

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee General Meeting Minutes, February 13th, 2024

A video of this meeting is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoYwzPJ437c&t=24s>

Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Chair Lynn Edwards.

Members present

Bob Scott, (Vice Chair) Rolando
John Hogan, (Treasurer), Redwood
Village
Alex Zukas, El Cerrito
Andy Huelskamp, Oak Park
Daniele Laman, Community Organization
Rep

Derryl Williams, Webster
Elida Chavez, Oak Park
Jennifer Bennett, Redwood Village
Laura Riebau, El Cerrito

Absent: Kristen Hurst, Webster

Quorum: Yes

Members of the public present

Vickie Church, Margaretta Hickman, Cheryl Hughes, Sharon Smith, Tim Davey, Ozzie
Meneses

Online attendees

Member Richard Diaz, Oak Park
James Piel, City of San Diego,
Engineering
Kate Needham-Cano, Rep. Jacobs
Bettina Rausa, Redwood Village
Ramon Uribe (Groundwork San Diego)
Jericho Gallardo, City of San Diego
Jody Cheung, City of San Diego

Rex Narvaez, City of San Diego
Becky Rapp
Paul Jamason
Emily Perrone
Sonia Lang
Steve Lamprides
Sam Gonzalez (AD79-Weber)

Chair's Welcome

Lynn

Adoption of Agenda or Agenda Changes

Chair had two changes to agenda:

- Added action item: elect member at large, Bettina Rausa
- Deletion of action item #5, "volunteers to help calculate park points for EACPC mid-city community plan update." To be taken up in a future meeting after "existing conditions report" is released by city project manager.

Minutes adopted with amendments: Motion by Andy, seconded by Alex, agenda adopted as amended.

Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

- District 9 council candidate Fernando Garcia introduced himself
- Vicki Church: Oak Park landslide. 5301 Chollas Parkway in Oak Park had landslide as a result of ADU being built behind on 52nd St. New concrete area around ADU amplified rainfall leading to collapsed embankment.
- Becky Rapp concerned with number of marijuana permits issued by city as part of its SEED program, which seeks to encourage more cannabis business ownership among underserved communities. Becky believes the number of permits has been set at 18. She maintains no information has been distributed to the general public, and she found out about it through news reports (KPBS). She wishes to express her dismay about the lack of transparency by the city, when it comes to this issue. She suggested to the committee that they request the Race and Equity Division make a presentation to the EACPC as they oversee the SEED program.
- Ramon Uribe, Groundwork, regarding SD Fairmount St Fire station: GW media campaign starting up; encourages members of the public to reach out to him at his office for more info. Lynn has his email address.
- Laura: Teen Challenge having March 23rd silent auction to raise money.
- Elida and Oak Park Library presented Lynn with small gift to honor her award as Volunteer of the Year in D9.

City, County, and State Representatives' Reports

- Kate Needham-Cano – Community Representative/Military and Veterans Liaison for Congresswoman Sarah Jacobs:
Spoke of Housing innovation, child care tax. Please contact sarajacobs.house.gov to send in your priorities for the year. Re: flooding- the congresswomen led the letter to Biden about the funding needed. Focusing on repair of damage from flooding.
- Roberto Marin – Community Representative, District 9, Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera:
 - Floods had him work 17 days straight trying to resolve the problems created by flooding. Reports city has failed in preparing for floods. Detailed issues with recovery. Rolando Village undergrounding will be finished in a few weeks and paving will commence soon after: Seminole, Estelle, etc.
 - El Cerrito: Installing “Hawks” on streetlights
 - Redwood Village: Re Streamview Dr, waiting for Lucero to return to meet onsite to survey and discuss.
 - Rolando Park: Infrastructure needs not only in RP but in the entire EA. We need to make the ask to not only get our share but what this underserved community needs. Promises to advocate for EA needs during city budget season. Encourages EA residents to contact city with concerns so voices will be heard. Lynn asked about housing vouchers for Village Green Apts. Marin promised to have more info by following Thursday. Derryl expressed his concern about city infrastructure and readiness, and how the city seems to be lax in their efforts in prevention.
- Sam Gonzalez – District 79, State Assembly Member Dr. Akilah Weber
 - Youth program public service and senior advisory council- seeking seniors for comment on legislative projects. Seeking nominations for Women the Year and Woman of Distinction. Info on all at Assemblywoman’s website. John asked about number of senior advisory panel members. No amount specified yet- looking for as many as possible. “Senior” age currently undefined.

Information and Action Items

1. Information: Redwood Village/Rolando Park Improv 1 & 2 project water and sewer mains, James Piel and Jody Cheung, City Engineering (technical difficulties preceded presentation)

James Piel – Project south of University Ave between Cartagena and Loma Alta Drive. Cartagena, Bonillo, Vista Grande, Loma Alta, Vivian, Judy Lee, Celia Vista, Hope, Bing, and Butler. Consists of replacement and install 1.56 mi of water mains and 1.75 mi of sewer mains. To meet current standards and improve maintenance. (shows map) Some sewer segments dug via trenchless method. New curb ramps to meet ADA. Exempted by CEQA because replacement. 10.7M cost. Citizens to expect notification by contractor prior access maintained. Starting summer 2024 and concluding summer 2026. Fact sheet sent to impacted properties in mid-January. Residents in affected areas will be notified prior to the beginning of future construction.

