

**College Area Community Planning Board (CACPB) and College Area Community Council (CACC)  
Minutes from the Regular Meetings: October 21, 2020, 7:00 pm  
Held via Zoom Conference Call**

P	Jose Reynoso	President	p	Robert Higdon
P	Jim Jennings	Vice President	(A1)	Tom Hilanto
P	Ann Cottrell	Secretary	(A1)	Chris Luna
P(A1)	David Cook	Treasurer	P	Robert Montana
P	Rachel Gregg	SDSU Appointee	(A2)	Ja'Mar Montgomery
(A1)	Armando Sepulveda	SDSU AS Appointee	P	Troy Murphree
P(A1)	Jim Schneider	BID Representative	P	B.J. Nystrom
p	Saul Amerling		P	Jerry Pollock
P	Ellen Bevier		P	Tom Silva
(A1)	Andrew Gade		P	Eva Yakutis

TOTAL BOARD MEMBERS: 20

P= present L= Late A – Absent (1),(2),(3) = 1st, 2nd 3rd absence

CP 600-24, Art. IV, Sec 1: “A vacancy exists upon the 3rd consecutive absence or 4th absence in 12 months (April May)

M/S/C = Moved/Seconded/Carried

The College Area Community Council (CACC) and the College Area Community Planning Board (CACPB) are two separate entities with a common board and officers and joint meetings. The items highlighted below with asterisks are CACPB business items, subject to City Council Policy 600-24 governing community planning groups. Items are reported in agenda outline order, although some items may have been considered in a different sequence.

**COLLEGE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**I. Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

*Cottrell:* Add item 9B, CARPUS report

M to accept amended agenda: Cottrell, S:Nystrom.

Y:14 N:0 A:0 \*Carried

**III. Approval of amended Minutes of September 9, 2020**

M approve amended minutes: Nystrom, S: Pollock

Y:14 N:0 A:0 \*Carried

**IV. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the jurisdiction of CACC**

*Nystrom:* Thanks Tom Silva for excellent information on new ADU codes

*Hamilton:* Triangle community cleanup was a great success. There will be another clean up at Tubman.

**V. Law enforcement, local, state & federal elected officials, business district, SDSU representatives**

*A. SDPD, Steffen:*

1. September statistics: 1 violent crime, 23 property crimes, 6 moving violations, 13 arrests.

For party disturbances: 61 first response notices, 1 misdemeanor citation, 16 CAPP houses.

*Bevier:* I was amazed to see party shut down in half an hour, many thanks.

2. Drug take back day Saturday October 24.

*B. SDSUPD, Link:* No report

*C. College Area Business District, Schneider:*

1. Mainly we are doing everything we can to keep businesses open. We have a YouTube every two weeks, Corbin on the Street, featuring College Area Businesses,

*D. SDSU, Gregg:*

1. Half-way through the semester, some small in-person classes have resumed.
2. All students in such classes or living in dorms are subject to virus test every 14 days before they can attend a class.
3. Our ability to address off campus behavior is limited by CSU regulations; we can't address individual student behavior off campus, but can address student organization behavior. Chancellor's office changed this 2 weeks ago due to the pandemic. We can now also address individual COVID relevant student behavior off campus. Students have been sent email with new guidelines, new restrictions saying that if they have gatherings they will be adjudicated. This is strictly COVID related, masks are required. The process can take 4 weeks because student has due process procedure.
4. For Halloween have on-line programs & are sending information to students saying if they participate in gatherings they will be in trouble. SDSUPD will have extra officers on Halloween patrol.  
*Bevier:* Students celebrate Halloween for 2 weeks. Will there be additional patrols besides Halloween?  
*Gregg:* Patrols have been in place every weekend. Extra patrols are on Halloween only.

*E. CD district 9 (Gomez), Loando:*

1. Announced several Council actions not specifically related to College Area.
2. New Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) housing code.
  - a. No landscaping or parking are required
  - b. If there are both ADU & JADU (junior ADU) on a property JADU requires owner to live on property.
3. Parking citations are again being issued.
4. College Rolando Library is open again as are city parks and playgrounds.
5. Environmental services has staffing shortages so recycle pick up is delayed. They are hiring so should be back to schedule soon.

*Murphree:* The new Tubman joint use park is being used a lot. How many points does it get in the city's park plan, *Loando*. I don't know.

## **VI. President's report. Reynoso**

I've already said what would be in the report.

## **VII. New Business**

*A. Election by the board to fill vacancy with term expiring in March 2021.*

Eva Yakutis, candidate, introduced herself.

