

Community Planners Committee

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APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT and ATTENDING VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM:

Barrio Logan (BL), Absent	North Park (NP), Roger McClish
Carmel Mountain Ranch/Sabre Springs (CMRSS), Absent	Ocean Beach (OB), Absent
Carmel Valley (CV), Jeff Heden	Old Town SD (OT), Absent
City Heights (CH), Marcus Anderson	Otay Mesa (OM), Absent
Chollas Valley/Encanto (CVE), Absent	Otay Mesa-Nestor (OMN), Absent
Clairemont Mesa (CL), Absent	Pacific Beach (PB), Charlie Neito
College Area (CA), Yvonne Jones	Peninsula (PEN), Eric Law
Del Mar Mesa (DMM), Absent	Rancho Bernardo (RB), Vicki Touchstone
Downtown/Centre City (DT), Gary Hewitt	Rancho Penasquitos (PQ), Jon Becker
Eastern Area (EA), Absent	San Pasqual/Lake Hodges (SPLH), Absent
Greater Golden Hill (GGH), David Swarens	San Ysidro (SY), Jennifer Espinosa
Kearny Mesa (KM), Absent	Scripps Miramar Ranch (SMR), Victoria Labruzzo, Chair
Kensington-Talmadge (KT), David Moty, Vice-Chair	Serra Mesa (SM), Absent
La Jolla (LJ), Kathleen Neil	Skyline-Paradise Hills (SPH), Don Houston
Linda Vista (LV), Jonas Bimshas	Southeastern SD (SE), Absent
Midway-Pacific Hwy (MPH), Absent	Tierrasanta (TS), Absent
Mira Mesa (MM), Bo Gibbons	Torrey Hills (TH), Absent
Mission Beach (MB), Absent	Torrey Pines (TP), Adam Smith
Mission Valley (MV), Absent	University (UNIV), Darren Esposito
Navajo (NAV), Kevin Sullivan	Uptown (UP), Scott Case
Normal Heights (NH), Paul Coogan, Secretary	22/41

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, MB, MWPH, OT, OMN, PB, SP/LH, SY and TH.

AGENDA ITEMS:

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

Chair LaBruzzo called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. upon reaching a quorum and conducting roll call.

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Non-agenda public comment included comments on the need for transparency with regard to the City notifying the public when cannabis permits change owners, the upcoming appeal hearing of the Emerald Hills Radio Towers project at City Council, Normal Heights' response to Senate Bill 79, an announcement about the OB Rag doing a series of articles to raise visibility on what planning groups are working on, La Jolla Town Council on Aug. 13 will be presenting information on local community efforts on promoting defensible space and wildfire emergency plan, and the upcoming City Council Rules Committee meeting relate to the City Clerk's information Guide on Group Participation Update and Council Determination of Community Engagement Efforts relative to the CPC's Seat at the Table initiative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 26, 2026

Motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion made by KT. Seconded by NAV.

Yea: CV, CA, DT, GGH, KT, LJ, MM, NAV, NH, NP, PB, PEN, RB, PQ, SR, SPH, UNIV and UP.

Nay: None.

Abstain: CH, LV, SY and TP.

Motion approved: 18-0-4.

4. INSTALLING A COMMUNITY GARDEN (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

Paul Coogan (NH) presented and shared the experiences of the Normal Heights community regarding their 3-year effort in establishing a community garden. Paul's presentation covered all the beneficial reasons for community gardens, pursuing grants, potential sites, working in cooperation with public agencies and staff, obtaining resources (funding, local labor and expertise), partners, etc.), how to keep momentum and project status.

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (CPG) LANDSCAPE (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

Paul Coogan (NH) presented and shared ideas on how planning groups leverage technology as part of their operations. Paul's presentation covered options for meeting support, record storage, communications, printed material, integrating technology and relative costs.

6. CALL FOR A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OPEN SPACE CANYONS ADVISORY BOARD (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

A call for a volunteer to attend the upcoming Open Space Canyons Advisory Board on July 9 was made. Any interested individuals are to contact the CPC Chair and/or Vicki Touchstone (RB). Kevin Sullivan (NAV) mentioned that a board member from his planning

group was interested in joining the Advisory Board.

REPORTS TO CPC

- **Staff Report** – No reports/update.
- **Chair's /CPC Member Reports** – Gary Hewitt (DT) updated the CPC on the Noise Ordinance change issue from the recent Land Development Code (LDC) Amendment in that nothing had changed, despite staff saying that “guardrails” were in place. The Linda Vista Affordable Housing Taskforce is working on a report on the effects of changes to the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) density bonus regulations and is currently inviting comments from members of the CPC.

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M. to the next regular meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 2026.
A recording of the meeting as well as printed materials can be viewed at SDcpc.org.