Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee
General Meeting Minutes May 12, 2026

A video of this meeting is available at: https://tinyurl.com/39n8befz

Meeting called to order at: 7:03 pm.

Members present
Lynn Edwards (Co-Chair), Rolando Park
Bettina Rausa (Co-Chair), Redwood Village (online)
Sonia Lang (Vice Chair), Rolando Park
Jim Westheimer (Secretary), El Cerrito
John Hogan (Treasurer), Redwood Village (online)
Richard Diaz, Oak Park
Amertah Perman, Oak Park
Emily Perez, Rolando
Kim Nguyen, Rolando
Jessica Arreguin, Webster
Jen Eastman, Webster
Joseph Yorty, Business Owner (Webster)
Valerie Inge, Member-at-Large (Webster

Absent: None

Quorum: Yes

Chair's Welcome
Sonia welcomed attendees and asked for any changes to the agenda.

Adoption of Agenda or Agenda Changes
Jen requested a moment of silence for the passing of EACPC board member Laura Riebau (El Cerrito). Danielle Laymen also requested people have the opportunity to share words in memory of Laura at adjournment.

Lynn made motion, Kim seconded the motion and the vote to add the action item was unanimous, 12-0-0.

Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items
- Lynn Edwards
  - Has a sympathy card for Laura's family for anyone to sign.
- Danielle from Little League and Parks & Rec
  - NE corner of 54th and University – asked if anyone knew why there was a hole there.
  - Also asked when the dead trees were being replaced at the SDG&E substation
- Naiyali Cruz, intern from GroundWork San Diego
  - Brought flyers with information about sustainable energy and EV cars.

City, County, and State Representatives' Reports
- Sam Gonzalez – Representative for 39th Senate District, State Senator Dr. Akilah Weber Pierson

- Encouraged people to reach out for help with any issues regarding EDD, CalTrans, or other state agencies.
- CA budget for 26/27 May revision will be released on or before May 14, 2026. Copy of budget will be available online: ebudget.ca.gov
  - Original budget released in January and is a baseline of what may be in the final budget.
  - All areas of the budget released have direct impacts to our communities.
  - Budget is divided into 10-12 sections.
  - Dr. Weber Pierson's office will go through the budget and highlight areas that may be of interest to her/our communities.
- Lupus Awareness symposium webinar – sign up online or email Sam.
- LGBTQ+ community leader and small business owner award nomination - deadline May 29.
- Newsletter went out today and is available online - sd39.senate.ca.gov

Information and Action Items

- **Moment of Silence for Laura Riebau**
  - Laura, who was a long-time member of the EACPC passed away this week.
- **Information:** Annual review of CIPs (Capital Improvement Projects) and preparations for submission of 2026 CIPs (anticipated due date TBD/June 2026) to City of San Diego Planning Department
  - Bettina: Every year, we prepare a list of Capital Improvement Projects for each community as well as a separate list from the EACPC.
  - Last year, the City gave us a very short turnaround time, which is why we are proactively starting to think about the priorities for each community.
  - The CIPs that were turned in the last two years never received any response or feedback from the City.
  - It is still important to express and have in writing our priorities for the Eastern Area.
  - Lynn: The list turned in last year was for fiscal years 2027-2031, which is likely why we never heard anything. This year, the list is for **fiscal years 2028-2032.** Recommends reviewing last year's projects and making updates. She will put up a survey form on the EACPC website, or have communities do their own, and also complete the survey.
  - Lynn will send information to the EACPC board about what constitutes a Capital Improvement Project. Advised thinking about big, long-term projects, i.e. sidewalk improvements, parks.
  - Lynn will send the link to the EACPC board to the CIP dashboard to see a visual map of proposed projects, including what stage they are in, how much money they will cost, and the timelines.
  - Construction for CIP projects does not take start until all funding is in place.
  - Amertah asked what the process is to select items for the list that the EACPC submits. Lynn informed her that we will go through this at the June meeting.
  - Last year, a lot of communities resubmitted the same/similar list as the year before, and communities should review last year's list to see what may be removed and what should be added.
  - Encourage people to use the survey form so it can be collected in one place for review.
  - Links to be sent out, placed on the Planning Group website, and sent out via email.
  - Elida Chavez offered words of encouragement by sharing that the Oak Park Library has been on the CIP list since 2016 and their groundbreaking is this Thursday, May 14 at 9am.
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- **Call for Volunteers:** EACPC volunteers needed for monthly agenda posting at Oak Park and College-Rolando libraries, Bettina Rausa, EACPC Co-Chair
    - Posting the monthly meeting agenda is part of our outreach to our communities, informing them of EACPC and our monthly meetings that are open to the public. She requested volunteers to post at Oak Park and College-Rolando libraries no later than the Saturday before the monthly meetings. The meeting agenda is also posted at Teen Challenge (required), and the Chair will continue to post those. She also encouraged members to think of other places where the agenda could be posted in order to reach more community members.
    - Sonia Lang volunteered to post the meeting agenda not later than the Saturday before the monthly meeting at the Oak Park Library.
    - Richard Diaz volunteered to do the same at the College-Rolando Library.

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes for April

- Bettina made the motion to approve the minutes for April, Jim seconded. Approved unanimously, 12-0-0.

Subcommittee Reports

- Community updates:
    - Oak Park (Richard): New Oak Park Library is breaking ground this Thursday, May 14 at 9am. Richard contacted Tiffany Harrison from D4 due to parking and a stop sign that people keep running. They will provide traffic control for that event. There will be shuttles provided. Oak Park and Redwood Village to coordinate Streamview Drive Phase 2 for the CIP list (Anisa was expected to provide an update this week).
    - Redwood Village (Bettina): Dumpster Day on Saturday, May 16, 9-11am, in conjunction with Rolando Park will take place across the street from Darnall School, on Hughes Street. Volunteers are needed.
    - Rolando (Emily): finally seeing movement on the renovations at Pendleton Park.
    - Rolando Park (Lynn): There has been a spate of vandalism on the new monument sign and in Zena Canyon.
    - Webster (Jen): Dumpster Day May 30, Brookline St, East of Webster Elem., 49th & Elm, 50th & Elm, 4995 A Street - no tires, electronics, oils or paint of any kind. Friends of Webster have a meeting on May 28. Green Alleyway is unfunded but there is a grant from GroundWork for the General Development Plan. Reminded of the election of city council rep in D4, ballots should be turned in on or before June 2.
- Parks & Recreation – Daniele Laman
    - Oak Park storm drain project near the shopping center is at least 2 years away.
    - Oak Park trail is slowly moving along.
    - Colina CRG is meeting next Wednesday.
    - Voted to approve a curfew for Colina.
    - Planning may want EACPC to support the curfew because the pool is in the Eastern Area.
    - City/Parks & Rec Board wants more explanation of what Portia Dawson did for the rec center, even though that information was already provided in the original slide show.
    - Will provide more info on North Chollas next week.

- Community Planners Committee April Meeting:
  - Since Laura Riebau was the EACPC representative attending the CPC meetings, Lynn will attend for now (the CPC chair was notified of Laura's passing).
- Mid-City Community Plan Update:
  - First draft will is due to come out at any time now.
  - EACPC will review the draft and provide feedback, questions, etc., until at least the end of 2026.

Comments, words in Memory of Laura Riebau:
Jim and Danielle shared stories and memories of Laura.

For the Good of the Order and Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.