

NAVAJO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Allied Gardens-Del Cerro-Grantville-San Carlos

MINUTES

Thursday, September 10, 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): ~11 of 14 members present = Quorum. ~ 3 absentees.

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

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

Minutes: ~Motion to approve July 9, 2026 minutes was made by Jana Hartwell, with the following corrections:

1) Under the Public Comment section, correct the spelling of Cindi's last name from Stock to Scott. ~Motion was seconded by Brian Woodhouse. ~The minutes were approved with the noted changes (9 approved, 2 abstained, 3 absent).

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items. ~ Jay Wilson stated that there will be a meeting by the City on Sept. 14th at 6:30pm at the rec center, regarding an update on Foster Elementary and their sports field. But this meeting will be strictly on traffic, although this is totally a school district project that has nothing to do with the City. They've asked the City Park & Rec to make a presentation at the Allied Gardens Rec Center. The original plan is a nightmare; I think they are going to be putting 40-plus parking spaces on the campus, which would help, but then entering an exit parking lot.

Board Comments on Non-Agenda Items. (29 minutes)

~ Tamar Caspi mentioned an article (that I can share, so it is in the minutes) by the SD Union Tribune last week about how La Jolla was able to work with the City to do some upgrades to their neighborhood. They put their blueprint online for everyone to see and copy if they want to work with the City to get upgrades done, when the funding is not there for their City. Since they no longer have their DIF fund, they worked with La Cava. Sunset Cliffs did this as well. It's call "Stewardship By Design." Del Cerro has been talking about beautifying their median of College Avenue, using a MADD, which I do not support, so I would like for "Friends of Del Cerro," AGGCC, and other community groups to look at this, for other ways of beautifying our neighborhoods, without having to wait for City funding and homeowner assessments.

~ Elizabeth Grell commented about neighbors over at Foster Elementary being worried about traffic over there; particularly at Lake Murray. There was an errant vehicle that ran into numerous houses, "Thank God nobody was killed," and it was right in the middle of the day. Our streets are not designed with consideration

for the kids who are out on the roads. We had a terrible tragedy over at Hershing and, thankfully, things were done immediately, to make that area better. But we have five or six other areas that are also disasters waiting to happen. Drivers are lane-splitting and passing cars illegally. So I would like to propose that we form a Traffic Committee that will start creating what our communities want as a cohesive plan to have lighted, flashing crosswalks at parks, stop signs, speed bumps and other traffic calming measures that have been implemented in various communities. We need to stop putting a band aid on things when disaster strikes.

~ Kevin Parker asked who is running the CIP? These are issues that can be discussed in the CIP Subcommittee. The City has funding to be used for safety measures and there are state grants to be used as well. And where is our Community Planner, Cory Funk?

~ Jana Hartwell suggested that we ask Cory Funk to attend an upcoming NCPG meeting.

~ John Hoy agreed that discussing this within the CIP subcommittee is a good idea, but we should also consider going directly to our district councilperson, Raul Campillo, to see about getting some of these traffic calming measures pushed through.

~ After a 15 minute discussion, Kevin Sullivan, asked for a return to our agenda.

~ The chair then asked that Elizabeth catalog her ideas for us to discuss more on next month's agenda.

~ Kevin Parker commented on how disappointing the quality of City's "Get It Done" app is at times. He submitted photos and a request to get a pile of gravel removed from the street near a construction project that was unsafe. The response was, "Call Public Works," and then the phone number was given. Kevin stated, "Hey, do I work for the City?" why are they just giving me another number to call? I would like us to say, "Can we get it done a little better than this?" ~ Tamar tagged off this comment by mentioning a request to Get It Done to fix a trip hazard. A few weeks later, the app noted that the request was "closed out," yet the hazard was never repaired. ~ Sam Bagheri (virtual attendee) commented that he created a website named citylinked.com that aggregated and simplifies the Get It Done app. He would be happy to discuss this in a future meeting.

~ Brian Woodhouse commented on San Diego Affordable Housing, who is looking for City property to build more homes on. One of those eleven sites is the Allied Gardens Benjamin Library. They wish to build high-rise apartments, plus a new library, plus a little parking, plus give some profit to the builders, all on this half-acre lot. We are beyond surprised that this tiny library is targeted and our biggest concern as a community is that the City will allow the library to be taken away from this site and be "funded to be built onto another lot in the future." The chair suggested that this item be formalized on the agenda for next month so we can take some concrete action to request that this library not be taken away for any amount of time.

