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**January 12, 2022 Minutes**  
**By Video Conference**  
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**6:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** January 12, 2022 @ 6:32 p.m.

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

- Mike Murray (San Carlos) March 2023
  - Danny Fitzgerald (San Carlos) March 2022
  - Robert Weichelt (San Carlos) March 2022
  - Tamar Caspi (San Carlos) March 2023
  - Cory Lashell (Grantville) March 2022
  - David Smith (Grantville) March 2023
  - VACANT (Grantville) March 2023
  - Tommas Golia (Grantville) March 2022
  - Chris Galuppo (Allied Gardens) March 2022
  - Marilyn Reed (Allied Gardens) March 2022
  - Shain Haug (Allied Gardens) March 2023
  - Dana Cole (Allied Gardens) March 2023
  - Abel Santana (Del Cerro) March 2023
  - Brian Gile (Del Cerro) March 2023
  - John Hoy (Del Cerro) March 2022
  - Lance Grucela (Del Cerro) March 2022
  - 1 -Absent
  - 1 -Excused
- 13 in attendance

**Modifications to Agenda and Approval of the Agenda as Modified:**

Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Tamar Caspi, Seconded by Daniel Fitzgerald 13 /0 AIF The agenda is accepted.

**Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the November 10, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors. Motion to approve with the striking out of the words “of six members” in the text preceding the motion to establish an ad hoc committee on the All Peoples Church by David Smith, Seconded by Brian Gile by 13/0 AIF The motion passes.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

**Jennifer Nickles,** Inquires as to the ADU discussion during prior meetings. Referred to the Minutes of the October 13, 2021 minutes of the NCPI.

**David Ege.** The library is open and we are ready with in person services and kids’ crafts. Still doing the chats at the library on the second and fourth Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Friends of the San Carlos library is returning to its book sale and the next will be on February 5, 2022. Concerning the new library, all the permits are issued and the only immediate impediment to the purchase is to get the equipment out of the ground.

**Elected and Public Officials’ Reports:**

**Sanna Loando, Council District 7.**

- At the November 12, 2021, San Diego River Conservancy Board meeting, Councilmember Campillo supported a \$600,000 allocation of state grant funding to San Diego Canyonlands to remove invasive non-native vegetation including palm trees, restore native habitat and improve portions of the trail in Navajo Canyon. He also supported \$467,691 of state grant funding to the San Diego State University Research Foundation (SDSURF) to improve native riparian and upland habitat along Alvarado Creek.
- In November and December, the Council took multiple actions benefiting District 7 and the City as a whole, including:
  - Special assignment pay and referral incentives for sanitation drivers and pool guards, to ensure the severe staffing shortage can be addressed and compromised City services can be restored
  - A \$181,000 transfer into the Cowles Mountain Comfort Station Upgrades project, to finalize design
  - The final bond authorization of the ShoreLINE Apartments development in Grantville, that is estimated to start construction end of January.
  - The adoption of an Age Friendly San Diego Action Plan, ensuring all City Departments consider an aging population in programming for upcoming budget cycles
  - The adoption of the Climate Resilient SD Plan, which is a framework for action that includes a range of potential adaptation strategies to minimize risk and increase the resilience of San Diego’s people, assets, economy and natural resources to climate change.
- Councilmember Campillo will hold two Navajo town halls in January:
  - **Allied Gardens/Grantville: January 13, at 5:30 pm. Register here:** <https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscOCqgToiGkYGXQb6gFoKM7LDJoTGmeM>

- **Del Cerro/San Carlos: January 18, at 5:30pm. Register here:** <https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlSdOmsrT4rEmaf5Ja9ejt-Nsw1NGJFnSM>

- The Councilmember was very excited to appoint Mr. Andrew Levikow, a student at Patrick Henry High School and resident of San Carlos, to the City's Youth Commission. The District 7 team appreciates his volunteer service for the City of San Diego, and looks forward to working together on the needs of youth in District 7.
- The Councilmember will in 2022 continue as the Chair of the City's Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and serve on the City's Environment Committee as opposed to the Budget Committee. His priorities for all the committees he serves on can be accessed on the District 7 website: <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd7/memos>
- The Councilmember also published a memo in late December to advocate for specific locations that needs enhanced bike infrastructure in District 7, the memo can be accessed here: <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd7/memos>

**Doug Livingston.** Will bike lanes and how they affect the local schools be one of the discussions at the Town Hall Meeting? Sanna Loanna will flag that for his discussion.

