



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENTS COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP 2007 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

These workshops have been developed as a resource for elected members of the City council-recognized community planning groups.

The City Planning & Community Investment Department will be hosting the June 23, 2007, Community Orientation Workshop (COW) as well as the October 30, 2007, Mini-COW. Attendance at a COW is mandatory for elected planning group members. Two new workshops have been added this year: Brown Act Training and Historical Resources Training.

The Development Services Department will be hosting the advanced workshops for elected planning group members including the CEQA and Development Review Workshops. These workshops are developed to provide elected planning group members with tools to better assess and review projects and issues that may come before them for a recommendation. Upon confirmation of the dates, the schedule will be updated to reflect these workshops.

The Development Services Department hosts separate workshops on many of the same topics for members of the public or from the development community. For upcoming public workshops and events, please access the Development Services Department website at <http://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/news/events.shtml>.

Please RSVP for workshops hosted by the City Planning & Community Investment Department to reception at (619) 235-5200.

January 25, 2007 - Brown Act Training
Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend

With the recent City Attorney opinion that community planning groups are subject to the Brown Act, the City Planning and Community Investment Department is working with the Attorney's Office to draft revisions to Council Policy 600-24 and the community planning group bylaws shell to reflect the act. Planning group chairs and vice-chairs are invited to a workshop to learn from the Attorney's Office how the Brown Act will apply to community planning group operations. This session will also provide chairs and vice-chairs with the status of revisions to Council Policy 600-24 and the bylaws shell.

June 23, 2007 - Community Orientation Workshop (COW)

Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa

Time: 8:30 a.m. - Noon, RSVP required to attend

Attendance by all elected planning group members at a COW session is required by City Council Policy 600-24, "Standard Operating Procedures and Responsibilities of Recognized Community Planning Committees." It is also a great opportunity to hear dialogue about operations of community planning groups, and the generally required procedures. This is a 4-hour workshop that includes breakout sessions with speakers from a variety of City departments.

July 26, 2007 - Planning Committee Operations Workshop

Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend

Each year City staff conducts a training session for community planning group chairs and vice-chairs to maximize meeting effectiveness. Topics of discussion include agendas, running the meetings, Council Policy 600-24 Administration Guidelines, and the Brown Act. The workshop is intended to assist chairs and vice-chairs in maximizing meeting effectiveness techniques. It's also a great opportunity to hear dialogue about generally required procedures, operations of other community planning groups, and to share planning committee experiences and information with other chairs and vice-chairs.

August 30, 2007 - Historical Resources Training

Location 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend

Planning group members are invited to attend this informal training session to learn how the City identifies and protects our historical resources. The review process for determining when a historical resource is present and the regulatory framework for designated historical resources will be discussed. The use of historic surveys in the community plan update process and historic preservation incentives, particularly the Mills Act tax reduction, will be presented, as well. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers at the end of the session.

September 27, 2007 - Development Services Department "What to Know When Reviewing Projects" Workshop - *Advanced Workshop*

Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend

Council-recognized community planning groups have a role in the review of discretionary projects in their community. This advanced development review training session is a follow-up to the basic session given at the 4-hour COW. This session will provide members with a higher level of understanding of the City's review process and additional techniques for providing effective comments to the City for consideration and inclusion with the decision makers' information on the project.

October 30, 2007 - Mini-Community Orientation Workshop

Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa.

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend

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November 29, 2007 - Neighborhood Code Compliance Training

Location: 9192 Topaz Way, Kearny Mesa

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., RSVP required to attend

Planning group members are invited to attend this training session to learn how the Neighborhood Code Compliance Department enforces planning and zoning regulations, building codes, substandard housing, illegal grading, encroachments, noise, graffiti, and vacant buildings. Many communities partner with the City in enforcement programs. The session will also cover special enforcement efforts and community participation programs.