~ John Hoy commented on the configuration of the "Community Housing Works" project that is being built on Navajo, near the old Nicolosi's Restaurant as well as the high-rise being built on Mission Gorge Rd. in Grantville. It seems that there is virtually no setback; that it is literally, on the street. The ingress and egress of these projects will cause another traffic nightmare for these areas; people will be slowing down to get in and exiting at a much higher speed. John asked Kevin Parker to come up with some language for the NCPG to submit to the City on this issue. Kevin offered to pull a copy of the site plan and landscape plan on these sites.

Elected Officials' Reports

Anthony Hackett, Senior Community Representative for District 7 Councilperson, Raul Campillo reported two key initiatives introduced:

1) Thanks to Councilmember Campillo and the advocacy of countless San Diegans, we were able to reopen every single bathroom in the Mission Bay area. The Councilmember previously called on the Mayor to redirect available funding from previous planned ballot measures to immediately reopen the 13 closed restrooms, but Mayor Gloria denied that request.

2) City of San Diego's Council's Rules Committee unanimously approved an ordinance to preserve free parking at local beaches and Mission Bay. The ordinance was brought forth by Council President Joe Baccala and Councilmember Raul Campillo in response to concerns raised by the recent decisions around parking fees at Balboa Park. The committee voted to have the ordinance applied to the City of San Diego's residents and also removed a proposed 10-year sunset cost. Currently, the city does not charge for parking at its beaches and at Mission Bay parking lots that it owns and operates. The goal is to ensure that access to some of San Diego's

most treasured public spaces remains protected for residents. Importantly, the ordinance would not affect existing parking meters, prevent the city from parking citations, or excuse me, from parking violations, or limit the city's ability to regulate commercial activities or permitted events.

3) Raul Campillo's 60th Town Hall will be held on Saturday, Sept 26, at 9:00am at the Mission Trails Regional Park Reserve Center.

4) A question was asked about what is being done about removing the tall, dead palm trees that you can see going West on the 8 freeway at the College Ave exit, along Adobe Falls Rd. They are creating a high fire risk. Anthony explained that there are multiple owners of this area: the City, SDSU, private land, and CalTrans. It was identified that CalTrans owns the property that these trees are on, but the City is looking in to whether there is any overlap there. ~Jay Wilson commented that the "Friends of Del Cerro: has also been looking into this. As of a week ago, the Cal Trans media manager states that they are still trying to figure out what the next step will be, since their current equipment is not sufficient enough to remove the palm trees, due to the terrain they are on. Most likely, they will be removing them all along Lake Murray, as well as Adobe Falls.

Michaela, Mayor Todd Glorias new Director of Communication, overseeing District 7 stated that she will attend the NCPG meetings that she can, but will also submit reports via email.

- 1) The Transportation Department is implementing the speed management plan that City Council passed via state law last spring. They will be in the Navajo area starting in, January of next year. They're starting south to north. The school principals have designated what traffic mitigation they wanted prioritized, by their school. So, I have that list as well. We're meeting with San Diego Unified, and the Transportation Department on a quarterly, as-needed basis. There are many conflicting priorities and on who should dictate what the priority is. Tamar and Elizabeth commented on the importance of school traffic and park traffic calming measures. Why aren't these areas automatically set up for flashing crosswalks, etc.?
- 2) There were more comments about how the Get It Done program is lacking. Michaela, encouraged us to shoot an email to the Councilmember's and Mayor's office when a Get It Done request is filed, to ensure a more speedy result.
- 3) There was much discussion from members about the rampant building going on in Grantville and other Navajo areas, without regard to improvements in infrastructure, traffic engineering studies, etc. Who is actually auditing this process to see how many of these units will actually be rented, and how many remain vacant? The City is putting units all over town where there's no supermarket, no library, no park, no reasonably close transportation, and no parking, like in Grantville. Michaela reported that much of the decisions came from SANDAG's 2014 report and our state's requirements for affordable housing to be built near access to trolley and transit lines. Tamar pointed out, "Just so you know, all of the housing that was built along the river for access to the trolley...nobody actually built the access to the trolley! They have to go all the way up, and then all the way back down that terrible intersection, and those elevators are out of service all of the time." The question was also asked if there was anything the mayor's office can do to get our Community Planner to actually make an appearance at our meetings. He has not been here in over two years. Michaela stated she would circle back with us on that.
- 4) There is a community preparedness fair hosted by the Office of Emergency Services this Saturday, Sept 12th that conflicted with Raul Campillo's Town Hall so the Town Hall has been rescheduled to Sept. 26th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Discussion ensued about El Nino and preparing residents with info about flood insurance and other resources. Makaela replied that the City has mailed out some flyers to those property owners and renters that are within a flood risk zone, just to make sure that they're aware that they live in a flood risk zone, how they can be prepared to get flood insurance, etc. This City has also allowed libraries and other centers where there is air-conditioning to remain open later hours so they can be "cool zones" for those needing the relief from the heat.

