

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee General Meeting Minutes August 13th, 2024

A video of this meeting is available at:

<https://youtu.be/nxy5xGgYIlw>

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

Members present

Lynn Edwards (Chair), Rolando Park
John Hogan, (Treasurer), Redwood Village
Alex Zukas, El Cerrito
Andy Huelskamp, Oak Park
Bettina Rausa, Member at Large
Emily Perez, Rolando
Jen Eastman, Webster
Kristen Hurst, Webster
Laura Riebau, El Cerrito
Richard Diaz, Oak Park
Sonia Lang, Rolando Park

Members present online

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Members of the public present (sign-ins): Andrew Ferbert, Scott Nagatani, Oliver Walker, Tim Davey, Daniel Carney, Renee Jones, Joshua Dunn

Online attendees:

Becky Rapp, Wesley Cooksy, Daniel Laman, Jennifer Bennett, Roberto Marin (D9 Community Rep), Ramon (Groundworks), Marie (no last name provided)

Absent: Bob Scott, (Vice Chair) Rolando, Elida Chavez, Oak Park

Quorum: Yes

Chair's Welcome

Adoption of Agenda or Agenda Changes

Adopted without objection.

Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

- Becky Rapp highlighted a San Diego Union Tribune article regarding support by a grand jury to crackdown on the cannabis market.
- Wesley Cooksy discussed his opposition to the proposed conversion of the Rite Aid on El Cajon Blvd in Rolando to a drive-through In and Out Burger. His concerns regard increased traffic and traffic safety in the area that the proposed drive though could bring to the area. He

suggested the preferred option of a building complex with a diversity of businesses, and no drive-through businesses.

- Andrew Ferbert, attending on behalf of his wife, Heather Ferbert, introduced her as a current candidate for City Attorney.
- Scott Nagatani, attending on behalf of Colin Parent, introduced him as a current candidate for State Assembly.
- Renee Jones gave recognition to EACPC board member John Hogan, Jennifer Bennett and SDPD CRO Josh Cummings for attending the Redwood Village Neighborhood Watch meeting and lending credibility to the group/project.

City, County, and State Representatives' Reports

- Roberto Marin – Community Representative for City District 9, Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera
 - Chollas Parkway cleanup occurred one week ago in collaboration with various City departments. Upcoming Council agenda item requesting \$4M dollars to repair and replace fencing including Chollas Parkway. Plan to install sturdier fencing, similar to what Caltrans uses.
 - Working with SDPD CRO Josh Cummings on various “hotspots” including 60th and Rock Pl to deter unhoused individuals from setting up encampments in the alley and near businesses in the area.
 - Continuing to work on the University Ave Tree Canopy Project with Representative Elo-Rivera and a meeting with stakeholders is forthcoming. Roberto believes that there will now be at least 40 trees planted along University between Aragon Dr and 58th St.
 - Vacating Chollas Parkway is still in the works and D9 City Council’s policy team will be meeting with Andy Field, Director of Parks & Rec along with other department representatives to create a concrete plan. Storage Connect is scheduled to close near the end of September 2024.
 - In the early stages of planning a carnival on the property of Teen Challenge. The Director, Mike Conway, has offered the space for a fall festival/carnival and resource fair for residents.
- Joshua Dunn, Community Representative for Supervisor Montgomery-Steppe, attending in place of Karen Montufar-Federico, announced that the County D4 office is currently in their grant cycle, due dates for applications are October 1, 2024.
 - The County Office of Racial Justice is also currently in their grant cycle with a deadline of August 23, 2024.
 - Joshua also mentioned that they still need to fill remaining vacancies on various County boards and commissions.
- Bruce Williams – Community Representative for Webster and Oak Park, City District 4, Councilmember Henry Foster III
 - Councilmember Foster’s office hosted a Get It Done Day on August 13, 2024
 - Office hours are available on Fridays from 1:30pm to 4:30pm by appointment.

