

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee- General Meeting

Teen Challenge | 5450 Lea St, San Diego, CA 92105 | 7pm

Tuesday January 8, 2019

Minutes

Board Members In Attendance: Harley Davis, Lynn Edwards, Linda Godoy (Chair), Andy Huelskamp, Kristen Hurst, Kathryn Kern, Mario Ingrassi, Lauren Kimmons, Daniele Laman, Ross Naismith, Bob Scott, Derryl Williams **Absent:** Gawain Tomlinson

1. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:03pm**
2. **CHAIR'S WELCOME:** Chair requests 12 minutes delay so that board may read October and November minutes for later approval. (Agenda Item 8.) Chair introduces audience member Todd Rehfuss, President, Rolando Community Council. Meetings held 3rd Tuesday 6pm at United Domestic Workers Hall.
3. **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
4. **MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA (Board Action):** None.
5. **COUNCIL AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**
 - a. **Absent:** Eric Young II- Mayor's Office
 - b. **Elizabeth Dickson- City Planning:** New Community Review Drafts available for Mission Valley and Kearney Mesa Community Plans
 - i. **Board Comment: 1.** Is there an I-15 corridor study (from CALTRANS or SANDAG) included in these plans? Dickson is unsure. **2a.** When will Eastern Area update their community plan? **2b.** Will the Mid-City plan separate the 4 neighborhoods it includes (Normal Heights, Kensington/Talmadge, City Heights and Eastern Area)? It's not in the current 'work plan.' New community plans are moved into the 'work plan' based on development potential, the number of amendments, age of community plan and other factors. There is no plan to separate the Mid-City Community plan for each neighborhood. Often, the impetus for change to a community plan comes from the Mayor's office. **3.** How can we best use Ms. Dickson's planning talents and time? She is a resource with council policy, helps to connect to answers with the plan update process. **4.** The Mid-City Community Plan (which includes Eastern Area) is 20 years old, are there any that are older? Not sure. **5.** Chair requests that Eric Young II, the representative from the Mayor's office come to the Eastern Area meeting (his last attendance is unknown, although he did not attend any meetings in 2018.) She will continue to invite him and asks that the board also reach out individually.
 - c. **Karen Montufar-Federico- 4th District, Monica Montgomery:** General introduction. Montgomery's office is organizing office hours at a library in the district, TBD. You can reach out directly to kmontufarfedes@sandiego.gov. Their office has pledged a 48-hour response time, the new website is forthcoming.
 - i. **Montgomery's Subcommittee Appointments:** Public Safety and Liveable Neighborhoods (Chair), Economic Development and Intergovernmental Agencies (Vice-Chair), Budget and Government Efficiency (Member), SanDAG Board (2nd Alternative), SANDAG Executive Committee (2nd Alternate), SANDAG Transportation Board (2nd Alternate), MTS Board (Member)

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- ii. **Board Comment:** **1.** Will she be visiting community groups? Yes. **2.** Welcome and Webster is actively working to improve their community and is excited to bring solutions to Montgomery so that they may work together to improve the community.

- d. **Christopher Vallejo– 9th District Representative, Georgette Gomez** Absent but forwarded info on the outcome of the BLVD63 decision that was heard at council.
 - i. **BLVD 63 Update:** City attorney and Centerpoint Group agreed to change the initial settlement so that (1) rentals would be by the 'bedroom' and not the 'unit' (2) there would be no charge for parking (3) Centerpoint will donate money to the Rolando Community Council (\$25,000/year) (4) there would be no future reviews scheduled to assess the viability of the changes.
 - ii. **Board Comment:** **1.** Multiple board members stated their displeasure with not having had the opportunity to make public comment regarding the new terms to the settlement. No notice was given to the EACPC board that a settlement meeting was underway, despite the hours and multiple meetings devoted to this specific issue. **2.** A suggestion was made that the City offer a template to developers explaining the process of public comment and when and where would be appropriate to present their projects, i.e., Community Councils vs. Planning Groups vs. the City itself. **3.** In general, the board feels left out of the loop with the 'goings-on' Downtown and thinks it would be a more efficient and helpful body if there was clearer communication with Development Services and the City Planning Department.

