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APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT and ATTENDING VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM:

Barrio Logan (BL), Absent
Carmel Mountain Ranch/Sabre Springs (CMRSS), Absent
Carmel Valley (CV), **Jeff Heden**
City Heights (CH), Absent
Chollas Valley/Encanto (CVE), **Saige Gonzalez Walding**
Clairemont Mesa (CL), Absent
College Area (CA), **Robert Montana**
Del Mar Mesa (DMM), **Ken Bagley**
Downtown/Centre City (DT), **Greg Helmer**
Eastern Area (EA), **Lynn Edwards**
Greater Golden Hill (GGH), **David Swarens**
Kearny Mesa (KM), Absent
Kensington-Talmadge (KT), **David Moty, Vice-Chair**
La Jolla (LJ), **Lisa Kriedeman**
Linda Vista (LV), **Chris Beesely**
Midway-Pacific Hwy (MPH), Absent
Mira Mesa (MM), Absent
Mission Beach (MB), Absent
Mission Valley (MV), Absent
Navajo (NAV), **Kevin Sullivan**
Normal Heights (NH), **Paul Coogan, Secretary**
North Park (NP), **Roger McClish**
Ocean Beach (OB), Absent
Old Town SD (OT), Absent
Otay Mesa (OM), Absent
Otay Mesa-Nestor (OMN), Absent
Pacific Beach (PB), **Marcella Bothwell**
Peninsula (PEN), **Eric Law**
Rancho Bernardo (RB), **Vicki Touchstone**
Rancho Penasquitos (PQ), **Jon Becker**
San Pasqual/Lake Hodges (SPLH), Absent
San Ysidro (SY), **Jennifer Espinosa**
Scripps Miramar Ranch (SMR), **Victoria Labruzzo, Chair**
Serra Mesa (SM), **Deborah Burns**
Skyline-Paradise Hills (SPH), **Don Houston**
Southeastern SD (SE), Absent
Tierrasanta (TS), **Jim Hettinger**
Torrey Hills (TH), Absent
Torrey Pines (TP), **Adam Smith**
University (UNIV), absent
Uptown (UP), **Scott Case**
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VOTING INELIGBILITY/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, SP/LH, SY and TH.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair LaBruzzo called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. upon reaching a quorum and conducting roll call.

2. **ROLL CALL**
   Chair LaBruzzo conducted the roll call of CPC members. 23 members of the CPC out of 41 active planning groups citywide were present

3. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGNDA (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**
   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. **FREE BEACH AND BAY PARKING BALLOT MEASURE (ACTION ITEM)**
   Consideration of support for a proposed citywide ballot measure protecting free parking at City-owned beaches and bays.

   Comments expressed on this item included:
   - Clarification that the item was an ordinance and not a ballot measure
   - The proposed concept should be supported and that parking at beaches should remain free without any associated parking costs
   - Parking meters are considered prohibitive to allow public access.

   MOTION: Support the proposed ordinance to preserve free parking that provides free access to City-owned beaches and bays.

   Yea: CV, CVE, CA, DMM, GGH, KT, LJ, LV, NAV, NH, PB, PEN, RB, RPQ, SR, SM, SPH, TS, TP and UP.
   Nay: DT and NP.

Abstain: SY.

Motion approved: 20-2-1.

7. **RED REST HISTORICAL APPEAL (ACTON ITEM)**
Presentation by Dr. Diane Kane, architectural historian and preservationist, presented a request for the CPC to support the La Jolla Historical Society's appeal and potential citywide implications for designated historic resources and preservation.

Comments expressed on this item included:

- The City should have always been consistent with enforcement of the property
- A practical solution to this issue would be to support historic preservation and reconstruction of the structure, which could contribute to tourism.
- There are so many options that could have been considered to address the site, but the City should have upheld enforcement
- The structure represents value in arrested decay
- Although this is issue localized, it could have implications for historic resources citywide

MOTION: Support La Jolla Historical Society's appeal as presented. Motion by CA. Seconded by GGH.

Yea: CV, CVE, CA, DMM, EA, GGH, KT, LJ, LV, NAV, NH, PB, PEN, RB, RPQ, SY, SR, SM, SPH, TS, TP and UP.
Nay: DT and NP.
Abstain: None.

Motion approved: 22-2-0.

8. **COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATES (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)**
Paul Coogan (NH) provided a gap analysis of the first draft of the Mid-City Communities Plan Update and the community plan update (CPU) process related to unsupported claims, funding gap presented as resolved, loss of mandatory language, not data breakouts by planning group area, zoning/amenity funding mismatch and document errors. Paul presented on next steps with the update process and offered suggestions for planning groups to increase their leverage and influence.

Comments expressed on this item included:

- The City should be asking what the community wants and that the community's voice should come first regardless of one's position on issues

- The combining of data (e.g., park points calculations) for Mid-City as opposed to individual communities is an act of deception.
- The plan update process is a tool of oppression by channeling community voices to side, while the City negotiates behind closed doors and ignores the public.
- The City uses a cookie cutter approach to the plan update process where they control it
- Public amenities and housing density need to be balanced
- There needs to be a broadening of voices and participation – we're only hearing from single-family homeowners, but we also need to hear from renters.

9. **BYLAW/OPERATING PROCEDURE DISCUSSION (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)**
   David Moty (KT) briefly went over the proposed amendments to the CPC Bylaws related to formatting of article sections, correlations that need to be addressed with the current Council Policy 600-24, how members represent their community's position on the CPC and electing officers earlier in the year.

REPORTS TO CPC

- **Staff Report –** Marlon Pangilinan, Program Manager, City Planning reported the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) priorities that have been submitted to the City from the planning group and the public have been gathered and are being shared with relevant departments for evaluation. Projects will be mapped and shared online soon and a Constant Contact notification will go out when CIP Priorities report is completed.

- **Chair's /CPC Member Reports –** None.

ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M. to the next regular meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2026. A recording of the meeting can be viewed at the following link: sdcpc.org/meetings