

# CLAIREMONT COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (CCPG)

Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Held at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center

4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117. (<https://goo.gl/maps/9h9NSAsqe9jPUj22A>)

P - Ian Grooms, Vice Chair (Served as interim chair for this meeting)	P - Drew Lambert	P - Matt Wang
L -Marc Mytels, Secretary	P - Suzanne Smith	P -Monte Carroll
P - Glen Schmidt	P - Tarah Griep	
P - Steven Palmer	P - Paige Walker	

P – Present A – Absent L-Late

**Item 1 - REGULAR CCPG MEETING: CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL BY VICE CHAIR**

- Ian called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- Quorum was established with 9 out of 10 members present at the start of the meeting. Attendance increased to 10 out of 10 members when Marc Mytels arrived.

**Item 2 - NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Public Comments:**

1. Michael Dwyer: Due to water-related construction, Clairemont Mesa Blvd. is reduced to one lane in each direction up to the 805 freeway. Bike lanes will be installed in both directions on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. when the street is repaved. Clairemont Drive west of Dakota Drive has been preliminarily repaved due to Pure Water construction. Uneven streets on Clairemont Drive will not be long-term pending the completion of a full repaving. Nighttime work related to the Mt. Etna housing project will occur at the Genesee and Balboa intersection. The Miramar Landfill will be open starting on April 17 for shredding tax documents. The City Council’s Rules Committee will discuss a potential property tax increase on Thursday, April 18 to pay for stormwater projects.
2. Monica: Reported issues with trash near her home and trash not being collected near her home. She shared her email with our board for follow up items.
3. Deanna requested a copy of the planning group’s agenda for the evening. Matt suggested that agenda copies be on-hand for future meetings.

**Board Comments:**

1. Ian: Pre-design forum for North Clairemont utility undergrounding to be held on May 7. Discussed release of Fiscal Year 2025 City of San Diego budget and how it impacts Clairemont. Wanted City to make progress on South Clairemont park improvements.
2. Steven: Concerned about lack of audio at crosswalk near Clairemont Town Square. Wanted community to

- provide input on list detailing other crosswalks with audio issues.
3. Tarah welcomed newly elected board members.
  4. Marc: Impressed with Pure Water construction.

**Item 3 – MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA** - No modifications were proposed or voted on.

**Item 4 - REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

**Community Planners Committee**

Former CCPG Chair Nicholas Reed served as Chair at the time of the March CPC meeting. Nicholas submitted the following report via email: **“As you should already have from Marlon, we discussed the PG reform items including a possibility of returning to Zoom/Online meetings forthcoming. We also had the environmental justice element folks come and make a presentation. And at the April meeting, a report on Blueprint SD will be made.”**

**Officer and Committee Reports**

**Secretary (Marc)**

Marc sent out the consolidated meeting minutes. Nicholas sent a sample cover letter for the annual report. Ian requested that the CCPG keep a strike record and make the following changes in the agenda text:

- Change “Reports to Committee” to “Reports to Planning Group”
- Change “Council Representative Reports” to “City Representative Reports”
- Change “Approval of the Minutes” to “Consideration of the Minutes”

**Project Review (Glen)**

- No April meeting occurred, but a May 8 meeting is expected to occur at North Clairemont Recreation Center, Room 2. Projects being tracked include 3112-3114 Natchez Avenue (tentative map to convert two homes into two condominiums), 3321-3323 Apache Avenue (tentative map for a project adding two [2] ADUs to a property originally containing duplexes), Idlewild Way, and a cell tower. Glen asked if additional CCPG members would be interested in serving on the PRS. Drew and Monte volunteered to serve on the PRS.
- Deanna asked about the intent of the PRS. Glen and Ian described the PRS.

**Item 5 – 6:30 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES from March 19, 2024.**

- Minor misspellings and naming corrections noted.
- Motion by Glen to approve the minutes as discussed. Second by Drew.
- Yea (7): Ian, Marc, Matt, Suzanne, Glen, Drew, Tarah,
- Nay (0)
- Abstain (3): Paige, Monte, Steven (Reason for all abstentions: These members were not members of the board at the time of the March CCPG meeting)

**Item 6 – 6:35 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- **City Council District 2 - Carrie Munson, Senior Policy Advisor and North Clairemont Community Representative**
- District 2 requested amendments to Sidewalk Vendor Ordinance:

- Clarifying the difference between free speech and vending
  - Changing locations of permissible sidewalk vending
  - Providing San Diego Police Department with more enforcement options for “bad actors”
  - District 2 working to enforce Street Vendor Ordinance in partnership with the County of San Diego and the San Diego Police Department. Clairemont vendor recently cited and impounded after warnings from SDPD.
- District 2 working to add more leash-free hours for dogs at Mission Bay Park.
- District 2 will be present for Clairemont Garden Tour and Creek to Bay Clean-Up.