- e. **Lee Hernandez- Shirley Weber, CA State Assembly:** Weber is working on legislative packet, currently in the research stage, it should be ready by March. Her focus is education, election reform, public safety, budget, banking and finance.
 - i. **Appointments:** Weber has been appointed Chair of the Legislative Black Caucus and continues her position of Chair of the Public Safety Subcommittee 5.

- f. **Chevelle Tate- Toni Atkins, CA State Senate:** There is a new governor and a Democratic super-majority in the assembly and senate. Atkins continues to work with Weber on SB 8931, a bill addressing police use of force.
 - i. **New laws effective 2019:** 800+ bills were signed into law, including: higher minimum wage, lawsuit protection for victims of sexual assault, straws are now available by request at CA restaurants, youth ages 14-15 must be tried as juveniles, breathalyzer on start of vehicles for repeat DUI offenders.
 - ii. **Board Comment:** **1.** Thoughts on SB50? Atkins is concerned about affordability and is monitoring the bill. **2.** SB946, an open vending law, seems to OK general sales in public parks and board member is concerned for the repercussions- what protections does the city have to enforce permit laws and other vending laws? SB946 allows for cities to make additional laws to protect existing regulations (for permitting, limiting frequency, etc.) **3.** Any updates on high speed rail projects in CA? Not at this time.

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6. **EACPC Election Subcommittee:** Minimum 3 members needed to serve on election subcommittee, they will be in charge of vetting new and returning candidates, publicizing and facilitating elections (marketing, posting online and in person, ballots, rosters, etc.)
 - a. **Subcommittee Members:** Bob (Chair), Derryl and Ross
 - b. **Board Comment:** 1. Lauren (Secretary) has been asked to send call to action, current roster, email list of guest attendees Jan 2018 to present and any other elections material in her possession.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT** Current balance \$91.53, no change. Gawain is on medical leave.
8. **REVIEW, CORRECTION, and APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October approved with changes, all in favor. November approved with changes, all in favor.
9. **EACPC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a. **Parks, Daniele:** Carolling at Chollas Lake was rained out but all donations were sent to Colina for their Pancake Breakfast with Santa which was a success. Little League sign-ups for January are now open. Gloria's Mesa and Friday's Gate tot-lots are open. Clay Park will be seeing improvements soon, informational meeting Sat. 2/2, 10am at UDW Hall to be attended by Georgette Gomez, the Mayor's Office, Streets Div., Parks and Rec Dept., Clay Elementary Principal, neighbors and more.
 - b. **Transportation/Bikes, Mario:** Seeking more community input regarding bike lanes at University Ave and Chollas Pkwy and possible closure of lanes at north end of Chollas Pkwy.
 - i. Redwood Village and Oak Park residents are asked to give public comment regarding the possible closure.
 - c. **EACPC Board Business:** Linda talked with Teen Challenge regarding the EACPC donation as thanks for using their meeting space. They will respond with preferred gift soon. (\$50 limit.)
 - i. **Updates to Development Proposals:** OneEarth Recycling had not submitted updates to their application, making it inactive. Webster Gas & Market has not submitted changes their proposal. Kimley-Horn proposed gas station at El Cajon Blvd and 70th St will present at Rolando Community Council Monday 1/14/19.
 - d. **Community Planning Group (City of SD):** General board discussion: **1.** Who tells the city to update the 'land-use plan?' Dickson: Every 2 years the plan is redeveloped. **2.** Again, it was stated there needs to be better communication from the City to developers about the development and public comment process, specifically when to go to community groups vs. planning groups.
10. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER AND ADJOURNMENT: End Time 8:51pm**