M to elect Yakutis: Reynoso S: Silva

Y:14 N:0 A:0 \*Carried

*B. Election by board for Treasurer for remainder of 2020-21 fiscal year.*

M to elect David Cook: Reynoso S: Nystrom

Y:14 N:0 A:0 \*Carried

*C. Presentation by Public Power San Diego on pending Utility Franchise Agreement, Craig Rose:*

1. Public Power San Diego is a coalition of environmental & other public interest groups, urging the city not to renew the Utility Franchise with SDG&E but to create a publicly owned, affordable gas & electric utility for San Diego via an independent public agency.
2. Presentation of reasons City Council should vote against Mayor's proposal for a 20 year franchise agreement with SDG&E & presentation of alternative plans such as used in other cities.

*D. Presentation by Mid-City CAN on local ballot Measure B, Ariana Frederico:*

1. Mid-City CAN is a group of City Heights residents working for community improvement in many ways.
2. Presentation in support of Measure B on the ballot to allow a change in San Diego city charter to create an independent police oversight board.

**VIII. Treasurer’s Report: Cook**

End of September: \$15,983 in all Council accounts, \$4,725 in Coalition checking account, ending balance is \$20,708.

**IX. Committee Reports**

A. *Community Outreach Committee, Amerling:* No report

B. *CARPUS, Cottrell:*

1. A memo was sent to the board from Jean Hoeger providing answers from SDPD regarding lack police response to disturbance calls: why does Eastern staffing continue to be so low, when will Neighborhood Response team (AKA C squad or party car) be revived, are officers trained regarding FRN/ CAPP, relations with SDSUPD. Memo with questions & answers is appended at end of minutes
2. CARPUS (College Area Public Safety) zoom meeting last night with representatives from SDPD, SDSUPD, SDSU was well attended by neighbors. Questions & discussion focused entirely on inadequate response to huge parties in College Area with many focused on why SDSUPD is unable to respond to nuisance calls unless SDPD is already on site which they often are not due to staffing issues. Many questions asked how this policy could be addressed remained unanswered, suggesting the need to address higher authorities – Chief of SDPD, Chief of SDSUPD and possibly the CSU system office. There was a strong feeling of the need to make changes so that this issue can be appropriately addressed.

**X. Delegate Reports** None

**XI. Adjournment:** 8:15 p.m

**COLLEGE AREA PLANNING BOARD MEETING**

**I. Call to order:** 8:15 p.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

M to approve: Cottrell S: Nystrom

Y:14 N:0 A:0 \*Carried

**III. Approval of Minutes of Wednesday, September 9, 2020**

M to approve: Nystrom S: Pollock

Y:14 N:0 A:0 \*Carried

**IV. Public comments on non-agenda items within the jurisdiction of CACPB** None

**V. New Business**

A. *Election by the board to fill vacancy with term expiring in March 2021.*

M to elect Yakutis: Reynoso S: Nystrom

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B. *Election by board for Treasurer for remainder of 2020-21 fiscal year.*

M to elect David Cook: Reynoso S: Nystrom

Y:14 N:0 A:0 \*Carried

C. *Presentation on proposed November 3<sup>rd</sup> Measure A Housing Bond campaign:*

*John Seymour & Steven Russell, San Diego Housing Federation.*

1. Measure A would allow the city to issue up to \$900 million in bonds to fund low income, substance abuse, & mental health service housing requiring property tax levy of \$3-\$21/\$100,000 assessed value.

2. Arguments presented in favor of Measure A.

3. M CACPB endorse Measure A: Silva S: Nystrom

Y:13 N:0 A:1 (Gregg, SDSU representatives cannot take political position)

\*Carried

D. *Presentation & Discussion of proposal to develop activation Projects for alternative modes of transportation in the College Area: Jim Schneider, College Area Business District*

1. Business district thinks by enhancing traffic patterns we can attract new investment. Our thoughts work well with those in the Community Plan Update.

2. Problem: It is hard now to move safely from campus to the businesses. We want to enhance walking and biking on the three corridors of El Cajon Blvd, Montezuma Ave. and College Ave.

### 3. Needs

- a) enhanced walking & biking on the 3 corridors of El Cajon Blvd, Montezuma Ave. & College Ave.
- b) more visual appeal & wider sidewalks
- c) reduce volume & speed of traffic on corridor streets. reducing traffic to one lane each way to make room for wider sidewalks & bike lane, remove some stop lights & introducing roundabouts.
- d) provide resting spots along the 3 roads, e.g. pedestrian stop 4800 block College to look at canyon.
- e) mixed use zoning along El Cajon Blvd, e.g. live work space.
- f) introduce small grass areas, e.g. in a corner of Baptist church parking lot.
- f) some one-way or slow streets

### 4. Comments

- What about shuttles, use existing—SDSU, apartments? JS: Uber or Lyft options would be less expensive. We could develop fund to offset cost.
- Most of these suggestions should be referred to update committee to include with that
- Slow streets is more immediate to discuss here. Safe Streets need to be rolled out well
- Need trees

