

# Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee General Meeting Minutes January 10, 2023

**7:01 PM Meeting Called to Order** (Linda Coffman, Chair)

**Present:** Lynn Edwards (Vice Chair), Rolando Park

Richard Diaz, (Secretary) Oak Park  
Derryl Williams (Treasurer), Webster  
Alex Zukas, El Cerrito  
Daniele Laman, Community Organization Rep  
Tanner Blackman, Redwood Village  
Jennifer Bennett, Redwood Village  
Kristen Hurst, Webster  
Lorna Zukas, El Cerrito  
Laura Riebau, Member-at-Large

**Absent:** Bob Scott (Rolando), Andy Huelscamp and Elida Chavez (Oak Park) **Quorum:** Yes

**Members of the Public Present:** John Hogan, Jan Hintzman, CRO Terry Hoskins, Mario Ingrassi, Denise Padilla, Fred Lindahl

**Agenda Changes:** None

**Non-Agenda Items:** Jan Hintzman updated the committee on the proposed apartment project next to the College-Rolando Library. The developer now has applied for a ministerial permit that would bypass community concerns and input, e.g., preserving adequate parking for the library.

Daniele reminded everyone that the quarterly meeting of the Storage Connect Centers is tomorrow—no word yet on when Center II (Lea Street), adjacent to the planned Chollas Triangle Park, will be vacated.

CRO Terry Hoskins stated that the Neighborhood Policing and Environmental Services depts. have been very active in encampment cleanups in the Eastern Area communities.

## **City, County, and State Representatives' Reports**

- Jawad Al Baghdadi – US Congress Rep. Sara Jacobs' office: Congress approved renaming the Rolando post office to the Susan A. Davis Post Office; Omnibus Spending Bill: \$1.6M for local projects to support childcare, youth, and workforce; \$1.8B Block Grant (nationwide) to support similar programs; Up to four free in-home COVID tests available now (check with Jawad).
- Bruce Williams – Community Representative for District 4, Council President pro Tem Monica Montgomery-Steppe: The Council member has been appointed to several committees, incl. the Budget (chair) and Economic Development (vice chair) ones; City Council will now meet Mondays and Tuesdays at 10 AM and then end sessions after lunch; a new committee (Neighborhood Services), to be led by D2 and D4 council members, will focus on parks, recreation, special events, seniors, libraries, MADs, etc.; the Organic

Wastes Program will start up in Spring 2023, and pails / bins will be delivered then—contact Environmental Services to request a change in volume; Point-in-Time Count occur in late Jan.

- Naveed Haris — Community Representative for Council District 9: Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera will hold a State of the Dist. on Jan. 28th at the City Hts. swim pool; redistricting went into effect on Dec. 12, 2022, that included Redwood Village and Rolando Park moving from D4 to D9; Measure B (ends no-fee trash pickup for single family residents) to go into effect soon—more info at the Feb. meeting.
- Lucero Maganda — Mayor Todd Gloria’s office: The Mayor’s State of the City address will be on Jan. 11th; D9 street repairs are underway—reach out to D9 if there are very long delays; check out the Dept. of Homeless Solutions & Equitable Communities website for activities and accomplishments.

**Action Item 1:** Elect new chair: Linda has moved out of the area. After discussion of being consistent with the EACPC by-laws and the requirements of the CPC, Derryl motioned to elect Lynn Edwards to complete Linda’s term to begin in February, Daniele seconded the motion, and the motion passed with two abstentions (Linda, as exiting chair, and Richard, who came in late to the meeting). More discussion and action to come at the Feb. meeting.

**Action Item 2:** Resume in-person meetings: Teen Challenge has offered its facility for hybrid meetings (Calvary Lutheran as a possible backup once it upgrades its media electronics, but because of a rising surge of COVID, Daniele motioned to re-evaluate hybrid meetings in the Feb. meeting, with Darryl seconding the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

**Action Item 3:** Community plan update subcommittee: EACPC plan update is not on the schedule; however, due to experiences by other planning committees that had provided plan proposals but were subsequently ignored by the City, and after further discussion, Alex motioned, and Daniele seconded, proceed with forming its’ own subcommittee to update the current plan. The motion carried with one abstention (Richard). Alex, Derryl, Lynn, and Laura will be on the subcommittee.

**Action Item 4:** \$500 allotment for CPGs: Expenses, such as office supplies and media equipment, were discussed, as well as a donation to Teen Challenge for the use of its facilities. Daniele motioned to table the discussion until February; Lynn seconded, and the motion passed with one abstention.

**Treasurer’s Report – Derryl:** \$75 in the bank; donations accepted in case we need to rent a space and/or buy donuts in the future. Lynn reminded us that a letter from the committee confirming a change in officers is needed by the bank. Derryl to contact the bank for procedures.

**Approval of Minutes (September and October):** Edits to both documents were requested by committee members; Daniele moved to approve with corrections, Alex seconded; the minutes were approved as corrected with one abstention.

### **Community Council and Subcommittee Reports**

- Community updates: El Cerrito—Reported that Our Neighborhood Voices, a statewide organization advocating for returning planning to local control, will present at the next meeting; Oak Park—Still working on funding for banners and Welcome monuments, will provide update on Streamview Dr. next meeting; Webster—no news; Rolando—not present; Rolando Park—The upper and lower fields of the park will be dedicate to soccer teams and residents, respectively; Redwood Village—participated in walk audit of Streamview Dr. with City Engineering and Capital Projects and groundwork—San Diego to discuss heat islands, illegal dumping, and traffic safety issues.
- University Ave – Bob: a site walk is upcoming with the District 9 rep.
- Parks & Recreation –Montezuma Park plans moving forward; Cholla Lake Little League opening day in March
- CPC November Meeting – Update minutes to be reviewed by EACPC next month when chair changeover takes place..

**8:47 PM: Motion to adjourn by Daniele and seconded by Derryl. The motion passed unanimously.**