Information and Action Items

1. Action: Review and approve Operating Procedures change for virtual meetings
 - Lynn reviewed recommendations for changes to the committee's virtual meeting procedures provided by Marlon Pangilinan, Representative from City Planning for all CPC meetings. The proposed change up for review is for the EACPC to allow board members to attend meetings virtually, but must attend in person at least once per quarter.
 - Lynn suggested trying this for a one-year period and then re-evaluating at that time.
 - Sonia made a motion to approve the proposed Operating Procedures changes for virtual meeting attendance by board members, seconded by Laura. Passed unanimously.

2. Action: Review and approve infrastructure priorities for FY26-30
 - Lynn emphasized the open-ended questions on the six Eastern Area community survey responses and how this information can be used to educate, conduct outreach, and engage residents. Kristen asked if we could ask for both address and email of residents taking the survey next time so that community leaders could reach out to those residents to thank them for participating in the survey, invite them to their respective community council meetings, and other needed follow-up. Lynn emphasized that typically email or address is asked for to avoid turning people off who don't want to share both.
 - Based on board questions and comments regarding the number of respondents in each community, Lynn suggested that the next time community CIP priorities surveys are conducted, we consider starting earlier in the planning process in order to have more time to gather responses/data.
 - The board reviewed the results of each of the six communities. A few survey respondents asked for sidewalks and a discussion ensued regarding the responsibility between the City and property owners. Roberto Marin said he would send the EACPC information regarding what is property owner and City responsibility.
 - Street paving also came up and whether reporting it to GID was the proper way to report it. Roberto Marin advised contacting the respective City Council representative's office rather than reporting to GID.
 - Lynn suggested that EACPC submit a separate list of community priorities in addition to those of the six neighborhoods. The group discussed and agreed upon the following three items, all three with the same level of priority: 1) University Ave Tree Canopy project; 2) College/Rolando Library parking space preservation/add parking structure; and 3) Continue utility undergrounding for the Eastern Area.
 - Alex made a motion to include the additional three priorities listed above to be submitted by the EACPC specifically, along with approving and submitted the priorities reviewed tonight by the six communities of EACPC for FY26-30 to be submitting to the city planning department, seconded by Laura. Passed unanimously.

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes (July, Kristen)

Laura and Bettina suggested minor changes; Alex made a motion to approve with the suggested changes, seconded by Laura. Passed with one abstention (Andy).

Subcommittee Reports

- Community updates
 - El Cerrito: Alex reviewed the PATH Villas in El Cerrito walk through; new City trash pickup program will be featured at El Cerrito's next community meeting
 - Rolando Park: Lynn reported that the 3rd Annual Movie in the Park was well attended (200+)
 - Oak Park: Richard mentioned the GID Workshop in Oak Park at the Jacob's Center took place today. Would like to learn more about the business process of this City program and has already drafted a letter to the City requesting this information.
 - Rolando: Emily mentioned the Movie in the Park on August 24, 2024
- Parks & Recreation – Daniele Laman: August is dark for Parks and Rec board; received/reviewed two reports in July, from Canyonlands and Open Space; article in the SDUT about Crawford High School offering new swim classes for students with opportunities to become a Junior Lifeguards; Little League starting Fall Ball Practice soon with five teams.
- CPC July Meeting – Laura: during the last meeting, voted to approve Short Term Rentals ordinance changes to avoid one person owning more STRs than allowed. Other recommendations include limiting the number of STR units within a building; Environmentally Sensitive Land updates included changes that were made from Process 5 to Process 2, but so far, there is no record as to why this change was made.
- Reminders – Lynn: Next month is full agenda including:
 - Two conditional use permits to approve for existing cell towers
 - Request from Traffic Engineering to make a recommendation to establish parking time limits on University Ave between College Ave and Cartagena, both north and south, letters have already been sent out to residents and businesses
 - Alex Frost from the City Planning will update EACPC on existing conditions. If board members have any questions for Alex, send them in the next week to Lynn so she can forward them to Alex to use meeting time more effectively/efficiently. Daniele requested if Lynn could ask Alex to provide the questions and responses in writing from the first Mid-City planning group meeting; Lynn asked Daniele to send her this request via email.
 - There will be another Community Plan Update meeting on September 11, 2024.

For the Good of the Order and Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:07 pm.