G. Discussion of proposal to request city to investigate & address overgrowth to reduce fire danger, especially palm trees, along Montezuma creek on the south side of Montezuma between Fairmount & Collwood: Reynoso

1. Ken-Tal has contacted us about this danger. They have pushed city to address it. It is private property so city can insist on fire mitigation measures. Fire department says this is a big threat to Alvarado Estates, College View Estates & immediately south of there because of embers.
2. Diane Laman. There have been numerous fires in the general area in recent years
3. It is on private land. The city needs to make the owner address the issue, especially the palm trees.
4. Loando: the city isn't acting because it is in a natural waterway. We need help from planning groups to put pressure on the city
5. M city investigate & address situation: Reynoso S: Silva Y:13 N:0 A:0 (Gregg had left)

## VI. Committee reports

A. Project Review Committee: No report

B. Community Plan Update Committee: Montana

1. October meeting was cancelled, dark in November, will meet in early December to receive community atlas city staff has been developing

## VII. Delegate Reports

A. Community Planners Committee No report

B. Project Review Committee: Jennings.

1. Committee will meet in November

## VIII. Adjournment: 9:25 p.m

Minutes by Ann Cottrell, Secretary

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Can you send this to all the CACC board members in advance of Zoom mtg tomorrow, and put it in the minutes of the meeting, as I want to reference it during CARPUS report  
Jean Hoeger

## Staffing

1. Why is the Eastern Division staffing so low month after month? We are told each meeting that this is the reason that response time and FRN and CAPP numbers are so low.

Answers:

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Watch (6am -4pm) = 9 officers 2<sup>nd</sup> Watch (2pm -12am) = 11 3<sup>rd</sup> Watch (9pm – 7am) = 8
- b. Eastern Division is currently staffed at 84% about 2 shy of what it should be

- c. Staffing is always in a constant state of flux due to illness, request for days off (both of which they try to fill in with others), injuries, new officers coming in and others retiring/leaving
- d. 1895 total SDPD officers from the Chief right on down to newest recruit, with 91 officers in academy right now, 75 in various stages of field phase learning how to be officers by riding with a training officer, 27 who are currently graduating and will be allocated on Oct. 7
- e. Eastern has 104 sworn officers, 71 are patrol officers and 12 are patrol Sgts
- f. 10 Divisions split new officers that are ready to go (except Traffic)
- g. 2<sup>nd</sup> Watch is very busy during warmer months and party calls are low priority

**2. Why and when was the minimum staffing level dropped from 11 to 8?**

Answers:

- a. Per Lt Radasa at the Oct. 2018 CARPUS: 11 officers is minimum staff.
- b. In a recent email from Officer Steffan I was told that there were 9 officers on duty, with the current suggested staffing levels for Eastern Division during 3rd watch being 8 Officers (at the time 5 people called on a party and officers were unable to respond by 3am for 9pm calls)
- c. It appears the info above shows it did not drop, it was just not reported out as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Watch so it would depend on the time the call came in

**3. What was the situation on Oct. 3-4 night with so many party issues and 5454 Mary Lane not having a response time until 3am?**

Answers:

- a. 9 Officers were on duty
- b. That night there were 56 Calls for Service in Eastern (no breakdown of calls)
- c. 20 FRNs were issued Thursday – Sunday (previous shift average was 5-6)

**Neighborhood Response Team (aka C Squad or Party Car)**

**4. When will the NRT unit be revived, as it has proven to be a great asset during the school year? Has the process to create a proper C Squad begun, getting the PCN number to establish a dedicated Sgt.'s position?**

Answers:

- a. Lt. and CRO are working to get the “C” Squad back in play, to be used for College Area and for things such as the Holiday hours when theft goes up in malls
- b. Hoping to hear about the PCN within the next month or two to get the team back out here
- c. That team would again be multi-functional with the two critical needs of the College Area and Mission Valley during the holiday times
- d. It will take 4 officers away from the normal patrol ranks and would build a dedicated team that would address what the Captain feels are the more dire community issues including the parties at SDSU

**Training of new officers and reminders for each shift**

**5. Are new officers trained in, and are current officers reminded of, the issuance of FRNs and the proper measures to take when responding to a CAPPED house? Some examples of concerns regarding these issues**

