

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee

General Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025

A video of this meeting is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2274LbQY-ZI>

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02

Members present

Lynn Edwards (Chair), Rolando Park

Alex Zukas, El Cerrito, *online*

Andy Huelskamp, Oak Park

Bettina Rausa, Redwood Village

Emily Perez, Rolando

Kim Nguyen, Rolando

Laura Riebau, El Cerrito

Michelle Reiner, Oak Park

Sonia Lang, Rolando Park

Richard Diaz, present *online*

Absent: John Hogan, (Treasurer), Redwood Village; Jen Eastman, Webster

Quorum: Yes

The Agenda was approved without changes unanimously

Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

- Wesley Cooksey talked about the In-N-Out Burger El proposed for Cajon Blvd in Rolando and had some questions which Chair said were not able to be answered due to the nature of Public Comment.
- Becky Rapp spoke about intoxicating hemp products with higher THC than legal pot products, which are supposed to be banned statewide. The Dept of Public Health has determined their sales to be a public health crisis. Pot shops are selling these products illegally. She asked our planning group send a letter requesting accountability for the illegal sales.

City, County, and State Representatives' Reports

- Fatima Maciel – Community Representative, Office of the Mayor
 - Budget activity and hearings are ongoing;
 - ADU reforms are up for review, though the current program is very successful.
 - The Planning Commission hearing on ADU's is scheduled for May 1st.
 - No specific date for when ADU's go to City Council.
 - Homeless encampments cannot go on to Caltrans property. Caltrans has a 2 week lag in
 - Abating homeless encampments on their land and have told the Mayor this time lag is to be cut in half soon.
 - SDPD personnel are offering progressive services and enforcement for homeless.
- Karen Montufar-Federico – Senior Community Representative for Supervisor Monica Montgomery-Steppe

- Two things at Board Supervisor Meeting - protection of renters for natural disasters - help to keep people in their homes;
- Supervisor is proposing 2025 budget timeline - be able to still consider budget deadline in October - based on Federal and State budget funding;
- I Love a clean SD Day - June 5th.
- Subscribe to Supervisor's newsletter to stay up to date with County news
- Roberto Marin – Community Representative for District 9, Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera
 - Sara Al-Agha is out of office for a few months, Roberto helping fill in for her
 - College Ave resurfacing is starting in Del Cerro - will take 2 weeks and starting in April
 - Colina Del Sol Tree Planting Arbor Day event will be on April 25th - Mayor Gloria will attend
 - Police activity - Rolando Village - 5 people were stabbed on April 7th, during robberies by multiple suspects
 - D-9 is working on getting more trees for University Avenue
 - Invitation to all areas to Hollywood Park for sports event with San Diego Seals, lacrosse team May 17th
 - Tree planting in Redwood Village and, Rolando Park, want University Ave to be included
 - Hughes Street in Redwood Village resurfacing to start within a few weeks
 - Seminole Drive in Rolando Village to start next week.

Information and Action Items

Information: San Diego Residential Lead Abatement Program, Laura Benavidez

- Environmental Health Coalition partnered with City, last time was 20-25 years ago.
- Can also be used for house beautification.
- This program is for anyone in San Diego with houses built in 1960 – 1979 are eligible and with residents suspecting lead poisoning
- The Program is a partnering for testing and abatement - removal and/or stabilization of lead paint materials - relocation for families if needed
- Lead is a poison; young children are more likely to be exposed since they put everything in their mouths
- This poisoning could result in developmental damage, delayed brain development and aggression
- The most common exposure is through paint
- 1st Step is submitting an application interest form, followed by a home visit, State Farm does testing
- 20% of total fees per house is the most that will be paid; with an average range of \$3,000-\$30,000
- Initial testing is through a blood test
- Families can take children for testing and the group will pay for the fees with a voucher
- Elida Chavez stated that Friends of Oak Park Library can help.

Action: EACPC Board and Officer Elections

- Cathy Martinez was elected to fill vacant member-at-large position
- Election of EACPC Board officers for 2025-2026:
 - Chair: Bettina Rausa
 - Vice Chair: Sonia Lang
 - Secretary: Continue with rotating
 - Treasurer: John Hogan

Action: Board reviewed the Groundworks' Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) list and survey, made a few suggestions and approved posting of Groundwork survey of CIP priorities on EACPC website

Lynn, Bettina, and Laura recapped the Rolando Street Fair, how the map with a list of CIP projects and candy were successful draws. Reported that they talked to about 75-80 people who stopped to find out for information and updates and provide feedback and updates.

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes (March,)

Minutes of the March EACPC meeting were unanimously approved with a few corrections on a name and that street improvement did not include undergrounding.

Subcommittee Reports

No community updates

Parks Update – Daniele

- No Park & Rec meeting and no Wightman Street park upgrades to report.
- Sunshine Bernadini Alternative One was selected by the community in a tight vote. Environmental issues may not have been cleared yet which has caused delays.
- Little League is going well.
- The Pollinator Butterfly Maze and Fairy Village has opened and is popular at Chollas Lake Park.

CPC Update – Laura

- No CPCs are happy with current ADU regulations - an adhoc subcommittee is having meetings to prepare a list of acceptable ADU regulations with a comparison to current ones.
- Certain aspects of regulations are from the State level, so we need to contact state assembly and senate reps to make changes in some issues like parking requirements. The adhoc sub committee will give a presentation at next CPG meeting.

Mid-City Community Plan Update – Lynn

- Community Plan Update meeting review and next meeting scheduled in June, though date not specified.
- EACPC/MidCity recognized boundaries and community recognized boundaries are considered to be “Squishy Lines” for Redwood Village and El Cerrito since they do not match. Update may try to get changes to match community recognized boundaries.

Lynn will be retiring from EACPC;

Rolando Park Gateway Project is going to next phase - most permits are completed;

Streamview Phase 2 Improvements are moving forward;

The proposed Euclid Fire Station is going out for environmental review.

For the Good of the Order and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.