

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee General Meeting Minutes, June 11th, 2024

A video of this meeting is available at:
<https://youtu.be/fvWOcU6hNCY>

Meeting called to order at 7:04.

Members present

Lynn Edwards (Chair), Rolando Park
Bob Scott, (Vice Chair) Rolando
John Hogan, (Treasurer), Redwood Village
Alex Zukas, El Cerrito
Andy Huelskamp, Oak Park
Bettina Rausa, Member at Large
Daniele Laman, Community Organization Rep
Elida Chavez, Oak Park
Jennifer Bennett, Redwood Village
Kristen Hurst, Webster
Richard Diaz, Oak Park

Absent: Derryl Williams, Webster and Laura Riebau, El Cerrito

Quorum: Yes

Members of the public present (who signed in)

Mike Watson, Daniel Carney, Chris Collins, Sonia Lang, Melissa Barrios, Tim Davey, Johannes Long, Emily Perez, Jen Easman, William Gibson, Abdirhman Osman, Monica Arredondo, Renee Jones, Brooke Watson, Maria Pizarro

Online attendees

Toni Duran, Lupe Diaz, Roberto Marin, Kathleen Lippitt, Lucero Maganda, Ramon Uribe

Chair's Welcome

Lynn provided the following updates:

- The Existing Conditions report for the Mid-City Community Plan Update will be released this week and presented to the working group at the June 26 meeting. Lynn will send out details and the location as soon as they are available.
- A new In & Out Burger fast-food restaurant is being developed at 6405 El Cajon Blvd; the developer does plan to present at a future meeting after completing the first review.

Adoption of Agenda or Agenda Changes

Agenda adopted as is without objection.

Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

- Kathleen Lippitt spoke about the cannabis equity program cut from the budget
- Chris Collins, a member of the Green Party, spoke in support of community planning groups
- Renee Jones from Redwood Village Neighborhood Watch announced that they are having a meet and greet on June 30th from 9-11 am at University Square or 58th/Dandridge if they can't get permission from the shopping center

City, County, and State Representatives' Reports

- Toni Duran – Field Representative, 39th Senate District, State Senator, Toni G. Atkins
 - Just celebrated Pride month at the state capitol, three of the honorees are from San Diego
 - Nonprofit of the year is Outdoor Outreach; they provide opportunities for youth ages 9 to 24 in communities impacted by social inequities to take part in outdoor experiences
 - SB1213, SB1342, and SB1428 are now moving through the Assembly
 - \$38 billion budget deficit this year
- Roberto Marin – Community Representative, District 9, Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera
 - Budget was passed earlier this evening including money for flood victims; climate equity funding was also restored
 - Fire at Rolando Park Elementary started by homeless from Zena Canyon
 - Mary Osman is leaving; Ben Mendoza was promoted to her position
 - Roberto, in addition to being a community representative, was also promoted to Intern Manager
 - Working with the Mayor's Office on the University Tree Canopy project
- Lucero Maganda – Office of the Mayor
 - Mayor swore in new Chief of Police, Scott Wahl, last week
 - Mayor for a Day winner shadowed Mayor Gloria earlier this week
 - Will take 60-90 days to install No dumping signs on Streamview
 - City received negative feedback from residents on the scrub seal treatment recently installed and streets will receive an additional layer to mitigate negative effects
- Bruce Williams – Community Representative for Webster and Oak Park, District 4, Councilmember Henry Foster III
 - Contact Stephanie Sanchez, the office manager and scheduler in the D4 office to make a 30-minute appointment to meet with the Councilmember
 - Daniel Horton is the new Chief of Staff
 - Tiffany Harrison is the Policy Advisor
 - Celina Ibarra is the new Communications Coordinator
 - Funding for the new Oak Park Library is in the 2025 budget
- Sam Gonzalez – District 79, State Assembly Member Dr. Akilah Weber
 - Backpack giveaway on July 20 from 3:00 to 5:30 pm at Lincoln High Gym, giving away 800 backpacks, must preregister
 - State of Black California event this Saturday, 9 am to 12:30 pm at Crawford High School Performing Arts Theatre

Information and Action Items

1. Information: New Oak Park Library
 - Monica Arredondo, Abdirahman Osman, and William Gibson from Engineering and Capital Projects gave a brief presentation about survey voting for the design for the new Oak Park Library project and answered questions.
2. Action: Approve letter to the San Diego City Council requesting actions on short-term rentals
 - Bob had some minor changes; Bettina made a motion to approve the letter with the changes, Daniele seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. Action: Approve request from Oak Park and Redwood Village communities to install "No dumping" signs at multiple locations on Streamview Dr.
 - Bettina made a motion to approve requesting and installing 20 signs including 4 in the apartment area; Jennifer seconded. Passed unanimously.

Election Results

Alex Zukas from El Cerrito, Andy Huelskamp from Oak Park, and Bob Scott from Rolando were reelected; Jen Eastman from Webster, Emily Perez from Rolando, and Sonia Lang from Rolando Park were elected as new members. The term is from June 2024 to March 2026.

Treasurer's Report

The issue with our bank account has been resolved and the funds, \$75, will be donated to Teen Challenge. Hereafter, Treasurer's reports will only be given when reimbursements are needed.

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes (May, Jennifer)

Bettina had a few minor changes; Andy made a motion to approve the minutes with Bettina's corrections, Jennifer seconded. Passed 9-0-1 with one abstention.

Subcommittee Reports

- Community updates
 - Alex: At the June 20 ECCC meeting, Our Neighborhood Voices will present
 - Bob: June 18, Rolando Community Council annual Ice Cream Social and board elections
 - Kristen: Thanked everyone who came to the June 5 press event on the Fairmount Fire Station
- University Ave Tree Canopy – Bob
 - Still waiting to hear how many additional trees will be planted; 160 trees were requested
- Parks & Recreation – Daniele
 - Reappointed to the city board for two years
 - Playday at the Lake at Chollas Lake was successful
 - Juneteenth is June 22 from 10-5
- Reminders – Lynn
 - Members must take planning group training once a year
 - Will be working on CIP priority list to be submitted mid-August
 - Format of virtual meetings for EACPC will be an action item at next meeting
- Acknowledgements – Lynn
 - Thanked Kristen and Jennifer for volunteering to be the Election Committee this year
 - Thanked the three members who are leaving: Derryl, Jennifer, and Daniele

For the Good of the Order and Adjournment

At 8:50 pm, Bettina made the motion to adjourn and Andy seconded.