

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of
February 17, 2026
Meeting Held at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center
4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117

A Matt Wang - Chair P Glen Schmidt - Vice Chair P Marc Mytels - Secretary P Suzanne Smith - Secretary	P Michael Hernandez P Steven Palmer P Eadie DeMarcus	A Eric Leftwich A Paige Walker
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P – Present A – Absent L-Late

Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Glen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken to determine if a quorum was present. Quorum was established with 6/9 members present.

Item 2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Issues that are not on the agenda and are within the jurisdiction of the Clairemont Community Planning Group. **NOTE:** 2-minute time limit per speaker.

Public:

- Michael Dwyer: Reminded attendees of trash pickup schedule, shared info about the City's trash subsidies and how to qualify for them.
- Dan, a member of the Clairemont community, introduced himself as a candidate for City Council. Dan highlighted some issues with the current city administration.

Board Members:

- None

Item 3. Modifications to the Agenda – Requires 2/3 approval.

- None

Item 4. Reports to Committee

- **Project Review Subcommittee (PRS): Glen**
 - o Project Review Subcommittee met and reviewed a proposed cell tower to be placed at Gershwin Park. A final decision on the project is being tabled for at least a month to allow more time for the Clairemont community to assess the merits of the project.
- **Secretary: Suzanne/Marc**
 - o (Marc) Thanked Suzanne for her help writing the meeting minutes
 - o (Suzanne) No report
- **Sgt. at Arms: Steven**
 - o No report

Item 5. Consideration of Meeting Minutes from January 20th, 2026.

- o Approved by Eadie, Glen, Michael, Steven and Suzanne; Abstained by Marc

Item 6. Council Representative Reports

- **District 2 Council Report, Carrie Munson, Community Liaison, cmunson@sandiego.gov**

- On February 2nd, the city council unanimously improved a resolution opposing unnecessarily aggressive and excessive tactics by federalized agents; San Diego Police Department will not share information with ICE agents in San Diego
- On January 27th, The City declared International Holocaust Remembrance Day to remember the six million Jewish people who were murdered by the Nazi regime during World War II.
- Councilmember Campbell attended the Clairemont Town Council meeting on February 5th where she discussed the responsibilities of a City council member. The meeting was well attended with 50+ attendees.
- A candidates forum will be held March 5th at 5:30 PM. Seven candidates are expected to attend. The League of Women Voters will moderate.
- A community recreation needs survey is available which allows the community to state what is working and not working from Parks and Rec. Info on the survey is available on the Campbell Chronicles newsletter and on the Parks & Rec website. Salome Martinez may be contacted at symartinez@sandiego.gov
- A CIP Needs Report shows a needs gap of \$7.8 billion over the next five years, an increase from \$6.5 billion a year ago. A large part of the funding gap is due to storm water infrastructure, which has been inadequately maintained since it was built in the 1950s, '60s, '70s. New revenue sources are being sought to ensure that proper investments in infrastructure are being made.
- Questions and concerns included:
 - How to find the Parks & Rec survey online
 - Understanding the complexities of how budgeting decisions are made between the Mayor and the City Council members

District City of San Diego Mayor's Office Neighborhood Representative Report, Randy Reyes, Clairemont Community Liaison, RandyReyes@sandiego.gov

- The Police Department overtime budget is expected to not be exceeded after measures have been taken to manage schedules within the department, thus managing a large expense otherwise affecting the overall City budget. Public safety concerns are still paramount to the police department.
- Financial assistance is available for trash fees. To qualify, a household must live at or below 60% of the California median income, or have a household member on MediCal, Cal Fresh, Cal Works or low income Home energy systems. Applications are through the city's environmental services department.
- Reporting weather related hazards, such as downed trees, powerlines or non-functioning streetlights may be reported through the Get It Done app.
- Questions and concerns included:
 - Status of the Tecolote Golf Course whose closure was due to sewer line work; public notification may have been inadequate and has led to several job losses
 - How to get parking fee waivers as a city resident for Balboa Park
 - Midway Rising is still in a planning phase with a proposal set to be brought to the City Council in Spring 2026. Court challenges have delayed the project; a December 2026 deadline has been set for a final plan. Suggestions from the Midway Community Planning Group are being taken into consideration for the final plan.
 - Opening date for the parking lot across from Clairemont Drive trolley station.
 - Staff layoffs or library closures to balance the City budget.

