicle traffic and found that turning Governor Drive into two lanes would violate CEQA due to existing traffic levels. Karen Martin raised questions about funding for repaving and the differences between the current traffic study and the 2024 community plan report. Ivette Gonzalez-Fernandez (Pure Water Construction Group)

explained that current funding is limited to trench restoration from the water project, with further funding coordination needed for repaving and other improvements.

This agenda item ended by clarifying funding and planning for road and sewer projects in Governor Drive, with Phil explaining the separation of funding sources between water/sewer projects and transportation projects. Concerns expressed about cycling safety, parking issues, and the need for infrastructure improvements, with Phil suggesting traffic calming measures as a short-term solution while awaiting better funding options.

8. Presentations.

- CPPT Lee: The meeting covered several topics, including concerns about bike lane connectivity, and upcoming town halls to discuss the city's budget. Councilmember Lee mentioned a potential \$120 million deficit for the next year and encouraged community input on priorities.
- Anu Delouri provided updates on the University Community Planning Group (UCPG) membership and UC San Diego, highlighting Anu UC San Diego's housing plans for Pepper Canyon East at an initial 3600 beds with possible expansion to 6,000 in a second phase, and alumni achievements by Jessica Meier (SIO) leading the most recent ISS space mission.

9. Information Item: Pure Water Project. The Pure Water construction team will present its monthly update on the project. Ivette Gonzalez-Mendez, Marisa Cesare, presenting.

The Pure Water team presented their March 2026 update, highlighting progress on tunneling, curb ramp installation, and median replacement at various project sites. They discussed upcoming work including base repairs at La Jolla Village Drive and Town Center Drive, which was rescheduled, and Genesee Avenue base repairs at Centurion Square and SR 52, scheduled for spring. The team addressed concerns about bike lanes, with Ivette noting that details were still being finalized and would be shared once confirmed. Karen Martin requested to see proposed bike lane designs before finalization, citing past issues with city changes. The team also discussed the replacement of eucalyptus trees with crepe myrtles on medians, with Ivette agreeing to inquire about potentially replacing them with native trees.

10. UCPG Election Results. Anu Delouri, election subcommittee chair.

See agenda item #6 for results.

- 11. Action Item: Torrey Pines Glider Port. The UCPG held an information item at its meeting on January 13 on issues raised by the community regarding operations at the Torrey Pines Glider Port. The UCPG will take action to write a letter to council members, the mayor's office, and Parks & Rec. Chris Nielsen, presenting.**

The University Community Planning Group discussed establishing a Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Board, which was previously terminated. **The board passed a motion unanimously with 11 Yes, 0 No, and 0 Abstain**, supporting the creation of a permanent advisory board under Section 43A to advise on planning, maintenance, and operation of the park, while expressing concerns about commercialization of parks. The motion did not address insurance requirements or EDD supervision issues, as these were deemed outside the group's purview.

The text of the approved letter is given here:

March 16, 2026

Mayor Todd Gloria
CP Joe LaCava
CPPT Kent Lee

Dear Mayor Gloria, Council President LaCava, and Council President Pro Tem Lee,
At the University Community Planning Group meeting on March 10, 2026, the UCPG passed the following resolution.

“Whereas Torrey Pines City Park has unique and irreplaceable natural resources, and whereas Torrey Pines City Park brings visitors from all over the nation and world with its unparalleled views, trails, and beach access together with a nationally recognized glider port, and whereas commercialization of parks is a concern for all citizens, and whereas citizen input over these resources is both appropriate and timely, the University Community Planning Group recommends that the City establish a Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Board under Charter Section 43A to advise the city on planning, maintenance, and operation of Torrey Pines City Park.”
Passed March 10, 2026, unanimously with 11 Yes, 0 No, and 0 Abstain.

Sincerely,

Chris Nielsen

UPG Chair

- 12. Adjournment: *Next Meeting will be on April 14, 2026, located at Alexandria's GradLabs, 9880 Campus Point Drive, 6PM, third floor Terranova conference room. This will be a hybrid meeting using Zoom.***