

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of
September 17, 2024
Meeting Held at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center
4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117

P Matt Wang - Chair P Ian Grooms - Vice Chair P Marc Mytels - Secretary A Tarah Griep Bearbower - Secretary	P Glen Schmidt P Steven Palmer	P Suzanne Smith A Drew Lambert	L Paige Walker P Monte Carroll
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P – Present A – Absent L-Late

Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Matt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken to determine if a quorum was present. Quorum was established with 7/10 members present.

Item 2. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Issues that are not on the agenda and are within the jurisdiction of the Clairemont Community Planning Group. **NOTE:** 2-minute time limit per speaker.

Public:

- Margie Schmidt commented on the success of the Clairemont Family Day event
- Michael Dwyer reported the Nordstrom Rack store opened in the Clairemont Town Square shopping center, Pure Water pipeline construction is complete at the Clairemont Drive and Balboa intersection, but restriping and median work still needs to be done.
- Diane Collins spoke on behalf of Larry Turner, who is running for mayor of San Diego. Diane outlined Larry’s credentials, priorities and noted his service in the US Marine Corps.

Committee Members:

- Suzanne shared a concern about the probable inadequate number of parking spaces available to residents when the Mt. Etna housing project is complete.
- Glen announced that for 2024 San Diego and Tijuana have been designated as the World Design Capital.
- Ian reminded the audience that the CCPG is not authorized to endorse any candidate, and thanked Mayor Gloria for visits to Clairemont to dedicate several infrastructure projects. Ian also brought attention to the dangerous intersection at Clairemont Mesa Bl. & Doliva Dr. and the recent fatalities suffered there by San Diego Police officers. That intersection was listed on the submitted CIP list. Lastly Ian thanked Councilmember Campbell for her efforts to improve the South Clairemont swimming pool and South Clairemont Park.
- Matt thanked several CCPG board members for their recent efforts

Item 3. Modifications to the Agenda – Requires 2/3 approval.

- None

Item 4. Reports to Committee

- **Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs): Ian**
 - No Report
- **CPC (Community Planners Committee): Ian**
 - No Report

- **Bylaws: Matt**
 - No report
- **Secretary: Tarah/Marc**
 - (Marc) Publicly thanked Ian for helping proofread the latest edition of the meeting minutes
- **Project Review Subcommittee (PRS): Glen**
 - Held preliminary discussion for retaining walls for a private residence on Gila Ct., discussions tabled until more information becomes available from the planner.
 - Will meet on Oct. 9th to discuss an easement vacation and proposed cell equipment.
 - The proposal to build apartments behind the Sprouts market on Clairemont Dr. will head to the City's Planning Commission on Sept 26th. This proposal was approved by the CCPG in 2022 with some conditions being applied.
- **Parking and Transportation: Ian**
 - No report
- **Airports: Paige**
 - No report
- **Sgt. at Arms: Suzanne**
 - No report

Item 5. Consideration of Meeting Minutes from July 2024 CCPG meeting:

- Approved: Glen, Ian, Marc, Matt, Monte, Paige and Steven. Abstained: Suzanne

Item 6. Council Representative Reports (17:48)

District 2 Council Report, Carrie Munson, Community Liaison, cmunson@sandiego.gov