**Lisa Lind, Planning Department.** Much has been going on including the Climate Resilient SD Plan. The Department has been working on the annual update to the city land development code (relative to the procedures for new development) as authorized and directed by the City Council.

**Brian Gile.** asks whether were any changes made to the CPC recommendations.

**Cynthia Wootton.** There was a tremendous public objection to the package, the loss of trees, the failure to allow setbacks and the lack of real consideration of affordability.

### **Jawad Al Baghdadi, 53th Congressional District.**

We marked one year of service representing the 53<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District with some very important milestones:

- Congresswoman Jacobs has led on legislation in DC from introducing bills to end veterans' homelessness to fighting for the expanded tax credit and renewal (which returned \$192 million to 80,000 ca53 families).
- She's was appointed as the Freshman Representative to the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, the committee that determines committee membership and leadership and sets the policy priorities of the House Democratic Caucus
- She was also only freshman Democrat appointed to the House Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth
- In the District, Rep. Jacobs secured 3 million in Community Project Funding, and the office returned 1.3 million dollars through casework for constituents.
- In the American Rescue plan, she worked to secure \$1 billion in funding for our schools to keep them open safely.
- As an office, we held more than 1,800 meetings with constituents and interest groups, responded to over 35,000 letters of correspondence, and completed over 1,000 cases for constituents who needed help with federal agencies.

-Over the past month, we joined the Veteran's Museum Association to commemorate SD County's Veteran of the year, participated in the San Diego Food Bank's Annual Holiday diaper drive, helped hand out food and toys at the Catholic Charities migrant shelter, and finally, last week, toured infrastructure needs in the city with San Diego City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera to highlight the bipartisan infrastructure act that passed recently.

-We look forward to working with our local officials to make sure as a region, we are getting our fair share, and that the funds are going to where they are needed most.

**Upcoming Events:**

None

**Directors Reports:**

**Chair, David Smith.** Will defer to the discussion of the Council Policy 600-24.

**Vice Chair/CPC Representative, Brian Giles.** Will defer to the discussion of the Council Policy 600-24

**Action Items:**

**NCPI Elections Sub-Committee:** Board Approval of the 2022 Election Notice, Call for Candidates, and the use of the Electionbuddy.com platform for the March 2022 election.

**David Smith** reviews the procedure with as conducted at the last election. Shows the notice, the Call for Candidates, and the application form.

**Tamar Caspi.** We need to keep it virtual due to the current pandemic issues. We cannot wait until March 2022 to see where the pandemic stands.

**David Smith.** We would like to have the candidates present at the February 2022 meeting to present themselves.

**Shain Haug.** Why not post the completed application to the website?

**S Frost.** Can you share the Call for Candidates. Will attendance at the February 2022 Board meeting count for the meeting attendance required for eligibility? David Smith states the last attendance availability for the meeting attendance requirement is the January 2022 meeting.

**Marilyn Reed.** Where do we get the application for submission. David Smith will send it to the Board Members.

**Cynthia Wootton.** Who votes? Anyone who is a resident, business owner, etc. votes for any or all candidates without consideration of the specific area of residence.

Motion to approve the Sub-Committee proposal to use Electionbuddy and the notices proposed during the course of the meeting by Cory LaShell, Seconded by Robert Weichelt 13/0 AIF The motion passes

**Informational Presentations:**

AC Water & Sewer Group 1050 – City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects, relative to the Summer 2022 to Fall 2024 water and sewer replacement project throughout the Navajo Community, Project Engineer Scott Sanflippo. Background as to the need for updating aging and deteriorating water pipelines and sewer lines. The current work will be the northwest area of Allied Gardens with repaving. Will begin in the Summer of 2022.

