

# Community Planners Committee

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## CPC DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 24, 2022

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Philomena Moreno, Barrio Logan (BL)	Bill Crooks, Miramar Rnch. N. (MRN)
Eric Edelman, Carmel Mtn. Rnch (CMR)	Kate Callen, North Park (NP)
Barry Schultz, Carmel Valley (CV)	Brian Gile, Navajo (NAV)
Mary Young, Chollas Valley (CVE)	Andrea Schlageter, Ocean Beach (OB)
Nicholas Reed, Clairemont (CLMT)	Scott Chipman, Pacific Beach (PB)
Tom Silva, College Area (COL)	Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)
Mario Ingrassi, Eastern (EAS)	Jon Becker, Rancho Penasquitos (RP)
Paul Schumacher, Golden Hill (GH)	Myron Taylor, Southeastern (SE)
Deborah Sharpe, Ken-Tal (KT)	Victoria Labruzzo, Scripps Ranch (SR)
Howard Wayne, Linda Vista (LV)	Brad Remy, Torrey Pines (TP)
Dike Anyiwo, Midway (MW)	Roger Cavanaugh, University (UN)
Jeff Stevens, Mira Mesa (MM)	Matt Wahlstrom, Uptown, (UT)
Michele Addington, Mission Valley (MV)	
Deborah Watkins, Mission Beach (MB)	

**VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:** San Ysidro

**City Staff/Representatives:** Tony Kempton

**Guests:** Sandy Wetzels-Smith, Jim Varnadore, Sonja Robinson, Sally Smull

### 1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS:

Acting Chair Barry Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll Call: BL, CMR, CVE, CV, CLMT, COL, EAS, GH, KT, LV, LJ, PB, MW, MM, MRN, MB, MV, NH, NAV, NP, OB, RB, RP, SR, SE, UN, and UT

### 2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Lori Saldana- regarding net energy metering for solar. City of San Diego entered into agreement with SDGE, who realized record profits last year. She urged public investment in electric energy. She wants to keep rates down with the public power option
- Howard Wayne: Linda Vista is considering going to public in person meetings for their cpg
- Terry Skelly: High THC concentrates at SD pot shops are an issue. She advocated to stop adolescent addiction to pot. A ban on flavored tobacco

products was a victory but adding a flavor ban on marijuana products would be best

- Becky Rapp: City Council voted 7-2 to oppose flavored vape products
- Scott Chipman: Looks forward to working with members
- Becky Rapp: Concerned with Councilmember Whitburn's proposal to remove 1,000 ft barrier between marijuana facilities and sensitive uses. Whitburn wants to expand the current approval of 4 outlets per district
- Judy Strang: Too bad that flavored tobacco products were being sold. But marijuana flavored products should be banned as well by banning more pot shops

- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 03-22-22** Ayes: BL, CV, CVE, COL, EAS, GH, CLMT, KT, LV, MW, MM, MB, MV, NAV, OB, PEN, RB, RP, SE, TP, Nays: 0, Abstain: CH, MRN, PB, NP, SR, UN and UT

**4. MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved without modification

**5. UPDATE: COUNCIL POLICY 600-24 ON COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS, AND COUNCIL POLICY 600-9 ON THE COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE - (ACTION ITEM):**

(Councilmember Joe LaCava) Discussion of draft revisions to Council Policies 600-24 and 600-9. Please see: <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/policies-priorities> and <https://onbase.sandiego.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=4910&doctype=1#> LaCava continues to take input on Council District 1 website. LaCava went to Land Use & Housing in early May with the proposed changes. He said certain things in the November draft are no longer there. But Indemnification is still part of the program. And stipends to CPG's are to remain, with a new stipend for CPC being proposed. The Planning Department will continue to staff CPC meetings and City meeting venues will be available without charge. New policy templates will be made available and voting requirements clarified to increase participation/voting on CPG's. Bank accounts will be free to CPG's and City staff will continue to post agendas for CPG's. LaCava plans on going back to Land Use & Housing in June, and City Council in July with his proposal. Kathleen Ferrier is City Council district 1 point person for questions

**Board Comment:**

- Clairemont requests LaCava to visit their CPG to address questions. LaCava mentions that the registrar of voters is only interested in residents, not business people but LaCava said he was happy to come out
- Should be no service/meeting requirements for membership on CPG's

- Not allowing long term members to fill vacancies and maintain a quorum would jeopardize existence of CPG's. LaCava said they can't force people to be on CPG's. He suggested just work hard to interest people in getting on CPG's
- Can LaCava share the slide show. It is on his website
- Terms would continue to run with adoption of LaCava's proposal
- What is status of liability for CPG's? LaCava said indemnification remains. LaCava said they are not adding anything new in that regard
- No city staff at CPG meetings and no facility for meetings is a burden. Also, the legal language regarding CPG violations and remedies is scary. Not a good time for changes to CPG's
- Potential CPG members should attend at least one meeting. LaCava did not want to discourage folks from running for office in CPG's
- Minutes should continue to be posted on CPG websites. Other docs that CPG's maintain should be available on websites. Imposing a fee for appeals makes it untenable for CPG's to appeal projects. Exposure of privacy information is a disincentive
- No fee appeal is best option for CPG's. The stipend helps to address this. LaCava said the no fee appeal puts a CPG too close to the City Charter based on conversations with the City attorney
- Personal information should be kept private
- LaCava said the stipend would enable CPG's to create a website
- Staff attendance at all CPG meetings is needed. LaCava said Planning felt they were carrying the main load and that other city staff could contribute. LaCava said City Council office is available for assistance also
- The one meeting rule is not sufficient, three are preferred. LaCava said the three-meeting rule was not part of old policy in 600-24
- ECOW is not enough
- One-year absence is enough for termed out members
- A zero meetings requirement for CPG eligibility is the position of LaCava