### **Board Comments**

Ian asked for status update on proposed lighting project at North Clairemont Recreation Center and Clairemont traffic signal modifications. Asked about funding plan for remaining Clairemont DIF fees, that the remaining Clairemont DIF fees be spent, and asked about the purpose of street sweeping. Carrie said that SDPD is increasing patrols and coordinating graffiti abatement. City Parks and Recreation Department is looking to fund increased lighting and fencing via their operating budget. Clairemont traffic signal modification status would best be answered by consulting CIP website. New DIF fees will be centralized into one account, along with previous community-specific DIFs. Street sweeping helps keep the bay clean.

Paige asked if Clairemont have sufficient, appropriate, and legal places for street vending. Carrie replied that vendors can do business in Clairemont so long as they have the appropriate permits.

Marc asked if approved street vendors have permits facing the public; Carrie replied that the vendors do have public-facing permits.

Tarah expressed concern about number of police cars at Moraga Avenue street vending site, and the timing of the police enforcement during rush hour.

### **Public Comments**

Following Deanna’s question about where street vendors can be located, Carrie and Randy provided details about the terms of the ordinance.

### **Office of Mayor Todd Gloria - Randy Reyes, Community Representative for Council Districts 2 and 5**

Randy discussed the City’s proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget, which focuses on continuing City priorities like reducing homelessness and building more homes, while also reducing expenditures. Neighborhood services like police, fire, lifeguards, libraries, and parks will see little to no spending reductions. Homelessness initiatives include a proposed 1,000-bed shelter at Kettner and Vine and a Safe Parking Site at the former H Barracks. Assistant Chief Scott Wahl was nominated to serve as the next police chief. The City is searching for a new fire chief.

Suzanne asked if additional safe parking sites will be added in Clairemont; no plans exist for additional sites in Clairemont. When she asked about whether library hours would see budget cuts, Randy responded that no park or library hours would be reduced.

Glen asked if the H Barracks would be demolished. The H Barracks are now demolished, and the City is awaiting the California Coastal Commission’s approval of the plans. Glen urged the City to do its due diligence regarding the Kettner and Vine shelter.

Paige asked about the proposed timeline for opening the Kettner and Vine shelter: Randy replied that the shelter is scheduled to open in summer 2025.

Marc was impressed with the Ocean Beach Pier Replacement design. Randy said that the City is collecting feedback for the new Ocean Beach Pier design.

## **City of San Diego Planning Department Update**

Not applicable as a Planning Department representative was not present.

## **Item 7 – CONSENT AGENDA**

No items.

## **Item 8 - INFORMATION ITEMS:**

### **Item 801: Pure Water Project Update**

- Presenters: Sarah Rosetto (Community Outreach Liaison), Richard Fernandez (Senior Construction Manager, City of San Diego), Matthew Fleming (Project Manager for Construction Contractor)
- Pure Water Phase 1 will deliver 30 million gallons of water per day by 2027.
- Three components: Morena Conveyance North, South, and Middle
- Pipeline is along Morena Bl. and Clairemont Drive
- Multiple construction crews are building the project.
- Crews working to install steel pipelines along the Clairemont Drive by Burgener Bl. and Fairfield St.
- Daytime working hours are 7am-4pm; nighttime hours are 4pm-12am
- Crews also working to install pipes on Clairemont Drive between Iroquois and Rappahannock Avenues.
- Clairemont Drive and Ute Drive intersection to be closed over the weekend to accommodate nearby school hours.
- Clairemont Drive and Balboa Avenue intersection work will be completed at night.
- Clairemont Drive will have one single lane in each direction in certain locations.
- Full, curb-to-curb overlay on Clairemont Drive south of Balboa Avenue. Trench restoration and slurry seal on Clairemont Drive north of Balboa Avenue.
- Sherman and Morena intersection work is completed from 9pm to 5am Sunday to Friday.
- Crews moving northward
- Community is encouraged to sign up for Pure Water updates.

### **Board Comments**

Marc wanted to see Pure Water presentations at Marston Middle School and Clairemont High School. Marc also wondered why pumping technology was not implemented on the Clairemont Drive hill. Richard replied that the water will be pressurized.

Steven asked about new infrastructure on Clairemont Drive. Bike lanes will be added to Clairemont Drive.

Glen asked about the number of spaces to be removed along Clairemont Drive. Sarah offered to provide the board with bike lane details.