**Shain Haug.** Was the project on Twain part of those process? Not the current project.

**David Smith.** What notices will be given relative to shut offs? Notices will be posted and NCPI will also post this on the website.

**Discussion Items:**

**Proposed Revision to CPG Council Policy 600-24 and 600-09, Brian Gile and David Smith.**

**David Smith and Brian Gile.** These are the city's guidance for the Community Planning Groups and Community Planning Committee respectively.

**Brian Gile.** The gist is the Councilmember LaCava is proposing significant changes based on an apparent conflict between the CPGs/CPC and the city charter. At the recent CPC meetings the members were initially unhappy but gradually reaching acceptance with suggested changes to his proposal.

**David Smith.** Presented a summary of the issues discussion and the discussion that follows is related to the matters treated in that summary. A copy of the summary is incorporated as Exhibit "A."

**Brian Gile.** Many of the points discussed have to do with inclusivity, equity, and the like, such as the CPGs do not represent the demographic, that this can be resolved by a more robust membership that will result in more robust recommendations.

**David Smith.** Under the proposal developers will not be required to come before the CPG for consideration, confirming that the city is separating the CPGs from the city. One of the proposals would allow only one vote per household vs per person, that attendance at meeting is not a criteria for Board membership.

**John Hoy.** What is the path for the change? Does this begin with the Planning Commission? Sanna. Yes, then Land Use and Housing Committee and then to City Council.

**John Hoy.** Regarding liability. Are members of the CPG indemnified. Yes. The proposal would take away coverage for physical properties. Brian Gile says the whole of the proposal is part of the city's attempt to separate itself from the CPGs.

**John Hoy.** The city should be required to quantify the costs that are saved by the proposals.

**Shain Haug.** I am confused. The proposal would make the CPG more robust but the proposal also takes the CPG out of the city development process. What is the rationale? David Smith reports that this appears to result from the conflict the CPG procedure has with the City Charter. What is the conflict with the Charter? Brian Gile says that the City Attorney did not find a specific conflict but the City Council is proceeding because of a perception of the conflict.

**Shain Haug.** Points out the background of various reports on the CPGs were the need to strengthen the CPGs

**Marilyn Reed.** In the past our Councilmember was strongly in support of the CPG offering its position to the planning process. It seems that this change would further weaken the process, an erosion of the community's input to the planning process. We need to pose this question to the Councilmember at the Town Hall Meeting.

**Lance Grucela.** Wondering where this was all coming from. While the NCPI is robustly following many requirements, but it seems disingenuous to restrict the authority to make recommendations. Of particular concern is the lack of requirement for the applicants to come to the NCPI. Brian Gile says the Charter conflict appears to be found in the requirement of the Charter for the Mayor to make appointments. There has to be a better way for the City Attorney to address this and to clarify the conflict, what problem is being resolved.

**Shain Haug.** Does the proposal provide for an developer with a non-conforming development to come to the CPG or does this become voluntary? David Smith says that it appears that the proposal does away with the requirement for non-conforming developments to come before the CPG.

**Brian Gile.** The members of the CPC share these concerns and the direction that the proposal would take the CPGs.

**Lance Grucela.** Does this really need to be done so quickly because of a 2019 letter from Circulate San Diego?

**Tamar Caspi.** What action needs to be taken, is it be our time to write a letter about our values, to express our values that are protected by the current system? Can we do a subcommittee on the issue. David Smith, it will have to be on the agenda of the next meeting.

**Brian Gile.** We should try to get notes from Monday's CPC meeting in preparation for the Councilmember's next Town Hall Meeting

**Abel Santana.** Do we have time to send an official letter before the matter comes to Council? David Smith thinks that we have time to deal with the matter in February 2022. Sanna Loando says the matter will go to the Council subcommittee on February 10, 2022.

**Lisa Lind.** Thanks for being so thoughtful about these issues. Wanted to make sure that everyone knows that all documentation relative to the issue is available to the public.

**Cynthia Wootton.** Thinks that the CPC and CPGs standing together is of importance and admirable, a good suggestion.

#### **Pending Projects for NCPI Review/Action:**

Project 672846: Child Care Center CUP: 7111 Eldridge Street.