Pure Water San Diego, Natalie Rios, San Diego Engineering and Capital Projects NMRios@sandiego.gov

- Genesee median work was delayed due to the recent heavy rains.

- Once median work on Genesee is completed, repaving and restriping will commence.
- Restriping will include new bike lanes.
- Closure on Morena & Milton will remain closed for an additional 2 weeks. A detour is in place.
- Possible weekend work to make up for delays caused by the recent heavy rains.
- Pipeline work expected to state on Morena and Balboa
- Questions and concerns included:
 - Final paving of Clairemont Mesa Bl, which will occur when Genesee paving is underway.
 - Pushbutton crosswalk button repairs are on the contractor's list of tasks.
 - Stop signs on Milton are temporary, but may become permanent due to community requests.

San Diego County Board of Supervisors District 4, Max Ellorin, Director of Community Engagement for Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe Max.Ellorin@sdcounty.ca.gov

- The Supervisor enjoyed her visit to the CCPG during January's scheduled meeting and would like to return in the near future.
- The County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Civil Liberties Enforcement Accountability Rules ordinance, which restricts federal immigration agents from accessing non-public County spaces with a signed warrant. Any activities the Sheriff's department has with the Homeland Security Department must be reported. The result is the public should not encounter any ICE agents while visiting county facilities, doing activities such as visiting health clinics, getting food assistance, speaking with public defenders or getting married.
- A budget workshop was held on January 27th to plan the 2026 and 2027 County budget, which had a high turnout. The recommended county budget will be available May 1st.
- Online surveys for the budget are planned for the near future. Max will present those surveys at upcoming CCPG meetings and encourage the community to respond.
- County leaders are proposing \$7million in cost cuts to make up for decreases in Federal funding. The proposal includes replacing costly desktop phone and fax systems.
- Grants are available to give nonprofit groups funds to pay salaries and pay for equipment/technology improvements. Application deadline for grants in March 31st
- The supervisor's newsletter may be received by signing up a monicamontgomerysteppe.com
- Volunteers at the supervisor's office are always sought
- Questions and concerns included:
 - The grant workshop took place and is available on the Supervisor's website.
 - A Mocha with Monica event is scheduled on February 20th in City Heights

Item 7. Consent Agenda

- None

Item 8. Action Items

- None

Item 9. Information Items

- **901: Speeding on Illion Street**
 - Robery Bunney, a home owner Illion Street presented
 - Concerns about speeding vehicles on Illion Street has led to the approval of installing a radar sign in 2023, but the sign has never been installed.
 - Traffic engineering staff suggested Mr. Burney present the speeding vehicles issue to the CCPG.
 - Police radar have clocked vehicles traveling 84 MPH on Illion Street, which is a residential street. Concern about a fatal crash is high.

- Vehicles have been observed by police traveling at 70+ MPH on many occasions. Reports confirm these findings.
- The speeding vehicles travel in front of a school and a church.
- Mr Bunney sent videos he recorded of speeding vehicles to Matt who was not present, so videos were not available during the meeting.
- Mr Bunney requested the CCPG formally request traffic calming measures, such as the radar sign, be installed on Illion street. Due to the presentation being scheduled as an Information Item, the CCPG could not make a resolution, but Mr Bunney was invited back to present as an Action Item in order to obtain the CCPG's resolution on the matter.

