

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee General Meeting Minutes November 11, 2025

A video of this meeting is available at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wCr_TeV1BI

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,
online
Andy Huelskamp, Oak Park
Cathy Martinez, Member at Large *online*

Emily Perez, Rolando
Jen Eastman, Webster
Jim Westheimer, El Cerrito
Kim Nguyen, Rolando
Laura Riebau, El Cerrito, *online*
Michelle Reiner, Oak Park

Absent: none

Members of the public present (sign-ins): Regan Carr, Paola Amador, Tamara Wilson, Grecia Meza, Nathania Lang, Denise Armijo, Tim Davey

Online attendees: Sheldon Staney, Sabeen Cochinwala, Ranmali Rodrigo, Kyle Wood (Michael Baker International), Becky Rapp, Vic Salazar, John Hogan, Nicholas Ratinaud, Elida Chavez, Daniele Laman, Cathy Martinez, Jennifer Bennett, RVCC, Janice Jaro, Lynn Edwards, Kathleen Lippitt

Quorum: Yes

Chair's Welcome

Adoption of Agenda or Agenda Changes – Chair/Bettina: neglected to remove Michell's name from the list of board members, October minutes approval is postponed until next meeting; Chollas Parkway Right of Way, and 6540 University Ave presentations are delayed until further notice by presenters. Sonia made a motion to adopt the agenda with the changes noted above, Andy seconded; approved unanimously.

Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

Kathleen Lippitt: Informed about Tobacco Retailer Permits by the City of SD, the shops have no hours of restriction and apparently sell to minors, suggested a moratorium, 135 smoke shops in SD, 20-25 in 92105. Described the complaint/reporting process for holding retailers responsible.

Laura Riebau: In-N-Out Burger is proceeding despite EACPC not being notified of any other updates regarding this project.

Becky Rapp: Shared information regarding a loophole in what is supposed to be smoke-free multi-unit public housing in that if the development receives any sort of public resources and is publicly owned, then the rule does not apply, asking City Council to update the policy to reflect that any project receiving city funds be deemed smoke-free.

City, County, and State Representatives' Reports

- Bruce Williams, Community Representative for Webster and Oak Park, District 4, Councilmember Henry Foster III – no report
- Fatima Maciel – Community Representative, Office of the Mayor – no report
- Karen Montufar-Federico – Senior Community Representative/Military and Veterans Liason for Congresswoman Sarah Jacobs – no report
- Roberto Marin, Community Representative for District 9, Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera – no report
- Ashkon Jones, Community Representative for District 79, State Assembly member Dr. LaShae Sharp-Collins – no report
- Sam Gonzalez – Community Representative for 39th Senate District, State Senator Dr. Akilah Weber Pierson – no report

Information and Action Items

- 1. Information: Oak Park Improvements 2** – Vic Salazar, Vic Salazar Communications: Vic presented a map of planned water pipeline upgrades in the Oak Park neighborhood in addition to some details about the work (i.e. construction hours, curb ramps installed/upgraded, impacted sidewalk replacement, trench line pavement restoration, construction noise, street closure procedures, potential water shut off times, etc). Timeline is Fall 2025 through Summer 2027. \$15.9 M cost/already funded. Vic and colleagues took questions and comments from the board and the public.
- 2. Information: El Cerrito and Rolando Park SD & GI Project** – Matthew Marientes, Asst. Engineer, Stormwater Dept, City of SD. Presenting is Iman Hosseini-Shakib, Sara Dastgheibi, and Matthew Marientes, Civil Engineers for the City of San Diego. Iman presented a map of the project, existing conditions, goals, scope of work, schedule, and funding. This project is to upgrade sewers, mitigate flooding, and minimize erosion, and includes water quality improvement. Iman and colleagues took questions and comments from the board and the public.

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes (October - Jen) – postponed until the January 13, 2026 meeting

Subcommittee Reports

- Mid City Community Plan Update – Lynn Edwards: last meeting was Oct 29, 2025; the working group was asked to select their top 3 choices of the 5 plan concepts; they announced that concept 2 was the most popular and concepts 4 and 5 were tied. Taking comments up to the Nov 21, 2025. Concept 5 is what other communities in the Mid City Plan area prefer. AB679 is also being reviewed for impacts on this plan, which may cause a delay. Strong opposition to Lea St connection, PANA objects along with 20 other organizations that are supporting them. The traffic accident resulting in the death of a 6-year-old in the area is also a

major concern, in addition to the high traffic volume expected. The next meeting is not until spring because the planners are not sure if they can have a draft ready until then.

- Community updates:
- Webster – none
- Rolando Park – Dumpster Day in December with Redwood Village;
- Oak Park – tree planting project with Groundwork
- Rolando Village – Halloween was great for trick or treaters; December 6 coffee at the Fire Station for the community, last month, the City Council released CPPS/community funds, and D9 gave all the money to just one organization, while other districts divided the money among several; the Rolando Community Council applied for funds and was denied
- El Cerrito – changing next meeting location to Business District office on Adams and College, considering signage to identify the neighborhood.
- Redwood Village – John is asking SANDAG for a drawing of the bike project east of 54th St as they were unaware of the 6-year-old child who died in a hit-and-run accident on University Ave in the North Gate area. Requesting a barrier in the area to slow down traffic and/or prevent people from crossing in that specific area, and will keep us informed of SANDAG's response. Cleanup on University Ave in RV on December 6.
- Parks & Recreation – Daniele Laman – no update
- CPC Meeting – Laura Riebau: historic/preservation projects may lose some protections; possible tax on non-development property owners; correction/coordinating maps that are different between communities, SDPD and City. City code update needed to include review of environmentally sensitive lands.

For the Good of the Order and Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.