Project 679788: Ace Self-Storage: SDP: 7395 Mission Gorge Road.

Project 636444: All Peoples Church SDP PDP CPA.

**David Smith.** This is a new section of our agenda. At this time the Child Care Center developer and the Ace Self-Storage developer have not yet proposed to come to the NCPI. We do not have any current cycle reports on All Peoples Church, waiting for the EIR.

#### **NCPI Sub-Committee Reports:**

None.

#### **Community Group Reports:**

**Allied Gardens/Grantville Community Council, Shain Haug.** A major activity this coming year will be the Community Council's support of San Diego Canyonlands and Friends of Navajo Canyon in ongoing cleanup efforts and ecological rehabilitation in this important community resource. At our January 25, 2022 Town Hall Meeting representatives of SDSU will present on the plans for the public park and recreation spaces and facilities in their development of the old stadium area

**Voice of Del Cerro, by David Smith.** He has been in contact with Ellis Clay asking whether the group will continue, but the response was that they did not have sufficient numbers to go forward and no one seems to be prepared to step up with the organization. We need to find out if there will be a group of this nature and we need to find a source of input from this community.

San Carlos Area Council, Tamar Caspi. Had a holiday party at the library attended by the Mayor and our Councilmember. We will meet less frequently, moving to every other month. Plan to discuss traffic signage near on Parkridge behind the school. Disappointing that the Voice of Del Cerro is dissolving.

Mission Trails Regional Park, Marilyn Reed.

On New Years Day a large number of tires were dumped in the park, the city has a suspect in sight. On January 22-23 there will be a California native plant sale at the visitor’s center. A forthcoming project will be construction of new office spaces, parking lot, and other enhancements at a cost of \$1.8M, much coming from the antenna fund. The San Diego River Crossing contract has been awarded by the family. There is much work done of the trails and the Stove Trail was going to be a partnership between the city and Urban Corps but the money sought by Urban Corps fell through and the project is on hold.

**Additional and Final Public Comments:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Adjourn:** 8:55 p.m. The next meeting will be on February 9, 2022

**Meeting Calendar 2022:**

January 12<sup>th</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, (August dark subject to the requirement for call for a meeting), September 14<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>, (December dark subject to the requirement for call for a meeting))

**Public Attendees and Presenters:**

Members of the public who attended the meeting as shown on the Zoom Participants listing:

Jennifer Nickles  
Steve Dahms  
Kaytee Sumida  
David Ege,  
San Carlos Librarian  
Dan Tomsy  
Jaway Albaghdad,  
Congresswoman  
Jacob’s office  
Doug Livingston

Patricia Burkes  
Donna Valerie  
Eric Gnan  
Scott Sanfillipo,  
Project Engineer,  
City of San Diego  
Steve Joyce  
Lisa Lind, City  
Planning  
Department

Sara Madonia  
Scott Dickson  
Danielle Smith  
Cynthia Wooton  
Steve Joyce  
S Frost  
Sanno Loando,  
Councilman  
Campillo’s office

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Anita

EXHIBIT "A"

**600-9:**

Pg. 1, Para 2. Can / should city employees be involved with a CPG. in their private capacity?

Pg. 1, Para 4. "It is not a City-controlled or managed organization." Does this mean that the city will no longer provide Planning Department staff and resources (tape recording and minutes) to support the CPC? Will the City continue to provide meeting space?

Pg. 2, Policy, Point #2 states that the CPC is independent of CPGs and not dependent on their guidance, presumably to allow CPC members to vote independently of their CPG, but 600-24 says that no single individual may establish the position of the CPG board. Do we need to be more explicit and create a CPC exception to this rule for CPG members?

**600-24:**

Pg. 1. Background: Will the City continue to support conducting CPG meetings in City-owned buildings (e.g., libraries)...and not charge rental fees or other charges/requirements?

Pg. 3, C: Records: Will the City still publish agendas and minutes for CPGs? Will the City webpages for CPGs still be maintained? Those pages currently hold agendas and minutes for many CPGs.

