

NAVAJO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Allied Gardens-Del Cerro-Grantville-San Carlos

MINUTES

Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

FLOOD CHURCH COMMUNITY ROOM

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Chairman's Call to Order (John Hoy): Meeting was called to order at 6:35PM

Secretary's Roll Call of Board Members (Jana Hartwell): ~7 members present = Quorum. ~ 5 absentees.

NAME	COMMUNITY	ATTENDANCE	
Jana Hartwell	Allied Gardens	Present	
Marilyn Reed	Allied Gardens	Present	
Kevin Sullivan	Allied Gardens	Excused Absence	
Brian Woodhouse	Allied Gardens	Present	
Pamela Cotta	Del Cerro	Present	
Elizabeth Grell	Del Cerro	Excused Absence	
John Hoy	Del Cerro	Present	
Nate Stein	Del Cerro	Excused Absence	

NAME	COMMUNITY	ATTENDANCE
Nicholas Stoneking	Grantville	Absent
Kyle Walker	Grantville	Present
VACANT	Grantville	X
VACANT	Grantville	X
Tamar Caspi	San Carlos	Present
Kevin Parker	San Carlos	Excused Absence
VACANT	San Carlos	X
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Modifications to the Agenda: There were none.

Minutes: Board approval of May 14, 2026 meeting minutes. ~Motion to approve May 14, 2026 minutes was made by Tamar Caspi. ~Seconded by Brian Woodhouse. ~Minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes each)

~Community member, Norm Hegler spoke about an accident on the 6100 block of Del Cerro Blvd., (1 block west of Hearst Elementary) where a car landed upside down at the house across the street from him. There have been many accidents in this area, primarily due to speeding and/or distracted drivers. Is there something that can be done to mitigate those speeding through this area? The Chair advised that residents contact their councilperson, Raul Campillo and obtain signatures from as many neighbors as possible. Although the wheels turn very slowly on traffic engineering matters, he encouraged persistence. He offered to put their issue on a future agenda and recommended that they bring a large display board. The Vice Chair suggested getting the support of Rob Rainert, our local police representative for the area. A police report of the accident can be accessed from a new data port on the City of SD website.

~Shain Haug, from AGGCC, spoke about the Chase Bank, on Mission Gorge Rd and Twain, being moved over to where the old Denny's was on Friar's Rd. He has been tracking activity for that lot and is concerned that another "monstrosity" [apartment high-rise] will be built to take the spot that the bank vacates and the vacant lot next door without any advance notice from the City. Although there haven't yet been any permits approved, he will let the NCPG board know just as soon as he sees something.

~Bea Riley, commented on the recently approved Operating Procedures. Since there was not time allowed for community comments about them, she thinks it is important that some items in the Operating Procedures not be swept under the rug and be reinvestigated. 1) The section on Youth Seats needs work because there are conflicting elements regarding the voting age for youth seats stated in our operating procedures and what is allowed in our California Elections Code. 2) There is also a conflict with how nonprofit business vs for-profit businesses are allowed to vote. 3) Bea suggests the Operating Procedures be clearly stated to clarify that

Roberts Rules of Order be used to facilitate meetings only when the Brown Act and Public Policy 624 do not cover the situation in question. 4) The section on subcommittees allows only one community voting subcommittee member if there are three board subcommittee members. But what if one of the board subcommittee members resigns? Does this then require the community member to resign as well? This detail should be addressed. 5) Our Operating Procedures lists only the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary as Officers on the Executive Committee, not the Treasurer. Yet most associations include the Treasurer on the Executive Committee. Should our procedures be corrected to include the Treasurer as an Officer?

Board Comment on Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes each)

~Brian Woodhouse spoke about the difference in cost between Zoom Workplace Pro (what we currently pay for) at \$14.99/month vs. Google Meets at \$7.99/mo. He suggested we put this subject on the next agenda so we can make a decision about whether to switch our virtual meeting platform from Zoom Workplace Pro to Google Meets, which is half the cost. There were questions about whether Google Meets provides comparable features for the lower cost. The chair then asked Brian and Jana Hartwell (Secretary) to research the matter and report to the board during the July meeting so a vote can be made on which platform to use going forward.

~Pam Cotta reported that the City of Del Cerro vs. the City of San Diego “Light on the Hill” (All People’s Church) trial is tomorrow at 1:30pm. It can be viewed on Microsoft Teams and she has the information for those interested.

