

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee

General Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2026

A video of this meeting is available at: <https://youtu.be/LdyvLKFJ2Bc>

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

Sonia Lang, (Acting Chair), Rolando Park
John Hogan, (Treasurer), Redwood Village
Jim Westheimer, El Cerrito
Emily Perez, Rolando (online)

Jen Eastman, Webster
Kim Nguyen, Rolando
Laura Riebau, El Cerrito (online)

Absent: Bettina Rausa, (Chair), Redwood Village; Cathy Martinez, Member at Large; Andy Huelskamp, Oak Park

Members of the public present (sign-ins): Amertah Permen, Jan Hintzman, Denise Padilla, Cesar Javier, Perita Javier, Richard Diaz, Lupe Diaz, Nathania Lang, Ozzy Meneses, Tim Davey

Online attendees: Daniel Laman, Karen Montufar-Federico, Bruce Williams, Laura Riebau, 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 changed and adopted with one additional action item. The board agreed to give Laura Riebau, representing the Community Planning Group, 5 minutes to present the case whether to send a letter to the City Council.

Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

- Becky Rapp—advised the EACPC to recognize the destructive societal effects of billboards advertising marijuana dispensaries in marginalized communities and to discourage the City from their utilization as a revenue source.
- Lynn Edwards – announced the next meeting of the working group for the Mid-City Community Plan update will be Feb. 25 from 6-8 pm at the Kensington Community Church.
- Jan Hintzman – President of the College Rolando Library board – brought to attention the ongoing problem the lack of parking at the library and will seek to have this issue included in the Mid-City Community Plan. In doing so once the plan is adopted by the City the parking problem will have some public prominence and help the library's supporters raise

funds from non-profits in order to purchase enough land abutting the library to permanently solve the parking problem.

- Purita Javier read from a prepared script concerning the dangers of environmental pollution that have affected her health.
- Cesar Javier – continued in the same vein in support of his ailing spouse and urged the city officials to take more measures to protect the health of the residents, with particular emphasis on regulating the emissions of ceramics manufacturing plants.
- Ozzie Meneses – Groundwork San Diego -will continue to advocate for more public green spaces despite the moratorium on maintenance for parks. Of particular interest to the Eastern Area is the continuing advocacy for the Webster Green Alley and their concern that the proposed Fairmount Ave Fire Station will reduce green space.
- Kim Nguyen – informed the attendees that as a Kaiser Permanente employee, she has been out on strike for the last 2 ½ weeks and wanted to emphasize that the strike demands were not confined to wages but also over better working and staffing conditions. Kim also is concerned about the tree removals at Pendleton Park and the status of the park renovations.

City, County, and State Representatives' Reports

(Reports given in the order of representatives' arrival)

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

- The Governor's proposed budget submitted in January will be discussed in public and "behind the scenes" negotiations with the legislature until final adoption in May.
- The office is accepting nominations for Women's History Month in March. The Senator wants to be involved in the statewide recognition of qualified candidates.
- The Senator has two measures SB277 & SB849 up for consideration in the Senate Appropriations Committee, where their fiscal impact is evaluated. This is a good sign that the measures will move forward.
- Encouraged attendees and the public to contact their office for any assistance or simply to express any concerns.

Information and Action Items

Action: Laura Riebau introduced a letter template adopted at the January 27, 2026, Community Planning Committee (CPC) for consideration of the EACPC. In the letter addressed to the Councilmember, the relevant planning group endorsing the CPC request to have a designated block of time at public hearings equal to the project applicant, developers, and other stakeholders for the CPC's and CPC.

John made a motion to complete the letter with the EACPC endorsement to Councilmembers Sean Elo-Rivera (District 9) and Henry Foster III (District). Kim seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Sonia will ensure that the letters are completed and forwarded before the next City Council meeting.

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes

January 2025 minutes approved with corrections (Emily motions, John seconds, motion passes unanimously)

Subcommittee Reports

Election – John Hogan: All four current board members (Emily, Jen, Jim and Sonia) with expiring terms and eligibility have opted to seek reelection, and each has submitted a Meet the Candidate form.

Amertah Permen has indicated desire to represent Oak Park and Lynn Edwards will submit a candidacy form for Rolando Park.

Board vacancies that potentially still need to be filled include one from Rolando Park, one from Oak Park, one from Webster, and the at-large business / non-profit representative.

Board members are all encouraged to recruit candidates for the vacancies.

The Meet the Candidate Form should be submitted before the start of voting at 6 pm at the next EACPC meeting on March 10, 2026.

Rolando Village -Emily Perez: Construction on Rolando Blvd should be completed before the Rolando Street Fair on April 12. SANDAG has determined no crosswalk is necessary at University & Cartajena - the community is asking for further explanation. A free Monthly Yoga in the Park (Pendleton Park), probably every 2nd Monday, will start soon and they are seeking business sponsors.

El Cerrito -Laura Riebeau: – Jim Schneider of the BID(Business Improvement District) made a presentation at the Community Council meeting – actively working to attract new business along the Blvd. Responded to interest in getting more murals up in the area – the process is more complicated than presumed.

Parks & Recreation – Daniele Laman

Forwarded to Sonia to share the GDP for Pendleton Park, outlining which trees will be removed and where new ones will be planted.

February 11 4pm: Independent Citywide Rec Survey – Zoom only

February 12 3:30pm: Chollas Lake Coalition – meets every 2nd Thursday -Zoom only

February 17 6:30pm: District 9 Rec Needs Survey at the City Heights Rec Ctr

February 19 2pm: Parks and Rec Board – meets every 3rd Thursday – hybrid meeting.

Daniele can be contacted if links are needed for any of the meetings.

CPC Updates – Laura Riebau

At January meeting, two members of the Mid City Planning Group made a chart showing how the City's Land Development Update affects the city as a whole and certain communities. Also, authorized sending out the letter template to all planning groups, which was taken up as the added agenda item at today's meeting.

For the Good of the Order and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.