Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee

General Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2026

A video of this meeting is available at: https://youtu.be/oriz63_ieDc

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Bettina Rausa, (Chair), Redwood Village
Sonia Lang, (Vice Chair), Rolando Park
John Hogan, (Treasurer), Redwood Village
Andy Huelskamp, Oak Park
Emily Perez, Rolando (online)
Jen Eastman, Webster
Kim Nguyen, Rolando
Laura Riebau, El Cerrito (online)

Absent: Cathy Martinez, Member at Large

Members of the public present (sign-ins): Saige Gonzales Walduna, Charles Mah, Nathania Lang, Ozzy Meneses, Tim Davey

Online attendees: Daniel Laman, Karen Montufar-Federico, Bruce Williams, Jennifer Bennett RVCC, Lynn Edwards, Becky Rapp, Emily Perez, Kate Needham-Cano (Rep Sara Jacobs)

Quorum: Yes

Chair's Welcome

Adoption of Agenda or Agenda Changes: Agenda adopted with no changes

Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

- Becky Rapp—Item 20 Marijuana leaf symbol is allowed on building, but not on signs. All of the billboards that include the symbol are non-compliant.
- Sage Gonzalez—CVCPG appealing the Radio Towers Subdivision. This is one of the last opportunities for a meaningful community park in SE San Diego. This is a chance to heal decades of trauma imposed on our neighborhoods due to neglect and deceit.
- Ozzie Meneses – Groundwork San Diego got a grant to move forward in phase one of the The Green Alley project in Webster is moving forward in the next few months.
- John Hogan—A child was killed trying to cross Lea St. It's worth considering the value of a crosswalk, if the street does go through. From Northgate Market to the apartments across the street is dangerous, so intersections and crosswalks would likely keep the community safer.

City, County, and State Representatives' Reports
(Reports given in the order of representatives' arrival)

Kate Needham, Sarah Jacobs office. Not much to report for January. She is going to ask a colleague about the Andrew Jackson post office name change to Susan Davis
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Karen Montufar-Federico – Senior Community Representative for Supervisor Montgomery-Steppe's office reported:

- First event is January 22, 2026 workshop to help with grants.
- Updated website https://www.supervisormonicamontgomerysteppe.com/
- 2025 Impact Report available on website.

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

- Welcome 2026—list of accomplishments
- 1. Restored library and park hours in D4
- 2. Collected 100 tons of trash
- 3. Repaired 209 streetlights
- 4. Repaved 66 miles of roadways
- 5. Fully funded the Oak Park Library
- Coming up is the United in Trust Learning Academy—Behind the scenes look at how SDPD keeps us safe at Rock Church from Jan 20 to March 3, 2026, 6-7pm
- MLK Parade and celebration on January 24, 2026 at the MKL park at 6401 Skyline Dr. (619-800-4187)
- He will check on the estimated time to finish the project on College Grove Drive

Anisa Mohamed-- Distict 9, Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera's office presented:

- Seeing an increase in harassment in local Somali community and noting and responding to concerns reported by the community
- Office is actively working on getting the new trash cans.
- Office is working on traffic calming options.

Sam Gonzalez - Representative for District 39, State Senate Akilah Webber-Pierson's office reported:

- Provided updates on the Senator's jurisdiction, legislative assistance, and upcoming community recognition events.
- The office is accepting nominations for Black History Month and will host a book fair at Barnes & Noble to benefit Fay Elementary School on 1/17/2026.
- Encouraged attendees to sign up for the Senator's newsletter.

Information and Action Items

Action: Recommend/not recommend draft idea Land Use Concept 5 of the Mid City Community Plan Update.

The board voted to recommend Land Use Concept 5 of the Mid City Community Plan Update: Jen motions, Kim seconds, motion passes unanimously.

Action: Volunteers for Election Subcommittee for March 2026 election

Long discussion about upcoming board elections in March, with Emily, Jen, Jim, and Sonia confirmed as candidates. Andy was confirmed to be termed out, requiring replacement for Oak Park's three seats
Discussed the member-at-large seat, confirming it's limited to one position, and noted a vacant business seat that's been open for two years.
Lynn clarified that Bettina's Redwood Village term started in April, 2025.
The board needs two volunteers for the March election outreach and two for vote administration on election night. John volunteered to do the candidate outreach, and Kim volunteered to administer the voting process and vote counting
All board members were encouraged to engage in community outreach to fill more of the open seats.
The election of EACPC board members will be held at the March 2026 meeting.

Action: Note taking/meeting minutes schedule for 2026. Board members were asked to volunteer for meeting note taking for the year, the commitments thus far are as follows:

January: Jen

February: Jim

March: Kim

April: Laura

May: Emily

June: NEED

July: John

August – November: NEED

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes

October 2025 minutes approved with suggested changes (Jim motions, Andy seconds, motion passes unanimously)

November 2025 minutes approved with suggested changes (Sonia motions, Jim seconds, motion passes unanimously)

Subcommittee Reports

Redwood Village – Community Council is planning a garden tour at the end of March, work plans for Streamview Drive, and Chollas Triangle Park. Both are mostly funded, and construction to start early summer.
Rolando Park— Planting planned for the gateway/community sign area. Painting 1-2 murals to deter graffiti and add beautification
Rolando Village—Rolando Street Fair is on April 12. RCC is hosting a coffee at the library on January 31.
Webster—Continuing to plant trees, and update on San Diego's first green alley
El Cerrito— Working on getting a community sign at 54th and El Cajon Blvd. Also working on a mural at El Cajon Blvd. The Community Council meeting this month will be held on January 26.

EACPC Chair, Bettina, advised that she will not be present for Feb Meeting and likely the April meeting as well due to travel.

Parks & Recreation – Daniele Laman P&R Board meeting Thursday at 2:00
D9 update—Terralta had a tree planting event.
January 17: Ward Park will host a community clean-up
January 21: Colina Rec Group will be meeting at Colima Park at 6:30
January 31: Park De La Cruz hosting a clean-up and beautification event.
Pendelton Park updates will begin soon.
Possible update for name-change sign, Daniele will follow up with Parks and Rec Board.
Colina pool was closed for upgrades and unclear if/when reopening.

CPC Updates – Laura Riebau
New website, www.SDCPC.org with schedules, minutes, contacts, and upcoming events.
Last meeting was on December 2, 2025. Land Development has created a committee to offer significant changes. They also addressed a request for a fee change in the Development Services Department and introduced a new section focused on "Neighborhood Homes for All of Us".
The CPC expressed support for ending Footnote 7 and the ADU-type projects in the Chollas Valley area.

For the Good of the Order and Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.