

Community Planners Committee

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APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT and ATTENDING VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM:

Barrio Logan (BL), Absent	North Park (NP), Roger McClish
Carmel Mountain Ranch/Sabre Springs (CMRSS), Absent	Ocean Beach (OB), Absent
Carmel Valley (CV), Jeff Heden	Old Town SD (OT), Absent
City Heights (CH), Marcellus Anderson	Otay Mesa (OM), Absent
Chollas Valley/Encanto (CVE), Saige Gonzalez Walding	Otay Mesa-Nestor (OMN), Absent
Clairemont Mesa (CL), Absent	Pacific Beach (PB), Marcella Bothwell
College Area (CA), Robert Montana	Peninsula (PEN), Andrew Hollingworth
Del Mar Mesa (DMM), Kevin Bagley	Rancho Bernardo (RB), Vicki Touchstone
Downtown/Centre City (DT), Gary Hewitt	Rancho Penasquitos (PQ), Absent
Eastern Area (EA), Lynn Edwards	San Pasqual/Lake Hodges (SPLH), Absent
Greater Golden Hill (GGH), David Swarens	San Ysidro (SY), Absent
Kearny Mesa (KM), Absent	Scripps Miramar Ranch (SMR), Victoria Labruzzo, Chair
Kensington-Talmadge (KT), David Moty, Vice-Chair	Serra Mesa (SM), Absent
La Jolla (LJ), Lisa Kriedeman	Skyline-Paradise Hills (SPH), Don Houston
Linda Vista (LV), Chris Beesley	Southeastern SD (SE), Jasmine Mallen
Midway-Pacific Hwy (MPH), Absent	Tierrasanta (TS), Absent
Mira Mesa (MM), Absent	Torrey Hills (TH), Absent
Mission Beach (MB), Absent	Torrey Pines (TP), Absent
Mission Valley (MV), Stephen Leonetti	University (UNIV), Darren Esposito
Navajo (NAV), Kevin Sullivan	Uptown (UP), Matt Driver
Normal Heights (NH), Paul Coogan, Secretary	23/41

VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:

Per Article IV, Section 5 and Section 6 of the CPC Bylaws the following planning groups have three (3) consecutive absences and will not be able to vote until recordation of attendance at two (2) consecutive CPC meetings by a designated representative or alternate:
BL, CMR/SS, KM, MB, MWPH, OT, OMN, PB, SP/LH, SY and TH.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair LaBruzzo called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair LaBruzzo conducted the roll of CPC members. 23 members of the CPC out of 41 active planning groups citywide were present

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (ACTION ITEM)

None.

4. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Non-agenda public comment included comments on a variety of issues including concerns expressed regarding allowing childcare facilities in airport transition buffer and safety zones, recommending changes to Complete Communities: Housing Solutions not that effects can be studied, an announcement regarding hearing Congressman Scott Peters position about the Turquoise Towers project in Pacific Beach and concerns regarding the poor condition of local dams.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 28, 2026 (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the minutes and revise the next meeting to "August 25" not "September." Motion made by CV. Seconded by RB.

Yea: CV, CVE, CA, DMM, GGH, KT, LJ, LV, NAV, NP, PB, RB, SR, SPH and TS.

Nay: None.

Abstain: DT, PEN, RPQ, SY, SM, TP and UP.

Motion approved: 15-0-7.

6. SENATE BILL 958 SPONSORED BY SENATOR WEBBER PIERSON AND MAYOR GLORIA (ACTION ITEM)

Matt Driver, Chair of the Uptown Community Planning Group provided background on what the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is and presented on Senate Bill (SB) 958 which would eliminate the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements pertaining to the Midway Rising project and other future projects, which could result in applicants bypassing the need to comply with height limits, conduct environmental studies and informing the public about liabilities associated with projects.

Comments expressed on this issue included:

- General opposition to the Senate Bill and that the legislation appears to be a specialized "carve out" for special interests and would leave impacts to infrastructure and traffic unaddressed
- That a ministerial process would be appropriate for small projects, but not for large projects with deviations and impacts which need to be reviewed against CEQA

- Conducting CEQA analysis is not a huge cost. The issue is more about added cost as a result of being able to use CEQA as a legal way to delay projects.
- The issue on lifting the height limit in the Midway area went before the voters of the City twice and their opinions were made known. There the proposed Senate Bill doesn't seem like a "backdoor" around CEQA and is consistent with the spirit of it.
- CEQA informs the public about how projects could impact their quality of life and this incremental dismantling of it deprives the public of that benefit.
- This Senate Bill is essentially a "CEQA exemption bill."
- This bill is another example of the chipping away at the rule of law just like Footnote 7, Complete Communities and the parking meter rollout
- Midway is ripe for redevelopment and it's understandable why there is support from the community, but so many of the impacts would affect the surrounding communities.

Motion for the CPC to support the letter requesting that Assembly Member Chris Ward vote no on SB 958 and submit it to the comment portal for all the Assembly Members to receive, remove the bill from the Assembly's consent agenda and allow the CPC Chair to make any written stylistic changes as necessary. Motion made by UP. Seconded by LV.

Yea: CV, CVE, CH, CA, DT, EA, GGH, KT, LJ, LV, NAV, NH, PB, PEN, RB, SR SPH, UNIV and UP.
Nay: DMM, MV, NP and SE.

Abstain: None.

Motion approved: 19-4-0.

7. CITY APPEAL FEES – COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP FUNDING 10 DAYS REQ (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

Board discussion on addressing appeal filing fees, best practices for planning groups and options for coordinating funding given that the cost is approximately \$2,380 per appeal. It expressed that the ability for planning groups to file appeals is cost prohibitive and that the planning groups should look into options that could include fundraising, partnering with other groups/organizations, reconsidering the waiving of fees, incorporation status, as well as setting up banking accounts.

8. REPORTS TO CPC (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

- **Staff Report** – Marlon Pangilinan, Program Manager from City Planning Department reminded CPC members that the submittal deadline for community CIP Priorities has been extended to Aug. 10, provided a preview of the upcoming initiative on the Extreme Heat Action Plan and presented an overview of the City Planning Department's work program and details on Senate Bill 79, Neighborhood Homes For All of Us and the Affordable Home Development Master Plan.

- **Chair's /CPC Member Reports** – Chair LaBruzzo shared the new logo for the SDcpc.org website, as well as other resources of importance for the CPC members.

9. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to the next regular meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026.
A recording of the meeting as well as printed materials can be viewed at SDcpc.org.