- Councilmember Campbell unable to attend Clairemont Family Day due to shoulder surgery. She will return to duty at the end of October.
- Carrie and Councilmember Campbell's staff attended the Clairemont Family Day and the Olive Grove Park groundbreaking. Carrie and staff will also be present for the Nordstrom Rack opening and the I Love a Clean San Diego event.
- 194 non-profit organizations applied for CPPS (Community Projects and Services) grants. 30 organizations will receive \$100,000.
- Police have been increasing enforcement of parking regulations on East Mission Bay Drive. Numerous RVs have received violations for Oversized Vehicles, parking after signed no-parking times, expired registrations and 72-hour violations. Vehicle habitation can not currently be enforced pending a court judgment.
- Police have received additional resources to police sidewalk vendors, RVs and speeding vehicles through the COPs (Community Oriented Policing) program
- Unpermitted and nuisance sidewalk vendors may be reported via the Get It Done app, under the Sidewalks->Other menu.
- Chris Ward will attend the next Clairemont Town Council (CTC) meeting
- Questions and concerns included:
 - If photos of unpermitted sidewalk vendors may be submitted via the Get It Done app
 - Attention to dangerous traffic intersections in Clairemont
 - Concern about air pollution in the San Diego neighborhoods that lie the Tijuana River Valley
 - Police enforcing moving vehicle violations which would especially impact bicyclists
 - Excessive number of speeding vehicles on Clairemont Dr. due to greatly reduced police presence when compared to the police presence in the recent past.
 - Large number of electric motorcycles being ridden recklessly by young inexperienced riders.
 - Bulky item cleanup day occurred. Locations are not announced in advance to prevent trash being dumped in areas to be cleaned up. 40+ tons of trash were collected.

District City of San Diego Mayor's Office Neighborhood Representative Report, Randy Reyes, Clairemont Community Liaison, RandyReyes@sandiego.gov

- Randy not present but gave the following written report:
 - A new senior living center in Clairemont is nearing completion of construction
 - The City of San Diego has requested property managers and owners to make available shelter space. Information will be forthcoming.
 - San Diego is one of the safest large cities; homicides have decreased by 47%, rape decreased by 17% robberies decreased by 6% and aggravated assaults have decreased. These results may be attributed to the Smart Streetlight System.

City of San Diego Planning Department Update, Megan Covarrubias, City of San Diego, MECovarrubia@sandiego.gov

- Megan not present

Item 7. Consent Agenda

- None

Item 8. Information Items

- **801: Pure Water Semi-Annual Update**
 - Natalie Rios and her team from Pure Water San Diego purewatersd@sandiego.gov presented
 - A brief overview of the project's Middle Section was given, which includes Clairemont, Bay Park and Morena Bl. Detailed maps were presented.
 - Workspace on the surface of streets is only to be accessed by construction personnel, public access to restricted due to safety concerns but will not impede traffic flows
 - Wide workspaces are needed due to the width (48" and 36") of the pipes being laid into appropriately sized trenches.
 - Along Clairemont Dr., work will mostly be performed during daytime. Only interior pipe welding will be performed at night.
 - Along West Morena Bl. and Buenos Ave., work will be performed at night. Traffic to local business will not be impeded. Accommodations for trash pickup will be made.
 - In Bay Park (Denver & Chicago streets vicinity), work will mostly be performed during daytime in a block-by-block fashion. Accommodations for school traffic will be performed as needed. Work is expected to start early 2025, but may be delayed due to weather.
 - Reworking previously laid pipe is sometimes necessary due to unforeseen geologic conditions affecting curb ramps and other issues.
 - Questions and concerns included:
 - Potholes in the construction area
 - Estimated project completion date
 - When will the purified water enter the San Diego water supply
 - Plans for bike and motor vehicle lanes on repaved roads
- **802: Refuse Collection Fee Study**
 - Paula Roberts paula@aquacrg.com from Aqua Community Relations Group presented
 - Proposed fee dollar amount is currently TBD; many factors are still being evaluated.
 - The City Council is expecting a proposed dollar amount in early 2025. Once the amount is agreed upon, a Proposition 218 evaluation process will begin.
 - Current expectation is that the fee will go into effect summer 2026.

