



Downtown Community Planning Council San Diego

Planning a Vibrant Downtown for All

Downtown Community Planning Council (DCPC) Meeting Agenda

August 21, 2024, 5:30 PM

City Hall 12th Floor Committee Room

202 C Street, San Diego, CA, 92101

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I. Call to Order & Roll Call

II. Consent Agenda

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III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Public comment will be limited to 1-minute per person if there are many speakers present. Maximum of 8 non-agenda public comment speakers at this time; additional speakers can speak at the end.

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Nominations Received:

A. At Large Vacancy: Moira Tan

B. Community Organization Vacancy: Kevin So

C. Airport Noise Advisory Committee: Ethan Paul

V. Community Reports

The DCPC may vote to write letters of support and/or feedback for items B and C.

A. Representatives from Elected Officials and Agencies

B. SD High School & Balboa Park Working Group

C. Trash & Recycling Services Presentation

D. Community Planners Committee Report

VI. Initial Infrastructure Prioritization

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VII. Subcommittee Reports

A. Public Spaces - Gary Hewitt

1. Balboa Park Committee report - Chris Eddy

2. Downtown Parking Management Group report - Manny Rodriguez

3. Fault Line Park Update

VIII. Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

Items pulled from the Consent Agenda (Item II) will be discussed at this time.

IX. Remainder Non-Agenda Public Comments

The remaining non-agenda public commenters (Item III) will speak at this time.

X. Adjournment

Next meeting on September 18th, 2024, 5:30 PM, at City Hall's 12th Floor Committee Room.

Administrative Policies Update

PROPOSED ACTION:

Approve the update to the Administrative Policies. The existing policies can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

The proposed changes can be viewed on page 4 of this agenda packet

The proposed update is to provide a procedure for resignations and to clarify that when a member resigns from the DCPC, they are also resigning from their subcommittees, unless they explicitly state that they wish to remain on them and they continue to meet any applicable criteria to serve on them.

The proposed update also urges that draft meeting minutes should be available no less than 10 days before the next regularly-scheduled meeting, so as to allow for the timely preparation of Agenda Packets. The sooner an Agenda Packet can be distributed to the public, the sooner the public can engage with the DCPC.

Proposed Changes:

[add under section III.C]

1. Minutes

- a. The Secretary is responsible for preparing the minutes of each DCPC meeting. The minutes should accurately reflect the proceedings and decisions of the meeting, including all motions, votes, and outcomes.
- b. Draft minutes must be prepared and made available to DCPC members for review no later than ten days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. This helps to ensure a timely preparation and public distribution of the Agenda Packets.

[add under section III]

E. Resignations

1. Members intending to resign from the DCPC should submit their resignation in writing to the Chair. The resignation letter should state the effective date.
2. Upon receipt of a resignation letter, the Chair should acknowledge its receipt in writing and CC the Vice Chair and Secretary.
3. Resigning members should complete any outstanding obligations and prepare a transition report for their successor, if applicable.
4. The Chair should inform the DCPC and the public of the resignation at the next scheduled meeting or via a public notice.
5. Resignation from the DCPC includes all subcommittees, alternate positions, and assignments, unless the resigning member specifies otherwise and continues to meet any applicable criteria for those roles.

Adjustment to the Downtown Community Plan Update (DCPU) Subcommittee

PROPOSED ACTION:

Designate DCPU Subcommittee member Ryan Baham as the Chair of the Subcommittee.

The current Chair no longer has the capacity to organize the meetings and has not been able to organize one in several months. Ryan is a Downtown resident who gathered public interest in reactivating the DCPU Subcommittee, which had been inactive for a long time. The DCPC reactivated the Subcommittee and brought along Ryan and David Blumberg, another interested Downtown resident, to join the Subcommittee alongside Jean Paul Schwarz, Chloé Lauer, Tyler Winslow, and Manny Rodriguez.

With Ryan as Chair, the DCPC expects to see the Subcommittee meet more frequently.

Appointments

PROPOSED ACTION:

1. Appoint Moira Tan to the vacant At Large seat.
2. Appoint Kevin So to the vacant At Large Community Organization seat.
3. Appoint Ethan Paul to be the Downtown Community Planning Council's next representative to the Airport Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC).

The applications submitted by the nominees are in pages 7 - 9 of this agenda packet.

The vacancy for the regular At Large seat was announced in the May 15, 2024 meeting. The vacancy for the At Large Community Organization seat and the request for appointments to ANAC was announced to the public in the June notice of adjournment. Since then, the Chair received 3 applications for each seat.

Moira Tan - At Large Seat

Full name:

Moira Tan

Downtown residence or business:

Diega, 702 Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101

Relevant background:

I currently work as a government affairs manager and lobbyist in the healthcare space. I previously served as a legislative staffer in the United States Senate and House of Representatives, where I led bipartisan coalitions to advance a host of healthcare priorities. Prior to that, I helped lead advocacy campaigns with other youth on mental health reform.