~Tamar Caspi mentioned a petition going around for a Stop sign to go in on Murray Park Drive in front of the Lake Murray playground and little league areas. She put in a request to the City several years ago which was denied and hopes it will be approved this time around. Tamar also mentioned the recent press about Patrick Henry High being vandalized during finals week by a single person who put a sticky substance inside 200 locks and stained the cement of the quad with a curse aimed at the principal. The damages were estimated at over \$70,000. There is a \$1,000 reward issued for his capture.

Elected Officials’ Reports

~Anthony Hackett, Senior Community Representative for District 7 Councilperson, Raul Campillo reported:

- 1) FY 2027 budget was approved based on the question: “Does the budget protect the basics for people to live safely now, while investing in the future of our city to flourish later?” In other words, reducing the City’s deficit while maintaining critical public safety services. The final budget also restores some arts and cultural funding.
- 2) Coffee with the Councilmember resumes on Sat., July 27, from 9:00 to 10:30am at the Bayside Community Center in Linda Vista.
- 3) The underground utilities construction project happening along Mission Gorge Rd. is expected to be completed between Sept. and Dec. of this year. A question was asked about the timeline for utility wires to be installed further up in the neighborhood. Anthony replied that there is no timeline for that and scheduling is difficult with so many other entities involved to get it done (e.g., Verizon, Cox, AT&T, etc.).
- 4) Environmental Services Dept was able to get the dumpsters removed that have been blocking pedestrian rights-of-way on Del Cerro Blvd., near the Chevron station to remove them. But they came back, so they are working on getting them moved again, but this time citing the owners with a fine.
- 5) Porta-Potties at Lake Murray (park side) were taken away due to budget constraints, but public protest and the help of Councilmember Campillo is bringing them back.
- 6) Homeless encampments are set up at the San Carlos Little League area at Lake Murray Park; they have been using the park’s full amenities and installing hammocks. The City is working on removing these encampments. Flooding in the driveway area at the little league park has been a problem. Anthony explained the water-pumping situation there done by Public Utilities and said he would look into whether the temporary driveway flooding can be prevented.
- 7) The Chair asked if there are additional requirements the City can impose on builders and developers in terms of the actual appearance of the structure itself as it hits public property? This is a question for DSD and how they grade their ministerial rubric for “Complete Communities,” but the requirements are supposed to fit in with the community’s overall aesthetics plan.

8) The chair asked if the FAA issues on the flight path to Montgomery been solved as it pertains to the Kevin Woo property or the Cerro House property? The “Complete Communities” requirements do not always conform with the FAA’s requirements.

9) Kyle Walker asked whether the Councilmember could take a more proactive role in traffic calming measures in our Navajo communities. Anthony stated that the time-frame for this will be slow due to delays with the City’s Engineering Dept.

10) A San Carlos community member stated that notwithstanding the fact that funds originally earmarked for the library project were reallocated citywide, the Navajo community remains part of that same city and is therefore entitled to a fair share of the capital improvement budget. He suggested that District 7 provide the community with a monthly report outlining how, and to what extent, a portion of those funds may be returning to and benefiting our community. While the original allocation may have been redirected, the community is still entitled to its fair share of the pie. He also asked about the funding that was removed for the San Carlos Library and whether anything would be done with the \$5 million piece of land next to it. Anthony stated that the library project is dead. The City does not plan to allocate any funding for it and although the City owns the parking lot next to the library, there are currently no plans to do anything with it. The questioner persisted: “What is Councilmember Campillo doing to help the Navajo communities get a fair share of the pie?” Anthony responded that the Mayor and his department have the final say in that and although Mr. Campillo has pushed for us, he has been blocked by the Mayor’s office.

11) Shain Haug commented on how much of a desert Grantville has been, and still is, when it comes to City facilities and services. In 2015, when it was reorganized, there were no provisions for parks, schools, libraries, fire departments. All of the developments currently going in are low-income, producing a minimum amount of developer impact funds.

12) Grantville resident, Ines Nefzi asked how to find information about new building projects happening in her area. She is concerned about the excessive building, without also putting in new grocery stores, libraries, parks, schools, traffic improvements, and other services to accommodate the extra people. She mentioned the hardship experienced by families when the MTS bus line was on strike. There was more discussion about the MTS, a county agency, vs. the City and how they are separate entities, not always collaborating with each other to help residents who must adapt to all these changes and loss of services. If private property owners and developers are following city, county, and state land-use codes, there is very little pushback that we can do on that. The chair suggested that we invite MTS out for an NCPG meeting. Anthony ended his report by offering to connect Ines with the best agency[ies] that could assist her.

