

**Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 13th, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Lynn Edwards.

Members present

Bob Scott, (Vice Chair) Rolando	Jennifer Bennett, Redwood Village
Richard Diaz, Oak Park	Kristen Hurst, Webster
Alex Zukas, El Cerrito	Laura Riebau, Member at Large
Andy Huelskamp, Oak Park	Lorna Zukas, El Cerrito
Daniele Laman, Community Organization Rep	
Elida Chavez, Oak Park	

Quorum: Yes

Absent: Derryl Williams (Treasurer), Webster

Members of the public present: *Online* – Becky Rapp, Ramon Uribe, Mario Ingrassi, Terry Hoskins

Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

- Becky Rapp - concern about cannabis equity expansion amendments to current program and questions whether the City Council’s intent was to drastically change the current program without better review. She also encourages City looks at problems other cities are having so we can learn from them and not repeat their mistakes.
- Laura Riebau talked about concern with low income and homeless housing projects being only housing projects built in College Area, along with kidney dialysis, plasma center businesses in the area and need for balance in our area with market rate housing and different types of businesses. Would like Eastern Area communities working with College Area communities and College Area Business District to promote the area, get the word out about what a great community we have, great location, etc.

City, County, and State Representatives’ Reports

- Bruce Williams – Community Representative for Webster and Oak Park, District 4, Council President Pro Tem Monica Montgomery Steppe
 - Ms. Montgomery Steppe is available during office hours. Budget got voted on. Chollas Creek in Oak Park was fully funded based on engineer’s report. Streamviewimprovements phase 2 are also getting funded. Signs will be placed on Streamview to help with the speeding issue.
- Sam Gonzalez – District 79, State Assembly Member Dr. Akilah Weber
 - Budget is in the works. Backpack Day is July 29th in El Cajon 10:00-1:00. Concerns can be emailed or phoned in to offices during 9:00-5:00. All comments get placed into the system, though phone calls may allow conversation

- Roberto Marin – Community Representative, District 9, Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera
 - Grew up in City Heights until about 8 years old, then La Mesa, college in San Marcos. New and learning the process. In this role he will provide information to our group, good or bad. Excited to be here. Runs and knows the streets and how hot it gets on University with no trees for shade.
- Gonzalo Rocha-Vazquez– Field Representative, 39th Senate District, State Senate President Pro Tem, Toni G. Atkins
 - Tony Duran is out on medical leave. Update on proposed legislative budget. Deadline is June 15th. No ongoing cuts to core programs. No middle-class tax increases, \$2.1 billion increase for education, schools and community colleges. gonzalorochavazchez@san.ca.gov.
 - Officer Terry Hoskins - Richard requested ChollasTriangle be designated as a homeless hotspot, keeps getting cycle of problem people returning to the site. Officer Hoskins stated he thinks that has been done and encourages to keep using GetItDone; Can state previous report numbers in new reports, as Richard is doing. Roberto Marin stated D9 knows the area is bad and encourages to keep using GetItDone and also contacting his office.

Information Item

Fairmount Fire Station EIR Update – Paul Simonds, Curt Pringle & Associates

- Discussed location drawbacks, location on a curve, uneven terrain with dramatically different levels causing cost for building to be about three times higher than an average station, riparian area, multiple species area and environmental impacts. No alternative locations really looked at and no EIR reports. The big difference for interest now was getting word out to the press and getting publicity to the problems. Monica Montgomery Steppe provided her support and was joined by Sean Elo-Rivera. Showed architectural rendering and discussed costly building due to terrain. An EIR, which will look at alternate sites, is slated to begin within next few months and will take about 1-2 years. Scoping meeting will be soon, but then study and analysis will take a while and there will be no information during that time. Questions included alternate sites, which Paul said are not really a concern at this time and that discussion takes away from focus on EIR.

Action Items

1. Appoint Redwood Village representative to fill vacancy. Tanner resigned due to not being able to attend in person meetings. John Hogan has met the meeting requirements and would like to be on the EACPC.
 - Laura made motioned to appoint John to the EACPC, Daniele seconded; Vote by Board appointing John was unanimous and he participated in the meeting as the second Redwood Village representative.
2. Election committee for September election
 - Alex, as lead, and Terry Hoskins volunteered to be the committee.
3. Minutes volunteers/assignments June through November
 - Laura volunteered for June.
4. Consider Groundwork proposal to provide free website and contact management tools for our planning group – Kristen Gave an overview of the grant Groundworks received and the opportunity for EACPC to use some of the money to get its website going. A website is going to be one of the requirements for planning groups so this is a great opportunity. EACPC board vote was unanimous to accept available funding from Groundworks and get website started.

5. Approve first draft of vision statement for Joint Mid-City Communities Plan Update Committee
 - Draft vision statement was reviewed by board requests to add preserving single family residential home neighborhoods, increasing infrastructure as population grows and arrange for maintenance of infrastructure as it ages, all understanding that this is a draft to be part of a vision statement for entire Mid-City area and is in the early stages. Vote by the Board for vision statement as amended was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report – Derryl

No report this month.

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes (May)

- Board unanimously approved the Minutes as prepared.

Subcommittee Reports

- Community updates
 - Webster –Chollas Community Climate Fair was a big success, hosted by Groundworks and US Bank, with attendance by Audubon Society, SDG&E, Monica Montgomery, City reps and many community members. Urban Pizza provided free food.
 - Rolando - Clay Park Community Cleanup, included painting - about 25 people and Clay Elementary and Park reps showed up.
 - Rolando Park – Community Cleanup was a success with help of community members.
 - Redwood Village - Looking into pocket park on small piece of City land.
 - Oak Park - City personnel showed up for library site meeting, prepared list of wants for the budget; some money was provided by Crossroads Redevelopment Area.
 - El Cerrito - Green bins and how to use them was previous meeting and candidates for County D4 District are coming to next meeting.
- University Ave – Bob – University tree canopy project did not make budget; getting contacts from other sources regarding trees. Will be talking with rep in D9 office.
- Parks & Recreation – Daniele - suggested we look into remaining funds in Cross Roads Redevelopment Area for projects in area. Need to get more areas for dog parks.
- Transportation – Bike Lanes - Mario - nothing new for now.
- Subcommittee for community plan update – Laura - already done.
- CPC May Meeting – Laura - Cannabis equity plan was discussed. City's new Equity plan will make Citywide DIF fees available for projects in other areas and some northern communities that paid Mello-roos fees for roads, parks and other infrastructure are unhappy about co-mingling.

Adjournment

Andy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard, meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.