

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of
March 17, 2026

Meeting Held at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center
4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117

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

Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Matt called the meeting to order at 6:09 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: Demonstrated the online steps that city residents need to take to obtain a parking pass for Balboa Park.
- Mark Henderson: A property owner on Clairemont Mesa Bl, shared a letter he received from the City regarding the installation of a bike lane. Mark was concerned about the possible elimination of parking spaces. Mark would like to formally present at a future CCPG meeting.
- Daryl Madison: Chair of the Tecolote Canyon Advisory Committee gave an update to work being done in Tecolote Canyon. The advisory committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of every other month in the Tecolote Canyon Nature Center, and will hold a meeting on Wednesday March 18th. The agenda includes speakers covering restoration projects and the golf course closure. Concerns are allowing residents to visit the canyon when the golf course reopens, trash, debris and dangers from flying golf balls. Most of Tecolote canyon is currently closed due to sewer work. The focus of the advisory committee is to preserve open spaces within Clairemont as population increases.
- Dean Ormsby, a resident of Clairemont, shared his concerns about a proposed cell tower to be placed at Gershwin Park. Dean will attempt to return to future Project Review Subcommittee and CCPG meetings where the cell tower would be discussed.
- Fran Sheppard, a resident of Clairemont, also voiced concerns about a proposed cell tower to be placed at Gershwin Park, and how the tower might affect the many children who visit the park.

Board Members:

- None

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

- None

Item 4. Reports to Committee

- **Community Planners Committee (CPC): Matt**
 - o More time would like to be allocated to Planning Groups' input at board meetings due to Planning Groups specifically being called out by Board policies.

- **Secretary: Suzanne/Marc**
 - (Marc) Will need someone to write April's CCPG agenda.
 - (Suzanne) Will take over writing the April CCPG Agenda
- **Airports: Paige**
 - No report
- **Health & Safety: Eadie**
 - Will report about idle oil wells within Clairemont at a future CCPG meeting
- **Sgt. at Arms: Steven**
 - No report

Item 5. Consideration of Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2026.

- Approved by five members; Abstained by two members

Item 6. Council Representative Reports

District 2 Council Report, Carrie Munson, Community Liaison, cmunson@sanidiego.gov

- No Report

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

- No Report

Pure Water San Diego, Natalie Rios, San Diego Engineering and Capital Projects

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- The Middle Alignment is tested & complete
- Traffic controls are being picked up; final paving is expected to be complete by early April. Paving will start at Lakehurst, continue on Clairemont Drive, Clairemont mesa towards Genesee
- Southern Alignment pipes at Morena Bl are 98% complete, expected to be installed, tested and complete by end of March
- Curb ramps are being replaced at Clairemont Drive & Denver, along with Morena Bl and Buenos Ave. Night work will be performed at the Balboa Ramp; 400 feet of 36 inch pipe has been installed.
- Questions and concerns included
 - Friars road closure, which is not part of the Pure Water project.
 - Purified water may start being stored in Lake Miramar by end of 2026
 - Once pipe and repaving work is done, transportation department will be conducting thorough inspections of the affected areas
 - No major road closures are expected after April's completion, minor closures for vault inspections may occur
 - Contractor has been notified about fixing the radar sign at Clairemont Drive & Fairmont St.

San Diego County Board of Supervisors District 4, Max Ellorin, Director of Community

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- The Board of Supervisors passed a bill to reform County Medical Services (CMS) to make up for loss of significant funding due to the Federal Big Beautiful Bill. CMS aims to preserve access to care for individuals at hospitals contracted by the County.
- The county budget had a slight surplus, except for the Sheriff department which had an increase in the jail population and Prop 36 implementations, causing the County to have a \$13 million shortfall.
- The shortfall underscores the importance of alternatives to incarceration, such as diversion programs, rehabilitation and reentry support.

- Grants are available for community based organizations.
- Recommended County budget for 2027 will be released May 1st
- Public hearing for the County budget will be held at the county administration building on June 1st.
- Budget will be released June 3rd.
- A budget pop-up event is scheduled April 9th from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the Lidwell Center (5101 Market St.)
- Residents may share their personal priorities for the County budget at the County's website.
- The supervisor's newsletter may be received by signing up a monicamontgomerystep.com

Item 7. Consent Agenda

- None

Item 8. Action Items

- None

Item 9. Information Items

- **901: CCPG Election Results**
 - Suzanne presented the results
 - Special thanks given to Glen for his help with organizing the election
 - Thanks for Eadie, Marc, Michael and Michael Ricky, a community member, for helping at the ballot box
 - Glen, Matt, Paige and Steven were reelected to their positions on the CCPG board
 - Joining the board are Briar and Robert
 - CCPG board will now include 11 members
 - The City of San Diego places high importance on the conduct of Community Planning Group elections
 - The 24 hour election challenge period was started at 6:45 PM
 - Matt announced that he will assist with preparing the next Chair and Vice Chair for duty

Item 10. Workshop Items

- None

Adjournment at 6:49 PM

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 21, 2026 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