- A brief history of trash handling in San Diego was presented, including trash being dumped into San Diego Bay and washing ashore in the early 1900's.
- The City of San Diego has handled trash pickup since 1919 to ensure safe and sanitary processing.
- Passage of Measure B allows the City of San Diego to collect fees for trash pickup.
- Once the fee is implemented, residents may choose to use a smaller trash bin in order to save costs
- From feedback from open houses and 1,700+ answered surveys, residents would like broken trash bins replaced, bulky item pickups, improved trash pickup frequency and options for household hazardous waste.
- Upcoming open houses will present proposed fee structures.
- More info is available at cleangreensd.org. Surveys and the ability to enter comments are on the website.

Item 9. Action Items

● 901: North Clairemont Dog Park

- Matt Wang presented on behalf of Jonathan Hogan, a Clairemont resident
- A detailed map of the proposed locations was presented, which lie of the south end of North Clairemont Park and Field Elementary School
- Some of the proposed land is owned by the San Diego Unified School District, which makes use of the location as a park more difficult, but not impossible.
- Property is currently vacant, unmaintained, has homeless encampments and is full of trash.
- Proposals included creating a dog park on land only owned by the City of San Diego or to use land owned by both the City of San Diego and the San Diego Unified School District
- Polling has shown strong support from the community for a dog park, particularly for using the land owned by both the City of San Diego and the San Diego Unified School District
- Criminal activity in the area was acknowledged which a dog park could potentially mitigate
- Discussion ensued regarding a dog park already being planned for somewhere in Clairemont by the City of San Diego
- Motion to request the Parks and Recreation Departments include a dog park as part of planned improvements to North Clairemont Park.
 - Approved: Ian, Marc, Paige, Steven and Suzanne. Declined: Glen, Matt and Monte

● 902: DIF Budget Priorities

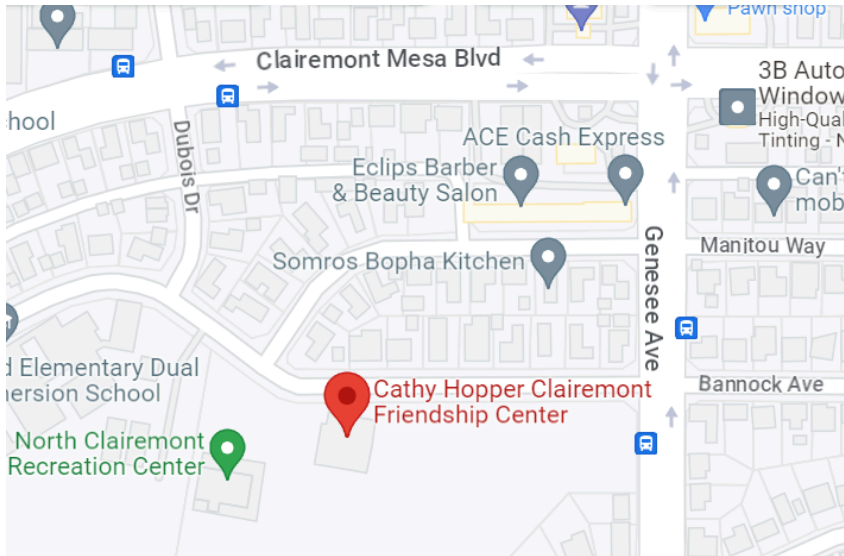
- DIF (Development Impact Fees) are collected from developers by the City of San Diego, which distributes the funds across the city based upon needs.
- Projects in Clairemont have \$400,000 allocated and decisions need to be made on how to spend those funds.
- Ian presented a list of possible projects, including Genessee Ave bike lanes and South Clairemont Park renovations
- Discussion ensued to where it would be appropriate to use DIF funds
- Motion to 1) request from the Parks and Recreation Department the exact amount is in the DIF budget for Clairemont and 2) find out what the CCPG and do to influence how those DIF funds are spent.
 - Approved by all in attendance

Item 10. Workshop Items

- None

Adjournment at 7:51 PM

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center, 4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117. (<https://goo.gl/maps/jkb4sftrQ1jm9oQj6>)



Note: Location subject to change, please see the meeting agenda for finalized location