~Moana Alo, representative of State Senator Akilah Weber was not present but provided her written report to the Chair. Senator Weber is sponsoring a backpack giveaway for students at the Family Resource Fair, located at the O’Farrell Charter School on Skyline Drive, San Diego. It will be on Saturday, August 8, 8:00am to 10:00am. Although not in Navajo, we appreciate the senator’s attention to the community.

Directors’ Reports

Chair: None

Vice Chair: None

Secretary: Jana Hartwell provided her report to the board in writing but verbally emphasized her involvement with reformatting/editing the approved Operating Procedures and posting the final version on the website. She also stated that since her duty as Secretary is to maintain the website, she has been frustrated by the fact that the NCPG website was taken down from public view for three months. During this time, she developed her Wordpress skills and made improvements to the site. She outlined some of these improvements and asked the board to contact her if they had feedback or needed something posted.

Treasurer/ DIF Report/Alternate CPC: Since Kevin Sullivan was absent, the chair stated that the CPC report was provided via email.

1) Action Item: Approve 2026 Budget (attachment). There was discussion about using the Zoom Workplace platform vs. Google Meets for virtual meetings because the costs would vary on the budget. ~Motion was

made by Tamar Caspi to approve a budget expenditure of up to \$170 for video conferencing services. ~Motion was seconded by Pam Cotta. ~The board unanimously approved.

- 2) **Action Item:** Approve Jay Wilson as a Community Voting Member on the Mission Gorge Rock Quarry Subcommittee (bio attached). ~Motion made by Quarry Subcommittee Chair, Jana Hartwell, to approve Jay Wilson as a community voting member for the Mission Gorge Rock Quarry Subcommittee. There was discussion about his extensive experience in the Navajo community and background working with the City. ~Motion was seconded by Marilyn Reed. ~Motion was unanimously approved.
- 3) **Discussion Item:** Publicizing current board vacancies. The chair encouraged all board members to talk to their friends and neighbors about joining the NCPG. Particularly needed are members to fill vacancies in Del Cerro and Grantville. Jana Hartwell (former Election Committee Chair), offered to reach out to two prospects who have shown interest in joining the board for San Carlos and Grantville representation. She will also send them links to our board application form.

4) **Committee Reports:**

Mission Gorge Rock Quarry: Jana Hartwell reported that the first subcommittee meeting was very productive and Jay Wilson took on a list of action items for the cause. Marilyn Reed brought up the statement Travis Cleveland [City Project Manager for this CUP] made during the training webinar for planning group members. Travis said that whether the CUP gets amended is solely dependent on whether Vulcan submits a written request to amend it; the City will not initiate this request. Jana argued that the prior City staff (Renee Mezo/Development Services and Leslie Sennett/Code Enforcement) did initiate amendment proceedings and got the City Attorney involved. This review and amendment proceeding has been in progress since 2022. The current project manager has said that unless Vulcan makes some required submittals about the CUP to the City Staff, the plans for an amended CUP will not continue. John Hoy requested that Jana (Quarry Subcommittee Chair) coordinate with subcommittee members to draft a formal, written request to the Planning Department for clarification on the city's policy and legal obligations regarding CUP (Conditional Use Permit) review and enforcement for the Mission Gorge Rock Quarry. He stressed that we include the question of whether the City can initiate CUP amendments or reviews without cooperation from the land owner (Vulcan). There has also been ongoing confusion over which version of the CUP should be followed [1983 vs. 1990]. It was agreed that NCPG will prepare a formal request for clarification, rather than continuing informal discussions. John, as chair of NCPG will be happy to sign the letter[s] the Quarry Subcommittee drafts.

Community Engagement: Kyle Walker announced that NCPG has active Instagram and Facebook pages and encouraged everyone to follow them, post on them, and share these social media links with others. He requested that the chair send him the draft agenda so there will be more time for him to post the final agenda on community boards around town.

5) **Community Group Reports**

Mission Trails Regional Park Advisory Board: Marilyn Reed stated that there was no meeting this month so there is nothing to report.

Allied Gardens Town Council: Brian Woodhouse announced that the 2nd annual Bubble Pop event, celebrating 37 years for the Allied Gardens Grantville Community Council (AGGCC) will be held on Saturday, June 27, 10:00am to 12:00pm, at the Allied Gardens Park, near the rec center.

Adjourned: The chair adjourned the meeting at **8:25pm**