

# Community Planners Committee

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## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Heden, Carmel Valley (CV)	Michele Addington, Mission Valley (MV)
Sally Smull, Chollas Valley-Encanto (CVE)	Paul Coogan, Normal Heights (NH)
Marcellus Anderson, City Heights (CH)	Lynn Elliot, North Park (NP)
Matthew Wang, Clairemont Mesa (CM)	Andrea Schlageter, Chair, Ocean Beach (OB)
Tom Silva, College Area (CA)	Korla Equinta, Peninsula (PEN)
Bob Link, Downtown (DT)	Vicki Touchstone, Rancho Bernardo (RB)
Laura Riebau, Eastern Area (EA)	Victoria LaBruzzo, Scripps Ranch (SR)
Brian Schwab, Golden Hill (GH)	Guy Preuss, Skyline-Paradise Hills (SPH)
David Moty, Kensington-Talmadge (KT)	Representative, Torrey Pines (TP)
Harry Bubbins, La Jolla (LJ)	Chris Nielsen, University (UNIV)
Felicity Senoski, Linda Vista (LV)	Matt Wahlstrom, Uptown (UP)
Bill Crooks, Miramar Ranch North (MRN)	

### VOTING INELIGIBILITY/RECUSALS:

The following planning group have single absences: CV and UP.

The following planning groups have double absences: MB and GGH.

Per Article IV, Section 5 and Section 6 of the CPC Bylaws the following planning groups have three (3) consecutive absences and will not be able to vote until recordation of attendance at two (2) consecutive CPC meetings by a designated representative or alternate: BL, CMR/SS, DMM, KM, MPH, MM, OTSD, OMN, PB, SPLH, SY, SE, TS and TH.

### AGENDA ITEMS:

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. upon reaching quorum and roll call was conducted.

## **2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Non-agenda public comment included:

- A safety suggestion on virtual meeting practices was provided by Uptown's representative. CPC members were reminded to do their best in ensuring that virtual meeting spaces adhere to a Planning Group's meeting purposes.
- An update on the status of the City's Social Equity and Economic Development (SEED) program in the upcoming budget year was provided by a representative from Rancho Bernardo's planning group. CPC members were encouraged to follow up with Council members regarding this matter.

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 26, 2024 and ROLL CALL:**

Approval of the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes as revised:

Yea: CH, CA, EA, KT, LV, MRN, MV, NH, NP, OB, PEN, RB, SR, TP, UN

Nay: None.

Abstain: CV, CL, DT, GH, UP

Minutes approved as revised: 15-0-5

## **4. FORMATION OF A NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

CPC Chair Andrea Schlageter appointed Mission Valley's representative Michele Addington as the board member responsible for the Nominating Committee of a new Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the CPC.

There were no recorded objections from CPC members in attendance regarding this appointment.

## **5. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT:**

The CPC discussed providing a recommendation on the City's Environmental Justice [E.J.] Element. During discussion, CPC members expressed the following comments and concerns on this matter:

- Further consideration of environmental effects needed to be included in the E.J. Element., given ongoing environmental discussion within the City.
- Few groups felt that they had time to properly review the E.J. element, limiting their ability to provide a proper recommendation on the item.
- CPC members expressed interest in having City staff come to the various Planning Groups interesting in providing a recommendation. City staff would be present to support the Planning Groups as they interpret the E.J. Element currently proposed by the City and draft their own recommendations. This would allow for the Planning Groups to be more involved in the review process.

Motion by EA and seconded by RB to have City staff work more directly with the Planning Groups before the CPC would take further action on the Environmental Justice Element.

Yea: CV, CH, CM, CA, DT, EA, KT, LV, MRN, MV, NP, OB, PEN, RB, SR, SPH, TP, UN, UP  
Nay: None.

Abstain: EN, GH, NH

Motion approved by vote of 19-0-3.

## **6. BLUEPRINT SAN DIEGO**

City Planning Department staff presented the most recent draft of Blueprint San Diego to attending CPC members. City staff provided insight on context regarding the latest draft, its general approach and the drafting done with support from an ad-hoc CPC committee.

Public comment included the following:

- The presentation did not include a section about updates to the Historic Preservation Element, despite ongoing modifications to this Element. Per City staff's response, this is because there were no changes to the Historic Preservation Element which Blueprint San Diego would be involved in. The changes that are being drafted for the Historic Preservation Element involve the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a separate process from Blueprint San Diego.
- Confusion arose as to whether Blueprint San Diego was actually a Land Use plan, due to the draft's zoning sections. City Staff clarified that Blueprint San Diego is not a Land Use plan, but merely a framework that future Land Use plans could draw from.

Comments and concerns from the CPC included the following:

- Citing transparency, some CPC members expressed interest in seeing propensity maps utilized during the presentation in greater detail.
- Additionally, several CPC members commented that the propensity maps utilized contradicted maps which SANDAG had published on this topic.
- Gaining further insight into how certain maps and figures which were presented during the presentation were created was also something that CPC members expressed interest in.
- The target growth maps should be balanced so that new zoning and subsequent growth under Blueprint San Diego will be distributed equally both north and south of Interstate 8.
- There should be a greater diversity of public spaces included in Blueprint San Diego, beyond only parks and plazas.

- Land value increases due to zoning modifications would provide limited to benefits for residents unless certain measures would be included in Blueprint San Diego.
- Several concerns over the adequacy of existing infrastructure to support the growth goals in Blueprint San Diego were expressed by members of the CPC.
- Per some CPC members, the stated goals of Blueprint San Diego would be useful for San Diego's long-term growth. However, the methods and data that the current draft utilized seemed to be uncertain.
- The Ad-Hoc committee had previously worked with City staff on reviewing Blueprint San Diego. Through this committee, a number of documents were formed regarding Blueprint San Diego.

Motion by EA, NP, and UP to adopt the ad-hoc committee's Executive Summary, Report (plus its Level of Specificity), and have CPC approval to work with the City Planning Department on creating a document implementing the Executive Summary.

Yea: CV, EN, CH, CA, DT, EA, KT, LV, NH, NP, RB, TP, UN, UP

Nay: CM, GH, LJ, MRN, MV, OB, PEN, SR, SPH

Abstain: None.

Motion approved by vote of 14-9-0.

## 7. GRAND JURY REPORT

Paul Coogan of the CPC provided an update on the work the Grand Jury Ad-Hoc committee has done:

- The DSD Practices document was planned to be sent out shortly, which would include previous actions from DSD, as well as a call for better communication and stronger code enforcement from the Department.
- The Ad-Hoc committee also was looking into Land Use practices of the City of San Diego. Based upon current findings, the committee planned to submit a request for an investigation from the Grand Jury.
- Further updates will be provided in May's CPC meeting.

## 8. REPORTS TO CPC:

- **City Staff Report:** City staff announced that Planning Group Recognition would be heard by City Council on May 21.

Additionally, in compliance with Council Policy requirements, community planning group training will be held in June through a virtual platform.

- **Chair Report:** Chair Schlageter reminded CPC members to submit reimbursement requests to the City for planning group expenses. The Chair requested each CPC member to also CC her in correspondence with the City

regarding reimbursements to keep track of reimbursement progress and to gauge whether there are any further budget needs for each CPG.

- **CPC Member Comments:** CPC members wanted clarification on whether members could vote in virtual planning group meetings under upcoming Council Policy amendments. Per City staff's insights, planning group members would be allowed to vote on meeting action items as of the time of the April 2024 CPC meeting, policy permitting.

**ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** May 28, 2024

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 P.M. to next regular meeting on May 28, 2024.