

# Community Planners Committee

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## **APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT and ATTENDING VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM:**

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| Jeff Heden, Carmel Valley (CV)               | Paul Coogan, Normal Heights (NH)             |
| Saige Gonzalez Walding, Chollas Valley (CVE) | Roger McClish, North Park (NP)               |
| Robert Montana, College Area (CA)            | Andrea Schlageter, Ocean Beach (OB)          |
| Ken Bagley, Del Mar Mesa (DMM)               | Allen Kashani, Otay Mesa (OM)                |
| Gary Hewitt, Downtown (DT)                   | Eric Law, Peninsula (PEN)                    |
| Lynn Edwards, Eastern Area (EA)              | Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)       |
| David Swarens, Golden Hill (GH)              | Victoria LaBruzzo, Chair, Scripps Ranch (SR) |
| Jeff Sallen, Kearny Mesa (KM)                | Don Houston, Skyline-Paradise Hills (SPH)    |
| David Moty, Kensington-Talmadge (KT)         | Jasmine Mallen, Southeastern (SE)            |
| Lisa Kriedeman, La Jolla (LJ)                | Adam Gevanthor, Torrey Pines (TP)            |
| Bo Gibbons, Mira Mesa (MM)                   | Jim Hettinger, Tierrasanta (TS)              |
| Stephen Leonetti, Mission Valley (MV)        | Daren Esposito, University (Univ)            |
| Kevin Sullivan, Navajo (NAV)                 | Scott Case, Uptown (UP)                      |

### **VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:**

Per Article IV, Section 5 and Section 6 of the CPC Bylaws the following planning groups have three (3) consecutive absences and will not be able to vote until recordation of attendance at two (2) consecutive CPC meetings by a designated representative or alternate:  
BL, CMR/SS, MWPH, OT, OMN, SP/LH, SY and TH.

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Chair LaBruzzo called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. upon reaching a quorum and conducting roll call.

The CPC observed a moment of silence in memory of Laura Riebau, former Chair of the Eastern Area Community Planning Committee and CPC member, and dedicated the evening's meeting in her honor. Laura's dedication and service to the Eastern Area community spanned more than 20 years with her service on the CPC dating back to at least April 22, 2003. Her dedication and leadership to the community will be remembered with gratitude and respect.

Modifications to the agenda were made by the Chair regarding the inclusion of General Plan Maintenance Fee (GPMF) Update (Action/Information) as Item 5 and moving/listing Item 5 Officer Election (Action) to Item 7.

Modifications were unanimously accepted by all CPC members in attendance followed by roll call by the Chair requesting all CPC members provide their name and indicate that they are the designated members voting in officer election.

## **2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

Non-agenda public comment included comments on the City's workshops on Neighborhood Homes for All of Us, an update on Senate Bill 79, praise to community members speaking out on the Emerald Hills Radio Towers project in Chollas Valley and the upcoming virtual economic development forum for the Mid-City Communities hosted by Normal Heights for Smart Growth on 5/29 at 6pm. Chair LaBruzzo (SR) also informed those in attendance that information on the CPC can be found at [Sdcpc.org](http://Sdcpc.org).

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 28, 2026**

**Motion** made to approve the minutes and add that Kevin Sullivan (NAV) was appointed to the Officer Election Committee. Motion made by CA. Seconded by MV

Yea: CV, CVE, CA, DT, GGH, KT, LJ, MM, MV, NAV, OB, OM, PEN, RB, SR, SE, TP UNIV and UP  
Nay: None.

Abstain: DMM, EA, KM, NH, NP, SPH and TS

**Motion approved: 19-0-7**

## **4. OCEAN BEACH PLANNING BOARD 50<sup>TH</sup> COMMEMORATION (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)**

Celebratory remarks were provided virtually by Andrea Schlageter Chair of the Ocean Beach Planning Board as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of being the first planning group established in the City of San Diego.

## **5. GENERAL PLAN MAINTENANCE FEE UPDATE (GPMF) (INFO/ACTION ITEM)**

Presentation presented by Alejandra Gavaldon, Deputy Director, City Planning Department and Scott Mercer, Program Coordinator, City Planning Department on the proposed update to the GPMF to go from a flat fee to a percentage surcharge.

Comments from the public and CPC members included:

- Clarifications on the exhibit legends used in the presentation
- Clarifications on how the fee supports long range planning work by the department
- Concerns expressed over permit processing fees overall increasing already
- Whether the fee update is truly equitable

- Opposition to the proposed “tax” and that there is nothing to prevent increasing fees further, resulting in the City “killing development.”
- More explanation is needed regarding the proposed change, what it applies to and what benefits are derived
- Aligning the fee with benchmarks across the State is a good thing. Flat fees could make small projects infeasible, so a sliding scale is good for homeowners who can’t pay for a big project

No motion was made by the CPC given questions and the level of complexity associated with the proposal. Instead Chair LaBruzzo (SR) requested that members forward questions, so that they can be given to City staff and responded to, and have City staff return to CPC prior to presenting at the Planning Commission.

## **6. LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) SDMC § 59.5.0401(a) SOUND LEVEL ORDINANCE (ACTION ITEM)**

Gary Hewitt, Chair of the Downtown Community Planning Council (DCPC) presented concerns over 2026 LDC Update item 11 which includes new regulations regarding sound levels that exempt any permitted activity and requested that the CPC oppose the change to LDC Item 11 and send a letter to the City Council requesting that Item 11 be removed from the LDC update prior to final passage.

Comments from the public and CPC members included:

- Zoning is supposed to protect health and safety, the change in the LDC is a de facto removal of the noise ordinance.
- Board members should write letters rescinding this change like they did with noise issues involving the San Diego International Airport.
- Overall comments expressed general opposition to the change and support of the DCPC’s request.

**Motion** made to support the requested action to oppose Item 11 and remove Item 11 from the approval 2026 LDC Update and send back to staff to rework. Motion made by CA. Seconded by RB.

Yea: CV, CVE, DA, DMM, DT, EA, GGH, KM, KT, LJ, MM, NAV, NH, NP, OM, PEN, RB, SR, SPH, SE, TS, TP, UNIV and UP.

Nay: MV.

Abstain: None.

**Motion approved: 24-1-0**

## **7. OFFICER ELECTION (ACTION ITEM)**

Jeff Heden (CV) introduced item and explained the election procedures and opened up the floor for nominations followed by candidate statements and voting. Election results

were announced after Staff Reports:

- Chair – Victoria LaBruzzo (SR)
- Vice Chair – David Moty (KT)
- Secretary – Paul Coogan (NH)

#### **REPORTS TO CPC**

- **Staff Report** – Marlon Pangilinan, Program Coordinator, City Planning reported on the start of the Infrastructure Priorities Process and requested that all planning groups forward their infrastructure priority projects to the City by August 1 and that more information can be found on the [City's Infrastructure Priorities Engagement website](#). Staff also mentioned that the virtual Annual Planning Group Training will be taking place on May 27 and that the Online Alternative Training is also available.
- **Chair's /CPC Member Reports** – Paul Coogan (NH) reported on the response from the City Planning Department recognizing the unique structure of the Mid-City area, that the CPU Working Group was established to supplement the independent and formal involvement of individual planning groups and that the next CPU Working Group would be postpone to allow more time for the working group, planning groups and community members to review.

#### **ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M. to the next regular meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

A recording of the meeting can be viewed at the following link: [CPC 2026 May 26](#).