

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee General Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2025

A video of this meeting is available at:

<https://youtu.be/8mmxtkalX5w>

Meeting called to order at: 7:03pm

Members Present

Bettina Rausa, (Chair), Redwood Village
Sonia Lang, (Vice Chair), Rolando Park
John Hogan, (Treasurer), Redwood Village
Andy Huelskamp, Oak Park
Cathy Martinez, Member-at-Large (online)

Emily Perez, Rolando
Jen Eastman, Webster
Jim Westheimer, El Cerrito
Laura Riebau, El Cerrito

Absent: Kim Nguyen, Rolando

Members of the public present: Kristen Hurst, Dorene R. Dias-Pesta, Tim Davey, Ozzy Meneses, Holly Meyer, Bruce Williams

Online attendees: Debora Reichert, Steve Lamprides, Alejandro VR, Karen Monufar-Federico, Alex Zukas, Khrista Tabaknek (CDP), Nicholas Ratinaud, Rachel Forseth, SANDAG, Nordine El Hafidoun, Roberto Director of Community Empowerment (D9), Ramon Uribe, David Cortez, Daniele Laman, Chris Carterette, SANDAG, Jennifer Bennett RVCC, Lynn Edwards, Rachel's iPhone, iPhone, Cathy Martinez, NAHREP

Quorum: Yes

Chair's Welcome

Adoption of Agenda Changes Laura motions, Andy seconds, motion passes, new agenda includes an update about the fire station EIR.

The meeting opened with Sonia, Bettina, and Lynn addressing technical issues.

- Roll call was conducted and quorum confirmed.
- Agenda was amended to add an information and action item regarding a letter of support for the fire station, proposed by Kristen.
- Public comment included a speaker noting participation in the SPASTER event.

Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items:

- Doreen Dias raised concerns about the improper merging of the Jamacha and Lomita communities. She proposed that there needs to be a correct set of city maps and to reflect the correct boundaries, change data, including police maps.
- Further points made were that the current maps violate the community plan, cause data inaccuracies and evacuation planning issues. Doreen requested a memo of support and shared outreach efforts to planning groups.
- Ramon from Groundwork announced upcoming tree planting events on 10/18 in Eastern Area communities and asked for volunteers. Also, they are enrolling residents for their spring tree planting.
 - Danielle Laman encouraged members to review the draft EIR for the Fairmont & 47th Street Fire Station. She also mentioned that the College Area Plan is deficient in parks and was not approved by the Parks and Recreation Board.

City, County, and State Representatives' Reports –

Ashkon Jones - Representative for District 79, State Assembly Member Dr. LaShae Sharp-Collins reported:

- Six bills signed by the Governor.
- Budget priorities total \$59.7 million.

Karen Montufar-Federico – Senior Community Representative for Supervisor Montgomery-Steppe's office reported:

- Expanded authority for the Citizens Law Enforcement Review Board.
- Creation of a sustainable fiscal planning subcommittee.

Roberto Marin from District 9, Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera's office presented:

- Overview of a new citywide due process and safety ordinance.
- Updates on community projects in El Cerrito and Redwood Village.

Dr. Lache Sharp-Collins came in person and encouraged the community to provide input on legislative ideas and to participate in the upcoming special election.

Bruce Williams - Community Representative for Webster and Oak Park, District 4, Councilmember Henry Foster III provided:

- FY 2027 budget overview.
- Upcoming water and sewer rate increases.
- Community improvements, including 209 repaired streetlights and completed Get It Done reports.
- He encouraged submitting budget priority ideas and using the Get It Done app for neighborhood issues.
- He also announced the Honorary street naming for Dr. Willie Morrow.

Bettina provided updates on CIP projects in the Eastern Area:

- Webster Green Alley.
- Zena Canyon Open Space.
- Upcoming discussion related to a fire station project.

Information and Action Items (Action: Recommend/not recommend)

Information and Action:

Opposition to Fire Station Location (Fairmont & 47th)

Kristen Hurst, Friends of Webster, requested that the EAPCP provide a letter of support opposing the canyon location for the Fairmount Avenue Fire Station/WBS No. S-14018:

- Concerns cited:
 - Environmental impacts and threats to sensitive species
 - Lack of alternative site analysis
 - Rising project costs
 - Community impacts and lack of transparency
- Jen made motion to submit a letter in opposition of the current location planned for the Fire Station, Andy seconded, approved with 2 abstentions.

Information Item(s):

- University Ave Bikeway Update: Chris Carterette, Project Manager, SANDAG
 - Chris presented an overview of the 2.8-mile University Avenue Bikeway:
 - Extends from Estrella to 69th Street
 - Part of the North Park Mid-City Network
 - Project components:
 - Resurfacing University Avenue
 - Bus islands
 - Buffered and separated bikeways
 - Timeline:
 - Construction anticipated to begin November/December 2025
 - Completion expected by December 2027
 - Emphasis on safety for all users, including vulnerable populations
 - Coordination noted with:
 - City of San Diego road repairs
 - SDG&E and AT&T projects
 - Construction will begin at 69th Street and move eastward due to western end constraints
 - Pedestrian crosswalks

- Transit priority signals
- Lynn questioned removal of enhanced crosswalks in Cartagena.
- Chris agreed to investigate
- Chris clarified:
- Limited placement of transit priority signals
- Design of bike-friendly intersections

Mid City Plan Update: Alex Frost, Senior Planner/Project Manager, City of SD

Discussion focused on:

- Bettina announced an upcoming presentation by Alex Frost on the Mid-City Communities Plan update, with a focus on the Eastern Area and presented the draft Mid-City Ideas Report:
 - Reflects public engagement and existing conditions analysis.
- Report includes:
 - 12 visions and principles (e.g., clean and safe communities, green streets, affordable housing).
 - Five land use concepts.
- Concept 5 received 99% subcommittee support:
 - Focuses growth along activity hubs and transit corridors.
- Additional topics covered:
 - Bicycle networks and transit routes.
 - Proposed parks, public facilities, and urban design study areas.
- Public encouraged to submit comments by November 21.
- Information shared on upcoming office hours and engagement events.

Public Comment, questions, thoughts about the presentations and the proposals from the City.

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes

September 2025 – John: Laura motioned to approve, seconded by Sonia; approved unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports

Chair's announcement regarding board member resignation – Michelle Reiner, Oak Park
Currently, there are two open seats to represent Oak Park.

Community Planners Committee (CPC) – Laura –

- La Jolla might get their succession from San Diego on the ballot in 2028.
- Opposing digital billboards due to the distraction they causes drivers, et al

Parks & Recreation – Daniele Laman

- P&R Board meeting Thursday at 2:00 pm
- We will be hearing about the golf division business plan update, Parks and Recreation equity report for 2025, the community recreation needs assessment updates—which is the public's opportunity to share needs, and the Inclusive Public Engagement Guide

For the Good of the Order and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.