

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee

General Meeting Minutes July 8th, 2025

A video of this meeting is available at:
<https://youtu.be/-x4sUY8B7e8>

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

Members present

Bettina Rausa, (Chair), Redwood Village
Sonia Lang, (Vice Chair), Rolando Park
John Hogan, (Treasurer), Redwood Village
Andy Huelskamp, Oak Park
Emily Perez, Rolando

Jen Eastman, Webster *online (partial)*
Kim Nguyen, Rolando
Laura Riebau, El Cerrito
Michelle Reiner, Oak Park

Absent: None

Members of the public present (sign-ins): Beverly Dixon, Charles Mal, Ozzy Meneses, Nicholas Retinaud, Daniele Laman, Timy Davey, Bruce Williams, James Westheimer (did not sign, but attendance witnessed by Chair)

Online attendees: Becky Rapp, Rachel's iPhone, Steve Lamprides, April Mahoney, Randy Torres-Van Vleck, Roberto Marin, Jennifer Bennett RVCC, Lynn Edwards, Fatima Maciel, Kathleen Lippitt, Jen Eastman -

Quorum: Yes

Chair's Welcome

Adoption of Agenda or Agenda Changes

The following change was made to the agenda:

- Action for approval of April 2025 meeting is removed from the agenda and is postponed to August. Laura will send April minutes to Bettina for review/approval at August meeting

Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

Becky Rapp: Commented about asking the city to further restrict or remove marijuana billboards near housing; mentioned a ban of billboards within 1000 feet of schools, playgrounds, and youth centers. Asking this committee group to support expanding the marijuana free zone beyond the current 1000 feet and eventually phase out marijuana billboards all together. Urged the city to update the municipal sign code to align with our public health priorities

Lynn Edwards: Mid City Community Plan committee meeting reschedule the June meeting to August 13th. Location TBD. Will forward information to Bettina when available. The first draft of the new community plan will be released in the fall.

Kathleen Lippitt: Regarding July 1st City Council Meeting. Commented that Council President Joe LaCava pulled ADU item off agenda of the July 1 City Council meeting since two Council members were not present to vote.

Ozzy Meneses from Groundwork San Diego: Provided an update to the Beradini Field survey, reporting that they received 175 responses, and thanked everyone for their support in sharing Groundwork's survey with their contact lists.

Daniele: The approved CRG for Beradini Field did go through the Parks and Rec board, and the president of Beradini Sunshine did request that it go through another CRG for approval for upgrades outside of the baseball field area.

City, County, and State Representatives' Reports

- **Fatima Maciel – Community Representative, Office of the Mayor**
 - Streamview Drive: State awarding \$10 million grant to City of SD to improve safety and mobility on Streamview Drive. California Transportation Committee awarded the City on June 27. Some of the funding will go towards 5 new roundabouts, raised medians, buffered bike lanes, upgraded bus stops, new widened sidewalks, upgraded ADA pedestrian ramps. Engineer & Capital Projects estimates the project will be completed in 2028. Eighteen new illegal dumping signs have been installed. Enforcement has been difficult. City Attorney said there needs to be education and outreach first in order to enforce. Friday July 11, Fatima and Council District 9 representatives went out to canvas, educate/outreach, and collect data and feedback on what the residents observe on Streamview.
 - Taco Truck Vendor at College Ave and College Grove Dr in Rolando Park: Working with Officer Cummings and trying to reach out to owner. Will work with the economic development department and District 9 office to help get owner to comply with the law first before enforcement
 - Bettina thanked Fatima for her work on Streamview Dr. She also mentioned that a business owner in that is doing everything legally (permits, license) has reported to the Rolando Park Community Council that his business is suffering due to this vendor.
 - Sonia wanted to know why there is a delay in enforcement since they have been operating for months. Fatima responded that they became aware of the situation a few weeks ago. She said that the vendor did move from their previous location at College Grove Way after Officer Cummings spoke with them the first time. She said Officer Cummings is trying to contact the owner again and not talk to just the employees. The Mayor's office's goal is to try to have a positive outcome/impact for both the community and the owner/workers. She said enforcement will happen if continue not to comply and will try to expedite a resolution with EDD (Economic Development Department) who can provide a Spanish-speaker to communicate concerns and options with them. She also mentioned that sidewalk vending ordinances require licenses/health standards but prioritizes beaches, parks, and the ball park districts.