- a. Officers responding to several party calls at 5041 College Ave. after it was CAPPED took no action other than to tell the partiers to take it inside and on Oct. 1 5041 College got another FRN because girl who officer talked to said she did not know the house was CAPPED. If someone new is on the lease and can provide proof of that, they will explain the CAPP and be given a grace period, but this should not happen more than once (Steffan doesn't know if the officer checked her lease or ask to talk to other residents on the lease and at the house at the time.) He did reach out to patrol sgts to reiterate what they are looking for with that so that there are no questions about enforcement. This will not happen again at this house.
- b. 5320 Hewlett – 2<sup>nd</sup> FRN seems to be missing, so no CAPP yet and they had another party that got them a 3<sup>rd</sup> FRN. Steffan has not yet received the 2<sup>nd</sup> FRN
- c. Officers were heard at one party at female house saying “Why didn't we get an invite to the party” with no action taken. At another party female students were seen taking selfies with officers about 2 weeks ago (none had masks) and since no action was taken, the girls yelled “we love you” as they went back into the house. Captain stated that because this is such a large community complaint, he will let officers know that if the requirements are met they **will** issue an FRN, as it is one of the tools that they use to quell these party calls. He deferred to Steffan about the actual training on these things: In June two officers came to Eastern that were not properly trained and he has since spoken to their supervisor to rectify that. They just had a shift change (when officers rotate the shift they are working and it occurs every four months, so 3 times a year)

and a training session was held with the new 3<sup>rd</sup> Watch officers so we should see a change in the way enforcement is conducted. The average number of FRNs issued on weekends (TH-SU) on the previous shift was 5-6 and this past weekend Oct. 1- 4 there were 20. Will remind officers about protocols, will reiterate that if the call meets parameters of the SDMC an FRN will/should be issued.

- d. **Oct. 3 Incident number E2010003409 5464 Hewlett Dr. 8:30 call officers arrived at 9:30pm and made contact and were told not having a party and left.** No FRN was given because it did not meet the parameters of SDMC. Per conversations with Steffan, he has instructed officers to stop and talk to the residents about the SDMC and the call, in an effort to get voluntary compliance. Steffan pushes out the message to anyone who reaches out to him about this situation to be sure to call back if party is continuing and ask to have officers make contact with reporting party if noise is better heard from a vantage point other than in front of the house. Steffan is going to put together a ND post about the procedures for reporting parties

## Working with SDSUPD

6. **What happened to SDPD working with SDSUPD to answer calls for parties? Can SDSUPD be first on scene and can they issue an FRN?**
  - a. **Per Lt. Jordan at Jan. 2018 CARPUS meeting: SDPD will be asking SDSU PD to help and get training in FRN issuance.** Steffan did train SDSUPD Supervisors on issuing FRN, including a power point. FRN books were given to them, as well as handouts SDPD gives to residents to educate them
  - b. **Per Mark Peterson at Jan. 2018 CARPUS meeting: SDSU PD working on how they can help with change in staffing of SDPD.** Lt. Gutiérrez said they are in constant communication with SDSU PD leadership to work together on issues in the SDSU area. When there are opportunities to help each other out, they try to do so, when SDSUPD is available
  - c. **Per May 2019 CARPUS meeting: Community states once again that SDSU PD needs to be a part of the solution by responding to parties, but SDSU PD once again tells us that SDPD must contact them to respond to parties.** I reiterated this to them, noting that SDSUPD dispatchers will not even take the party call in case an officer is able to respond
  - d. **SDSUPD Watch Commander Josh Brasel spoke with neighbor Oct. 3 Sat night about the parties on Campanile and Mary Lane. He said they would be calling SDPD and asking if they wanted help with the calls. He said that communication was more difficult with SDPD now that the "C" Squad is gone.** This was not clear if he meant that night, as SDPD says they talk to Lt. Broussard frequently about offering support to do joint operations. Conversations are being had about doing joint operations but that takes time
  - e. **Continued concerns as to whether or not SDSUPD be first on scene and issue an FRN that will go into the SDPD system for the property - SDSU can issue an FRN and it would go to the SDPD, however the SDSU PD/SDPD understanding is that SDSUPD can't be the primary responder for any call off SDSU property.**

Halloween is a problem throughout the City and SDPD will put the information out there and they will respond if possible

7. **We would like to have a meeting with SDSUPD, SDPD and a few key community members**
  - a. Meetings can certainly be arranged
  - b. Keep an eye out on ND for future meetings, including CARPUS on Oct. 20 at 4pm

I also had a conversation with Rachel Gregg of SDSU on Oct, 5, 2020 and noted this info

SDSU students have been suspended, no numbers known

If a house is reported via provided links more than once, it is referred to the County for contact by them

Residents must continue to call the SDPD first, then take the actions provided by SDSU, as the jurisdiction for stopping parties lies first and foremost with the SDPD.

SDSU is working on a plan to address Halloween. The group having these conversations is a broad coalition of folks from various departments on campus.

It was noted that the avenues for reporting parties to SDSU were not widely disseminated to the community – Rachel did list them all at the CACC, however they were not sent to the community by CACC. Rachel is unable to post on ND, unlike SDPD. She will ask at next CACC (Oct. 14) that the info be sent to all the CACC member emails.