**Public comment:**

- Subcommittees of the CPC should be reformed/reconstituted. The pro-rata condition should be deleted. Chair's contact information should be included on notices
- Board member said city is not transparent with so many ministerial approvals now and communities don't know what is going on in their communities. This would help increase CPG involvement

**Motion:** No vote taken

**6. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN CONSISTENCY REGULATIONS - (ACTION ITEM):** (Kelley Stanco, Senior Planner, Planning Department, City of San Diego). Stanco said analysis of potential climate change impacts from new development is required under CEQA. This presentation describes new regulations for compliance with the

City's CAP. Stanco said the update to CAP consistency regulations will address Green House Gas significance. thresholds, new regulations for the Climate Action Plan (CAP), and creation of new urban canopy tree program. Moriya Saldana gave an overview of the CAP. Moriya said the goal is net 0 GHG emissions by mid-century. Community engagement has been the foundation of the process. Internal engagement with staff was also important. Connecting data with CAP goals will help residents get full and equitable access to resources. Three thousand three hundred people participated in the engagement process. Strategy two of engagement includes core benefits such as air quality, public health and jobs. The strategy includes a reduction of air pollution for clean renewable energy. Conversion of city fleet vehicles to electric is also in progress. Strategy three focusses on GHG emissions from vehicles, especially telecommuters in reducing VMT. Strategy 4 focuses on landfill methane gas capture. Strategy five includes restoration of salt marshland, urban tree canopy. Strategy six includes technical innovation. Go to [sandiegogov](http://sandiegogov) for further information. The implementation plan for the CAP strategy is looking at an implementation matrix. The update will replace the CAP checklist. Stanco gave examples of uses that would be subject to regulations (ie. sidewalk subject to 50% landscaping/shade, or pay an in-leu fee of \$605/30 feet of street frontage; charging stations for e-bikes; 2 shade trees for every 3000 sf of lot area). Becky Malone said public agencies can reduce GHG emissions. Becky gave examples of projects any corresponding GHG emissions. Review by the CAP committee is the next step for CAP update. City Council is to consider the update this summer. Staff requests CPC vote on update to CAP.

**Public Comment:**

- Charging E-bike stations should have trees for shade to increase use. Green walls can be installed on buildings to reduce the Heat Island Effect
- Large venues, like the zoo, should provide secure bike parking
- Distributive generation is 80% efficient and can increase electricity production because it is on-site
- Road diets have caused gridlock and associated idling and carbon dioxide emissions in University during commuter hours and is concerning
- New construction is replacing greenery with concrete in UN

**Motion:**

Nicholas Reed moved to approve as presented. Tom Silva seconded. Ayes: CMR, CV, CLMT, COL, EAS, GH, KT, LV, MW, MM, MRN, MV NAV, NH, OB, PB, PEN, RB, RP, SR, SE, UN, Nays: CH, TP, CVE, Abstain: MB and UT

- 7. CANNABIS EQUITY ASSESSMENT – (INFORMATION ITEM):** (Lara Gates, Deputy Director, Cannabis Business Division, Development Services Department). Staff will present the overall scope and goals of the assessment effort and request feedback from the community including a

number of equity-focused questions related to the community and cannabis. Gates said cannabis equity assessment is a topic. Seventy-five thousand dollars was received to develop quantitative assessment of cannabis. Equity assessment included quantitative and qualitative analysis. Assessment is to include support of individuals and communities in San Diego that are linked to communities negatively impacted by cannabis criminalization. City Council adoption of the assessment will enable the program to get more funding. The goal is to remove barriers to entry into the cannabis market. The survey includes phone participation. Program may include state of California programs (ie. Delivery, growing cannabis, etc.) Eight equity listening sessions are to be held. Citywide virtual meeting in June. A website for listening session is included.

<https://www.sandiego.gov/blog/cannabis-equity-listening-sessions>

**Board Comment:**

- Districts 2, 6 not included in equity assessment, why. Presenter said districts included are most impacted by war on drugs
- Member opposed to equity concept (equity of harm)
- Equity doesn't mean more pot shops, could mean funds for housing Issues associated with crime, prostitution are to be addressed
- Member asked if Hillcrest will be added to outreach schedule. Presenter said a listening meeting will be held in North Park
- Member asked if a small business district for marijuana businesses is being considered. Presenter replied in negative

**REPORTS TO CPC:**

- Staff Report – None
- Subcommittee Report –Information for May Officer Elections. Jeff Stevens said officers to be elected in May. There are two nominees for chair (Schultz, Schlageter), Jim Baross volunteered for secretary
- CPC Member Comments – Nicholas Reed announced he is back to attending CPC and representing Clairemont. The Clairemont Community Plan final draft is delayed but Reed will email Schultz when it is available. Matt Wahlstrom said he was elected chair of his cpg. He asked if the CPC meetings were recorded. Staff replied in affirmative.
- Chair Report – None

**ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING: TUESDAY, June 28, 2022**

The meeting was adjourned by Acting Chair Barry Schultz at 8:29 PM.