- Beverly, resident of Streamview Dr, asked Fatima when the Streamview Dr project is scheduled to begin. Fatima said they don't have an exact start date yet but would communicate it with Bettina and confirmed that any updates would be provided to the community as they are available.
- Roberto Marin – Community Representative for District 9, Councilman Sean Elo-Rivera
 - Roberto wanted to provide some context to the taco street vendor: The office of D9 is trying to be sensitive about the immigration issue at present as they work with the vendor to move. Roberto confirmed that he has spoken to them about the trash, the grease traps, and other concerns. He did say that time is running out as the vendors have been given a lot of time already.
 - Roberto thanked the Mayor/Mayor's office for securing \$10 million for Streamview Dr upgrades/Phase II. Engineering & Capital Projects will return to EACPC in late August. There will be a video flyover simulation of the project and will be included in the next community presentation. Construction is slated to start Spring/Summer 2026, delays are due to finalizing utility relocation, easement acquisition, and environmental clearances.
 - City Budget: Recreation Center funding, CPPS, library hours have been fully restored. The City COO position not restored. Stormwater, brush management/fire prevention was cut back.
 - Chollas Parkway looks a lot better with positive feedback. Bettina mentioned the improvements are notable. John mentioned that still sees people going down in the creek area with backpacks and the gate on the stormwater channel side is still open.
- Bruce Williams, Community Representative for Webster and Oak Park, District 4, Councilmember Henry Foster III
 - Dumpster Day on 7/26 at Gloria's Mesa from 9am-11am and asked for volunteers.
 - CPPS funding: Councilmember Foster put this back in the budget. There will be an informational meeting on 7/14, 5:00pm to 6:00pm at Malcom X Library for residents/groups to learn how to apply for CPPS funding. The meeting will also be given online on Monday 8/4 5am-6pm via Zoom. Can access via the city website sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cpps
 - Backpack giveaway at Kipp Adelante Preparatory Academy at a family resource fair on Saturday 7/12, 10:00am to 1:00pm.
 - National Night Out will take place at Chris Wilson Park on 8/5 from 4:00pm to 7:30pm
 - Laura thanked Councilmember Foster for his ADU persistence
 - Daniel asked how much longer would College Grove Drive at the Chollas Maintenance Yard be used for employee parking. Bruce said at least until the end of 2025.
 - Don, online attendee, asked for the web address of the 8/4 CPPS meeting: sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cpps

Information and Action Items

Information: Ozzy Meneses from Groundwork San Diego providing information on the Bike Masterplan Survey

Presented background information about Groundwork San Diego including the work they do regarding the Chollas Creek Watershed. Since the City had only received 9 responses for the Bike Master Plan Survey so they worked with various communities to make sure the Chollas Watershed communities were better represented. They conducted various outreach and

increased the responses to 163. The full report: <https://groundworksandiego.org/press> the results were also shared with City and Mid-City Master Plan. Groundwork will review the Master Plan again to make sure the community comments from the survey are incorporated.

Information and Action: Daniele Laman member of the Parks & Recreation Board, adding Portia Dawson's name to the Colina del Sol Recreation Center building

Presented slides and a video of Portia's life achievements. She had extensive community outreach especially with youth and was part of STAR/PAL organization. The addition of Portia Dawson's name to the rec center was approved by the Colina Recreation group in 2022 by Colina Rec Group but the project stalled. And Daniele would like complete this project by requesting a of support from EACPC (needs 3 letters).

Laura made a motion to submit a letter of support from the EACPC, Bettina seconded. Approved unanimously.

Action: Recommend/not recommend new EACPC board member Jim Westheimer

Laura recommended Jim as she has worked with Jim for a long time and he provides great support to El Cerrito.

Laura made as motion to recommend Jim joining EACPC representing El Cerrito, Sonia seconded. Approved unanimously.

Information: Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

Bettina asked each board member to collect feedback from their own communities regarding the CIPs specific to share this information at the August meeting.

The CIPs are due to the City on 8/15.

Bettina mentioned that some of the community councils have been working on their individual CIP lists already and she will send last year's lists that were compiled for EACPC to submit as a whole via email. Lynn shared that it is difficult to know what was submitted, accepted or rejected from last year as we never received any feedback. The City has not released that summary of 2024 CIP projects. There is no maximum number of projects/ideas that communities are restricted to.

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes (April, Laura)

- April Meeting minutes postponed to August
- May Meeting Minutes: Andy motioned to approve the May minutes as presented, John seconded. Approved unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports

- Community updates:
 - Emily announced that Rolando and surrounding communities will be sprayed for West Nile virus from 7/9 to 7/11 because mosquitos were found that tested positive.
 - John announced the resident survey and community education outreach that will take place on 7/11 on Streamview Dr regarding illegal dumping and need volunteers
 - Laura shared that El Cerrito will be having a coordinated trash pick up on El Cajon Blvd with PATH
 - Lynn provided more details about the Streamview Dr outreach, and that Rolando Park will also be sprayed for West Nile Virus and announced the following Movies in the Park:
 - 8/9 Rolando Park Elementary Joint Use Park - Wicked

- 8/9 Chollas Lake Park - Wild Robot
- 8/16 Pendleton Park (Rolando) - Paddington
- 7/11 Colina Park - Sonic the Hedgehog 3
- **Parks & Recreation** – Daniele Laman
 - Juneteenth event at Gloria Mesa/Chollas Lake went very well
 - Fishing Derby at Chollas Lake thanks to STAR/PAL (also in June) went well
 - Scaled down version of camp at Chollas Lake Park but on Mondays only
 - Colina Park is having their monthly meeting on Wednesday and will consider the expansion of Pro Kids Golf towards Orange Ave
- **CPC Meeting updates** – Laura
 - MTS presentation regarding services throughout the city, MTS is low on funding, losing funding for the Kids Ride for Free program. Have not had a fee increase since 2016 and is being considered. They also are considering a tax increase for the 2026 ballot. Will likely buy more natural gas buses for now because they are less expensive than electric buses.
 - Bonus ADU and city council vote results. SB79 proposed by Representative Scott Weiner passed at the state level. It is not applicable outside of San Francisco. Look at Neighbors for a Better San Diego's website for information on the impacts of SB79.
 - John added that conservation groups like California Native Plant Society and the Sierra Club are concerned about SB79.

For the Good of the Order and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.