Directors' Reports

Chair: None

Vice Chair: Tamar mentioned that, as an update to the "Light on the Hill" church proposal, the "Voice of Del Cerro" appeal was filed this week.

Secretary: Jana Hartwell provided her report to the board in writing. Tonight we have a quorum 11 out of 14 members attending; which includes 2 virtual attendees. There are 3 absentees.

Treasurer/ DIF Report/Alternate CPC: Kevin reported that we have a new fiscal year with an allotment of \$500 in the budget. Kevin provided his reports via email and mentioned that the CPC discussed the Midway Rising (AKA: "Midway Sinking") project. The developers are seeking another way to subvert CEQA so they can continue with this controversial project, which has been going on for over 30 years. Kevin also mentioned the historic property in La Jolla which has not been maintained by various owners nor required to do so by the City. Kevin also suggested in his written report that we agendaize for next month the topic of the City amending their Operating Procedures which will include them moving their officer elections to April and how that will affect our elections and meeting schedules. John asked Kevin to send him a note on that.

- 1) **Consideration of Action Item:** A ratification to the previously approved amendment to our Operating Procedures is now required, since a clause was introduced by the City that needs to be added and the dates need to match. There was a quick review of the approved document, plus the additional City clause. ~ A motion was made by Kevin Sullivan to approve the ratification and seconded by Brian Woodhouse. A roll-call vote was made with all present members voting "yes." The motion was adopted. The chair reminded us that all Subcommittee appointments must be recorded in the minutes.
- 2) **Consideration of Action Item:** ~ Jana Hartwell motioned to accept Kevin Parker's resignation from the Quarry Subcommittee (due to a conflict of interest) and seconded by Tamar. A second motion was made by Jana Hartwell to approve Kevin's replacement on the Quarry Subcommittee by Jackie O'Connor. Elizabeth Grell seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
- 3) **Presentation:** On behalf of the Quarry Subcommittee, Jana Hartwell and Bea Riley shared a slide presentation called "What Is Safe?" a summary of what has been learned about blasting safety as it is reported by the Vulcan operators (using seismic report tables) compared to what the nearby residents actually report and what we have been learning from expert geologists. The NCPG chair clarified that we will be voting on approval of this subcommittee's report to the City's Development Services Dept. regarding this period's CUP Review, during the November meeting. Jana will be distributing the subcommittee's report in October to give members plenty of time to review it and ask questions, if any. A community member commented on how the prior quarry owner used to reimburse some residents for blasting damage caused to their property. Jana pointed out that this only occurred when the resident knew enough to reach out to the owner, and that some residents still have not been compensated. Jana stated that Vulcan has not reached out at all to offer assistance and yet they continue to insist (via shot report data) that all is safe and done according to industry standards.
- 4) **Discussion Item:** Kevin Parker began a discussion about lack of maintenance in Tuxedo Park, located in San Carlos. He has observed City maintenance workers doing as little as possible to provide upkeep. They glance into half-full garbage cans and walk away, although there may be odorous pet waste inside that needs to be removed regularly. They drive their vehicles across the grass and mud, making a mess. The employees are observed just sitting in their trucks, looking at their phones, taking naps, or otherwise wasting time. The water fountain stays clogged and creates a breeding ground for mosquitos. When the grass is mowed, it spreads over the sidewalk and is not cleaned up. The Get It Done app does not "get it done." Kevin Sullivan suggested these issues be brought up to Lacey Bradshaw, the area manager for Park & Rec, as well as the Area Recreation Group Council. Jay Wilson asked if Kevin Lee has been contacted; he is responsible for all park maintenance.

Committee Reports:

Mission Gorge Rock Quarry: Jana Hartwell distributed written reports to all in attendance. The report was also posted to the NCPG website.

Community Group Reports

Allied Gardens Grantville Town Council: Kevin Sullivan stated that the AGGTC had a special meeting in August regarding the Affordable Homes Master Plan, which was already touched on.

Adjourned: The chair adjourned the meeting at **8:20pm**