

Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Planning Group

April 14, 2026 Minutes

Call to Order

Secretary Tomaras called the meeting to order at 18:05 hours.

Roll Call

The following members were present for a quorum:

- Don Houston
- Avery Montoya
- Wayne English
- Erin Tomaras
- Tanika Tyler

The following members was absent:

- Rhonda Shephard
- Tanisha-Jean Martin

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- *Member Montoya motioned to approve the April 14, 2026 agenda. Member English seconded. Members English, Houston, Montoya, and Tomaras voted for the motion to pass.*
- *Member Houston motioned to approve the March 10, 2026 minutes. Member Montoya seconded. Members English, Houston, Montoya, and Tomaras voted for the motion to pass.*

Non-Agenda Public Comment

- William Smith raised concerns about speeding on Meadowbrook Drive north of Skyline Drive. Multiple accidents and property damage reported. Requested speed bump and stop sign. City study disputed by resident.

Representative Reports

- Bruce Williams (City Council District 4) provided the following information:
 - Call Stephanie for office hours with the Councilmember
 - Encouraged use of the Get It Done app; noted low usage in this district.
 - City patches potholes first; full repaving depends on future planned work.
 - Residents may file claims with **Risk Management** for tire damage from potholes.
 - April 15: Mayor Todd Gloria to release the 2027 budget draft; projected \$120M deficit with reductions across departments.
 - Recent community events included:
 - A mulching party along SR-54. Quite a few people showed up. 1/3 of a mile close to ralphs going east.
 - April 4 clean up in Lomita and Skyline resulted in 165 tons of waste over two days.
 - Encouraged residents to check eligibility for trash fee financial assistance.

- Member English noted City is trying to dismiss the trash fee lawsuit; next hearing is May 8.
- Robin Todd (California Assembly District 79) gave a summary about the bill package:
 - AB229 (dental portal)
 - AB1965 (consumer safety)
 - AB2064 (protected class)
 - AB2108 (retail theft diversion)
 - AB2395 (child support assistance)
 - AB2446 (national security – betting profits)
 - AB2518 (electricity for affordable housing)
 - AB2573 (elected official protection)
 - AB2613 (planned health notifications)
 - AB2652 (language credential expansion)
 - AB2749 (loitering)
 - AB2760 (expanding oversight for inspector general)

Community Planners Committee Report

- Nothing to add from CPC meeting.

Chair’s Report

- No topics were received for this meeting.

Voting Members Report

- See links and notes from agenda.

Informational Items

- Member Houston noted that no election was held because no new candidate applications were received.
 - No election is required due to lack of multiple candidates.
 - Several vacancies remain; single applicants may be appointed.
 - Tanika inquired about City Planning funds for recruitment.
 - Three vacancies include the Chair position.
- Member Houston suggested asking the City for a 90-day extension to for the Annual Report due to the Chair’s resignation.
 - *Member English motioned for Member Houston to contact the City about a 90-day extension. Member Montoya seconded. Members English, Houston, Montoya, Tyler, and Tomaras voted for the motion to pass.*
- Member Tyler presented about the Douglas District concept.
 - Includes revitalizing the Imperial Avenue corridor with a goal of attracting tourism and economic activity in Southeast San Diego.
 - Ideas included a “jazzy vibe,” live performances, and a green training corridor on Market Street.

- Desire to create community “connective tissue.”
- Proposal to use the name Douglas District to honor historic Black-owned businesses.
- Government limitations on stimulating private development noted.
- First steps: document history, build partnerships, assess community needs.
 - Putting together a senior peer group for discussion.

Action Items

- ***Discuss nominations for new planning group chair.***
 - Must confirm whether Vice Chair Martin wishes to assume the Chair role before finalizing nominations.
 - Member English nominated Member Houston; Member Houston accepted nomination.
 - Member Houston nominated Member Montoya; Member Montoya accepted nomination.
 - ***Member Tomaras made a motion to prepare a ballot with Members Houston and Montoya for next meeting after confirming with Vice Chair Martin. Member Tyler seconded. Members English, Houston, Montoya, Tyler, and Tomaras voted for the motion to pass.***

Adjournment

Secretary adjourned the meeting at 19:05 hours.

Meeting minutes were recorded by:

Erin Tomaras

Erin Tomaras, Secretary

Approved at May 12, 2026 meeting