

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee

General Meeting Minutes, August 12, 2025

A video of this meeting is available at: [08 Aug 12, 2025 EACPC meeting](#)

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

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
Jim Westheimer, El Cerrito
Kim Nguyen, Rolando

Absent: Cathy Martinez, Member at Large; Michelle Reiner, Oak Park

Members of the public present (sign-ins): Denise Tanner, Larry Roger, Ashkon Jones, Tim Davey, Dennis Mello, Cesar Javier, Pulita Javier, Jericho Gallardo, Ozzy Meneses, Sam Gonzales, Vic Salazar, Beth Conard, Nicholas Ratinaud.

Online attendees: Becky Rapp, Kristen Hurst, Roberto Marin, D9 Community Rep, Daniele Laman, 6193811418 (Lynn Edwards), Kathleen Lippitt, Ronald Lacey, 16192086813 (Laura Riebau) (EACPC Board member).

Quorum: Yes

Chair's Welcome

Adoption of Agenda or Agenda Changes: The agenda is adopted without objection.

Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items:

Becky Rapp would like to see the sale of hemp products decline. Delta 8 and Delta 10 are hemp compounds being sold at gas stations, convenience stores, etc, and are being marketed to youth in the community. Would also like to see fewer hookah lounges in the Eastern Area.

Pulta Javier would like the city to address and cease and desist the toxic gases created by the ceramics kiln

Ceaser Javier spoke about being aware of the issues of toxic gases, global warming, clean air, traffic mitigation, home invasions, potholes, Footnote 7, Chollas Creek erosion, and environmental injustice.

Tim Davie shared his concerns about the parking charges in Balboa Park spreading to other parts of the city, like Collas Lake Park.

Ozzie Menses from Groundwork, San Diego, alerted us to their Resident Empowerment Training, of which Jen and Bettina are both graduates. The object of the training is to teach residents about the Chollas Creek Watershed, how to advocate to both public and private organizations, and to empower neighbors to speak confidently about the issues affecting them.

Groundwork continues to offer free trees and planting to Eastern Area residents who can sign up on the GWSD website for free trees.

City, County, and State Representatives' Reports

- **Ashkon Jones** – Representative for 79th Assembly District, Assembly Member Dr. LaShae Sharp-Collins: Update AB927, signed by Governor Newsome, in which the existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to identify a list of schools for which the county superintendent of schools, or a designee, is required to inspect annually and submit an annual report that describes the state of schools in the county. He also shared their very successful backpack giveaway and health screening on August 2.
- **Roberto Marin** – Representative for District 9 City Council, Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera: Roberto announced his promotion to Director of Community Empowerment and said that we can expect to see him more, as they are reassessing how the team to be more proactive, and meeting people :where they are at” within the district.

He provided feedback on the parking fee concerns brought up during public comments and said that there are no current plans to expand parking meters to Chollas Lake Park. The meters in Balboa Park are meant to focus on tourist fees, possibly raising the rates, so locals can park for free.

Next week, on Monday, August 18, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm is the “Know Your Rights” forum, co-hosted by Senator Steve Padilla and Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera. The forum will focus on providing information concerning people’s rights during protests, the ICE raids, and encounters with other immigration enforcement.

Last week’s Dumpster Day on Streamview Dr was a success, and Roberto thanked the volunteers. Three dumpsters were filled.

- **Sam Gonzalez** – Representative for 39th Senate District, State Senator Dr. Akilah Weber Pierson: Will host a free turkey giveaway in November in Linda Vista.

August 19 is the start of the new legislative session, and Dr Webber will be working on health-related codes, including banning certain pesticides and hair relaxers.

Information and Action Items

Information: Rolando Village Improvement Project II, Vic Salazar Communications, Ronald Lacy (online), and Jericho Gallardo, City of San Diego, ECP:

- Vic presented the Rolando Village Improvement Project plans (sewer upgrades) and shared a map of all of the streets and surrounding areas that will be improved and affected by the construction work, which is expected to last 2 years. Upgrades include upgrading aging sewer and water systems from the concrete/asbestos-containing lines to PVC, which will reduce future maintenance requirements; replacing water and sewer mains; replacing 6195 feet to PVC; improving fire hydrants, valves, and other apertures; and installing 20 new manholes. Letters to residents within 300ft of the project were mailed on August 1, and door hangers will be distributed to residents regarding any planned water shut-offs. All details of the project are available on the SD-CIP website. Vic and Jericho took questions from the public.

Information and action: Review and recommend/not recommend EACPC's 6 community CIP listed items and the EACPC CIP listed item for submission to the City:

The board reviewed and discussed the individual neighborhood CIP items and the EACPC CIP items as listed. Several questions came up about whether some of the items were considered CIP projects or do they fall under different city departments.

A motion to approve the CIPs lists with the proposed amendments for submission to the City Planning Department, Public Spaces, was made by Emily, seconded by Andy. Approved unanimously.

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes (April, Laura) Motion to approve the April 2025 minutes made by John and seconded by Emily. Approved unanimously.

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes July, Kim) Motion to approve the July 2025 minutes made by John and seconded by Jim. Approved unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports

Review of EACPC Board Meeting Minute assignments as some members have more than one or two months in a row. Bettina made a request for someone to take the September minutes since Jen would then have 3 months in a row and would be absent in September. John volunteered.

Community updates—

- Rolando Park had a successful movie in the park, showing “Wicked” with about 150 people in attendance. They also had pre-movie activities such as food vendors, face painting, and a bounce house.

- Rolando Village will have their movie in the park event showing “Paddington” in Pendleton Park on August 16. They are also celebrating their 100 year anniversary in 2026. Additionally, Las Palmas Catwalk is now open.
- Webster will also host a movie night showing “Coco” on the lawn at Webster Elementary on August 1. Food sales benefited FOW and Webster ASB.
- El Cerrito is looking forward to a mural painted with the assistance of the Business District.
- Parks & Recreation – Daniele Laman: No meeting in August because they go dark in August, and the September 18 meeting was moved to September 25.
- CPC July Meeting – Laura: Approved a letter that allows buildings up to seven stories along a bus route. ADUs continue to be a problem, particularly in Mission Bay, with a planned 107-unit project.

For the Good of the Order and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.