Pg. 4 and ff: Recommend changing "Voting Members" to "Voting Board Members" or "Voting CPG. Members" so as to avoid confusion with members of the community who vote.

Pg. 5: The top paragraph says "no personal identifying information" but the next paragraph says that demographic data must be collected, such as "professional background or expertise". Which is it?

Pg. 6: mentions a "required break in service" but then does not specify it in this section.

Pg. 6: III.A: The CPG. must work with the City, but the City is not required to work with the CPG. Suggest rewording this as: "As requested by the City, the CPG. and City Staff must work together throughout..."

Pg. 7, para D: The required bank account is an unreasonable burden and expense for most CPGs.

Pg. 7, Para E: Training required each year is excessive. Upon election or appointment is sufficient.

Pg. 7, Para F: When it comes to our ethical, equitable, and inclusive standards, is what is written in our current bylaws acceptable, or alternatively will a template be suggested?

Pg. 8: Scope: Add paragraph concerning review of MAD budgets.

Pg. 9, Para VI 600-9 says that the CPC member may represent the CPG, but this paragraph requires that individuals cannot represent the CPG. At present, many members of CPC abstain because there is insufficient time for their CPG. to determine their position on an issue. What is the Chairperson supposed to do at CPC?

Pg. 8, Para VIII.A. Will there be physical indemnification for CPGs that meet in a non-city-owned location? Some CPGs have no suitable city facility in which to meet, but other venues often require liability insurance.

## **TERMS and CONDITIONS:**

Pg. 1, Para 2. Can / should city employees be involved with a CPG. in their private capacity?

Pg. 2. Para 2.1: The CPG. and the City should work collaboratively throughout the City's planning process.

Pg. 2. Para 2.5. Since the City develops and administers the training, it can record who completed it, and provide that information to the CPG. Otherwise there is no way for the CPG. to maintain evidence of completion of training.

Pg. 3. Para 3.1 What is a "Community Participation and Representation Plan"? The requirement for the plan needs to be described.

Pg. 3. Para 3.2: This needs specificity as to what constitutes "robust community participation".

Pg. 3. Para 3.3: Why "City Clerk"? Why not submit to [sdplanninggroups@sandiego.gov](mailto:sdplanninggroups@sandiego.gov)?

Pg. 4, para 4.3: Please add "non-profit organization" back in to clause 3, for inclusion in "local business owner"

Pg. 4, Para 4.3: No quota for renters should be required. Will seats go vacant if not enough renters volunteer? Will the City provide demographic data so that "pro-rata" share can be determined?

Pg. 4, para 4.4.1 prescribes a "Two-Year" break in services. Ms. Ferrier has stated "one year". Which is it?

Pg. 4. Para 4.4.2: This whole section is new and has never previously been considered by either LU&H or the CPC. It effectively eliminates over-term members from most CPGs. What is the reason for its inclusion?

Pg. 5. Para 5.1: The restriction to "only one voting member per residential household" is new. What is the reason for this change? This may be a violation of California election law. Discussing voter eligibility in the same section as candidate eligibility where the candidates are described as a "voting member" leads to confusion.

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Pg. 5, Para 5.2: The “profession, employer, and qualifications” are irrelevant and should not be required on the ballot, since there is no reason for this to be included. The only required information is prescribed above, namely age over 18 and residential, ownership, or business-representative status.

Pg. 8, para 7.4. Since the City develops and administers the required training it should provide to the CPG. records of completion of training.

Pg. 8, Para 8.1: Will there be physical indemnification for CPGs that meet in a non-city-owned location? Many CPGS have no suitable city facility in which to meet, but other venues often require liability insurance.

Pg. 10, Para 9: 600-9 says that the CPC member may represent the CPG, but this paragraph requires that individuals cannot represent the CPG. At present, many members of CPC abstain because there is insufficient time for their CPG. to determine their position on an issue. What is the Chairperson supposed to do at CPC?

Pg. 11, Exhibit A. Please define what is required in a “Community Participation and Representation Plan” and the criteria that must be met for recognition by the City.

EXHIBIT “A”