Motivation for joining:

As a lifelong advocate with endless energy and ideas, I was disheartened to learn that so many members of my community are unaware of the avenues of relief for the issues that they face and have resigned to being removed from any forum in which their voices can be heard. In the face of today's widespread factionalization, I want to use my free time to facilitate spaces in which open communication and respect take place. I hope to contribute my unique set of experiences to identify solutions that demonstrate that interests of residents and businesses do not have to sit diametrically opposed to each other.

Main priorities:

Ensuring safety for women residents and visitors downtown.

Designing ways that make living and experiencing downtown more pleasurable and fulfilling for the area's residents.

Strategizing new methods to preserve the vibrance and culture of Downtown without eroding the quality of people's experiences - residents and tourists alike.

Do you commit to attending our in-person meetings on the 3rd Wednesday evening of every month at City Hall? (3 non-consecutive absences are allowed per year)

Yes.

Are you able to serve on subcommittees?

Yes, I am able to serve on subcommittees.

Kevin So - At Large Community Organization
Representing the San Diego County Bicycle
Coalition, a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit in Downtown

Full name:

Kevin Eugene So

Downtown residence or business:

Residence: 1551 4th Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101.
San Diego County Bike Coalition Office: 300 15th St, San
Diego, CA 92101



Relevant background:

Degree and experience working in architecture and urban design sector. Partnered with cities to develop urban revitalization programs/masterplans. Currently part of the management team for the City of San Diego's Engineering & Capital Projects Department

Motivation for joining

Committed to improving the downtown community for all individuals. Living and working in downtown San Diego

Main priorities:

Safety and mobility

Do you commit to attending our in-person meetings on the 3rd Wednesday evening of every month at City Hall? (3 non-consecutive absences are allowed per year)

Yes

Are you able to serve on subcommittees?

Yes: Public Spaces & Design Review.

Ethan Paul - Airport Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC) Representative

Ethan Paul is a Downtown resident. Below is their letter expressing interest to be the ANAC representative:

Dear Chairman Rodriguez,

I'm reaching out to express my interest to serve as the Airport Noise Advisory Committee (ANAC) representative for downtown San Diego. As an engaged resident of downtown San Diego, I am passionate about serving my community and ensuring the interests of downtown are heard.

I am aware of the important function the ANAC serves as a mediator between the community and airport authorities in order to ensure the noise concerns of our community are addressed. This role requires a representative who can effectively communicate the interests of downtown residents. As a resident of downtown living in close proximity to the flight path I understand the significance of airport noise on the health and well-being of our community.

As a weather observer for the San Diego Airport, I work inside the Lindbergh Air Traffic Control Tower, giving me greater insights into airport operations and how they impact our community. Additionally, as a student with two years of schooling to complete my bachelors in computer science, with intentions on pursuing a masters locally, I have long-term commitments here in San Diego. These commitments along with my job as a weather observer, enable me to confidently fulfill the term commitment required for this position.

The opportunity to serve as the ANAC representative for downtown San Diego is one I take very seriously. I love downtown and believe it's important we have individuals committed to working with all stakeholders in order to provide the best policy recommendations and updates. I'm passionate about civic engagement and want to play my part contributing to my community to make downtown a better place. I am happy to provide any additional information required.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of contributing to our community through this role.

Sincerely,

Ethan Nicholas Paul



Initial Infrastructure Prioritization

PROPOSED ACTION:

Send to the City an initial list of infrastructure priorities. The DCPC will vote later on the official list it will send to the District 3 Councilmember and Mayor for consideration in the fiscal year 2025 (FY25) budget.

Priorities approved last year can be found in page 10 of this agenda packet. The DCPC may choose to send this list with modifications, or propose a new list.

The City is requesting the Community Planning Groups send them infrastructure priorities in August. This item will address that request, while giving us the flexibility to adjust the priorities before submitting them to the Councilmember, who will directly advocate for their inclusion into the upcoming FY25 budget (as they have in the past).

Previously approved priorities:

- Ash Street Traffic Calming (#2 priority last year, proposed CIP). Install traffic calming measures on Ash street between 3rd Avenue and 9th Avenue. This can involve:
 - Adjusting the traffic signals to slow down cars with consistent red lights.
 - Installing pedestrian “pop-outs” at intersections
 - Road diets and narrowing of traffic lanes
 - Allowing parking on existing curbs that do not have parking
 - Repurposing a lane to add bicycle facilities
 - The Cortez Hill community has previously paid for studies by Rick Engineering and Circulate San Diego to elevate this issue

- 5th Avenue Promenade Phase II (#3 priority last year, existing CIP)

- Downtown Complete Streets (Existing CIPs)

- Saint Joseph’s Park Design (Proposed General Development Plan)

- First Avenue Traffic Calming (Proposed CIP)

- Flashing Yield Lights Near School Zones (Proposed CIPs)

- Enhancements to G Street Mini Park (Proposed GDP)

CIP = Capital Improvement Project

GDP = General Development Plan