Jody Cheung: RV Standpipe Main replacement.

Scope: South of University, North of Streamview, East of 60th, West of Rolando Bl. Replacing 3.89 mi of water mains, new fire hydrants, new curb ramps. Letters sent to affected residents. Service to remain functional during construction. Starts late spring early summer 2024 with duration of 18 months. 10.1M cost. No night work in residential area. Questions:

- Bob: Road closures? Not anticipated, only if necessary.
- Richard: Planting trees? No
- Derryl: Why does it take 18 months? As quickly as possible.
- Sonia: Does it go up to the property line? Yes and to the water meter.
- Roberto: Bing street is slanted and floods a resident. Will the road be fixed so that this does not occur? No, this is another department (transportation) but constituent can work with contractor.

2. Action: Elect member at large

Bettina Rausa introduced herself, has lived in RV for entire life. Wishes to help improve neighborhoods. Motion to elect made by Danielle, seconded by Elida, passed unanimously.

3. Action: Approve letter to the Entitlements & CEQA Compliance Program Manager with list of environmental concerns for the Fairmount Fire Station EIR discussion of letter to be sent in opposition of current plan. Daniele approves three paragraphs, but proposes one more bullet point: We support evaluating the site that recently became available at the former Mid-City Police shooting range on Federal Blvd. Daniele asked Roberto to do an eval of response times. John points out that proposed location may be cut off during flood, fire, or earthquake. Richard speaks about having it located on Federal Blvd. General discussion about the topic. Daniele motions to amend board letter suggesting former PD shooting range location, high fire area, MHPA, topography. Motion to approve letter as amended by Daniele; Andy seconded. Passed unanimously.

4. Action: Form committee for community outreach

Elida made motion to form standing committee on community outreach and engagement. Laura seconded. Passes unanimously. Committee forms: Elida, Bettina, and Lynn volunteered.

5. Action: City of San Diego Inclusion Engagement Guide worksheet feedback
Laura went over the worksheet/checklist. Daniele suggested that all materials are available in other languages. Planners should come quarterly to our meetings. They need to listen to our CIP priorities. Better CIP tracking, and project updates. Daniele motioned to take recommendations to CPC and Bob seconded at 8:58pm, passed unanimously.
6. Action: Elect representative and alternate to Mid-City Community Plan Update Working Group
Daniele moved that Lynn and Laura remain as CPC reps, seconded by Elida. Passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

John: No change, balance is \$75.02.

At 9pm, Laura moved to extend meeting 15 minutes and Alex seconded. Passed unanimously.

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes (January, Lynn)

Approve minutes from January. Motion by Alex, seconded Darryl, passed unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports

- Community updates
 - Alex, El Cerrito: ECCC had a guest speaker, Ramie Zomisky, who will be speaking at the EACPC
 - Richard, Oak Park: Chollas Parkway encampment issues, requesting portable toilets and dumpsters for homesteaders. Will be spending more time studying library butterfly garden
 - Elida, Oak Park: Local writer and former NFL coach Ernel Durdan is coming to library, street banners photoshoot at Carver soon.
 - Bob, Rolando: Street fair coming Sunday April 14, from 10-6, looking for volunteers, check out Rolando website.
 - John, Redwood Village: 1/14 cleanup on Boren
 - Lynn, Rolando Park: University Ave cleanup Saturday 8 am, meet at Party House Liquor Store. On Bonillo Drive, 57 apartments flooded and it will take 3-4 months to repair. RP will be organizing an event to collect household items for donations.
 - Webster, Darryl: No report.
- University Ave Tree Canopy – Bob: No movement
- Parks & Recreation – Daniele
- Daniele: Parks/Rec Regional park improvement fund, Daniele requested \$400K to move to stormwater drain study in North Chollas passed 5 to 2, budget was amended to include \$400k study. Little League starts 2/24 at 9 am.
- Joint Mid-City Communities Plan Update Committee Meeting – Lynn
David Moty from Kensington presented on how to calculate park points; waiting for Existing Conditions Report from city before proceeding

- CPC January Meeting – Laura
Grand jury investigation on DIF fees; CPC letter about planning groups makeup, competing groups, city looking into new planning groups in Hillcrest, La Jolla

Lynn: Election of officers in April. Board member elections in June. Alex Frost city project manager will present in March to update committee on Mid-City Community Plan Update. Lynn will be requesting board feedback on new EACPC website.

For the Good of the Order and Adjournment

Andy moved to adjourn, Danielle seconded at 9:18pm.