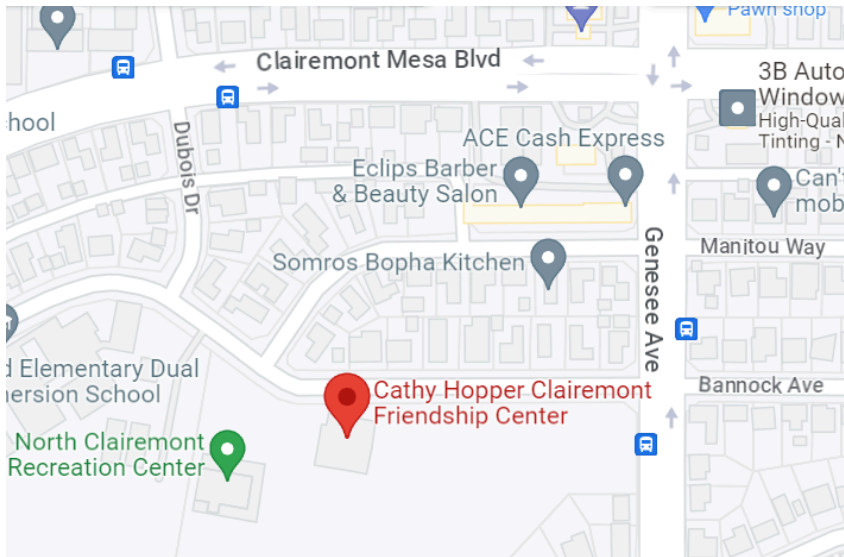
Item 10. Workshop Items

- **1001: CCPG 2026 Elections**

- The CCPG bylaws state that 12 members may serve; the CCPG currently has 9 positions with 3 openings available.
- Half of the board is up for election each year, with Glen (available for a 1-year term), Steven and Paige available to get reelected. Briar Belair, a former board member and Robert Scott, a community member, would like to join the CCPG board.
- The election will be held on Tuesday March 17th from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM in room 3 of the North Clairemont Recreation Center. Votes will be counted prior to the start of the March 17th meeting.
- Robert introduced himself as a longtime Clairemont resident who grew up in Clairemont. He attended Cadman Elementary, Marston Middle School, Clairemont High School and SDSU. He spent 30 years as a land use planner in North County, primarily in Del Mar. Robert recently moved to Bay Ho and is getting reacclimated to Clairemont. He is interested in giving back to the Clairemont community.
- Steven Moved back to San Diego in 2019, lived in Bay Ho, Kearny Mesa and now owns a home in Caliremont. He has learned a lot during the past two years as a board member and has worked on the Clairemont Community Plan. He would like to continue to work and advocate for an equitable Clairemont for everyone.
- Briar has spent most of her life in Caliremont. Her mother, also a former CCPG board member, also grew up in Clairemont. Her grandparents were active members in the Claremont community. Briar currently lives in Bay Park and is raising her family there. She is confident in her abilities to allow Clairemont to grow thoughtfully and put emphasis on smart development. She promises to be open minded and thoughtful about community impacts while listening to feedback from residents.
- Glen and his wife have raised their two daughters in Caliremont. They want to make Clairemont a better place and impact it in a positive way. Glen strives to elevate Clairemont's image and its reputation. Glen has worked tirelessly on the Clairemont Community Plan update in 2025 and produced a plan which received high acclaim. Glen is a landscape architect and planner, holds a degree in environmental planning and management and has been in business for 43 years. A lot of his work has been done throughout San Diego county and he has deep familiarity with land use and public outreach issues.
- Per the CCPG bylaws, candidates who are elected to the board will be seated at teh Aporil 2026 meeting.
- Board members may serve 8 years due to term limits.

Adjournment at 7:02 PM

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center, 4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117. (<https://goo.gl/maps/jkb4sftrQ1jm9oQj6>)



Note: Location subject to change, please see the meeting agenda for finalized location