Suzanne asked about the timeline for completion. Water is expected to initially start flowing in 2026, but the Morena Conveyance component is scheduled for completion in 2027. Road repairs will be completed before the Morena Conveyance.

Matt requested a copy of the presentation.

### **Public Comments**

Deanna was concerned about street damage near her home.

## **Item 802: Genesee Avenue Sidewalk Project**

Presenter: Diluvan Piromari (Associate Engineer, City of San Diego Engineering and Capital Projects Department)

The new, 5' wide sidewalk will be on the eastern side of Genesee Avenue. Curbs, gutter, retaining walls, and new plants will be installed. The City will hand out construction flyers, and lanes will be reduced on Genesee Avenue while the retaining wall is under construction. Construction will be divided between day and night work. Construction is anticipated to start in Fall 2024 and end in Summer 2025. Project is fully designed and costs \$3 million. Bid and award process to begin soon.

### **Board Comments**

Suzanne is pleased that the City is building more sidewalks. She asked about the depth of the wall, and Diluvan said that a transition piece will connect the existing sidewalk near Chateau Drive to the new sidewalk.

Marc is also pleased with the project because it adds more corridors in accordance with the City's Complete Communities plan. Marc asked about the impacts to the iceplant. The iceplant will be removed and replaced with native species. Marc wanted to use the Texas Street retaining wall as a template for Clairemont.

Glen asked about the project scope, specifically about how much revegetation would occur and what color the retaining wall will be. Glen wanted more information about the project specifications to be sent.

Drew asked about the type of wall to be installed, and Diluvan replied that the wall will consist of soldier piles.

Tarah encouraged the City to consider incorporating its design from a City Heights wall into the Genesee Avenue project.

### **Public Comments**

Mark Schrammel expressed concern about installing a non-grouted masonry wall given that vehicles have crashed through that type of wall parallel to Cannington Drive.

Deanna asked about whether graffiti abatement technology could be built into the Genesee Avenue wall; Diluvan replied that the City does not use this technology.

## **Item 9 - ACTION ITEMS:**

### **Item 901: Planning Group Report**

The item was not discussed; action will be taken on the report in May 2024.

## Item 902: CCPG Officer Nominations and Appointments

Tarah volunteered to serve as the Co-Secretary. Nicholas Reed's resignation, Billy Paul's termed-out status, and Lori Carpenter's resignation were all noted.

- Motion by Glen to elect Matt as CCPG Chair. Second by Suzanne.
  - Yea (9): Ian, Marc, Paige, Suzanne, Glen, Steven, Drew, Tarah, Monte
  - Nay (0)
  - Abstain (1): Matt (Reason for abstention: self-interest)
- Motion by Ian to elect himself as CCPG Vice Chair. Second by Matt
  - Yea (10): Matt, Ian, Marc, Paige, Suzanne, Glen, Steven, Drew, Tarah, Monte
  - Nay (0)
  - Abstain (0)
- Motion by Marc to elect himself and Tarah as Co-Secretaries. Second by Glen.
  - Yea (9): Matt, Marc, Paige, Suzanne, Glen, Steven, Drew, Tarah, Monte
  - Nay (0)
  - Abstain (1): Ian (Reason for abstention: Discussion of Secretary position began outside of a public meeting.)
- Motion by Suzanne to elect herself as the Sergeant-at-Arms. Second by Paige.
  - Yea (9): Matt, Paige, Glen, Steven, Drew, Tarah, Monte, Marc, Ian
  - Nay (0)
  - Abstain (1): Suzanne (Reason for abstention: Self-interest)
- Ian asked about whether Matt, as Chair, wanted to participate in votes or moderate discussions. Matt will consult the bylaws to determine how to proceed.

## Item 10 – WORKSHOP ITEMS:

### Item 1001: CCPG Committee Assignments

- The CCPG finalized its committee assignments and listed positions for the 2024-2025 legislative term. No vote was taken; volunteers from the board were solicited. Assignments are as follows:
  - Project Review: Glen (PRS Chair), Monte, Drew
  - Bylaws: Matt
  - Parking and Transportation: Paige was added to the existing committee
  - Airports: Paige
  - Social Media: Marc
  - Treasurer: Tarah

## ADJOURNMENT

- Deanna thanked the board members for their work.
- Glen thanked Ian for serving as interim chair.
- Ian provided a preview for the May CCPG meeting. Topics mentioned were bylaws, the Mt. Etna housing project, adding a trash can near the Clairemont Drive and Joplin Avenue intersection, and the stone color for the Genesee Avenue retaining wall
- **Ian adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m. The planning group adjourned to its next regularly scheduled meeting on May 21, 2024.**