

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee General Meeting Minutes January 14th, 2025

A video of this meeting is available at <https://youtu.be/fcpmmAkB7K4>.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

Members present

Lynn Edwards (Chair), Rolando Park
John Hogan, (Treasurer), Redwood Village
Alex Zukas, El Cerrito, *online*
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, *online*
Sonia Lang, Rolando Park

Quorum: Yes

Adoption of Agenda or Agenda Changes

Agenda adopted as-is without objection.

Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

- Kathleen Lippett expressed concerns about the normalization of marijuana consumption in the community, citing the lack of balanced reporting on the topic and the potential risks to public health. She also raised issues about billboards advertising marijuana and the city's handling of homelessness.
- Ramon Uribe from Groundwork requested to be added to the agenda for the next meeting to present an update on the city's bike master plan.

City, County, and State Representatives' Reports

- Robin Todd – Representative for District 79, State Assembly Member Lashae Sharp-Collins introduced herself and encouraged the community to reach out to her office for assistance.
- Kate Needham-Cano – Community Representative/Military and Veterans Liaison for Congresswoman Sarah Jacobs shared updates on Congresswoman Jacobs' work, including a bipartisan resolution on proxy voting for new parents and significant funding for the South Bay International wastewater treatment plant.
- Roberto Marin – Community Representative for District 9, Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera gave the following updates:
 - More robust dumpster day initiative to curb illegal dumping
 - Potential red curbing of parts of Chollas Parkway to discourage big rig parking.
 - University Avenue bikeway project has been delayed due to high bid prices; construction is expected to start in April or May, with the latest being June. Since the updated plan still does not have any trees planned east of College to Aragon, Roberto agreed to re-engage with SANDAG.

- Potential cuts to the library and other community services, with Roberto emphasizing the need for equitable distribution of cuts.

Information and Action Items

1. Recommendation to approve/not approve PRJ-1126463, application for extension of time for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for construction of phase 2 of the 48-bed Residential Care Facility for drug and alcohol rehabilitation at 4890 67th St.
 - The facility, which has been operational since 1993, has experienced project delays and funding issues and has now resolved them, but are requesting an extension to complete the project.
 - Motion to approve by Laura, seconded by Andy. Passed unanimously.
2. Update on Trash & Recycling Cost-of-Service Study – A representative from Cook + Schmid, consultants for the City of San Diego and representatives from Environmental Services provided an update on Measure B, a cost-of-service study, and their outreach and engagement efforts.
 - Discussed the timeline for the next steps, including presenting the cost-of-service study and fee schedule to the Environment Committee and full City Council.
 - Addressed concerns about the potential impact of the fee on residents, particularly in light of the economic downturn.
 - Discussed the potential for a bulky item pickup fee and the possibility of scheduling appointments for such pickups.
 - Also considering the feasibility of having a central location for hazardous waste disposal and they are exploring satellite locations.
 - Clarified that there would be no fee for replacing damaged cans and that the fee structure would be based on the number of cans used, with a lower fee for smaller trash containers and an additional fee for each additional container.
3. Volunteers for Election Subcommittee for March election – Alex and Bettina volunteered for the subcommittee. Lynn will email the list of board positions up for election to them.
4. Note taking for 2025 – Members volunteered as follows.

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| ● Jan: Lynn | ● May: Emily | ● Sept: Jen |
| ● Feb: Kristen | ● June: John | ● Oct: Richard |
| ● March: Bettina | ● July: Sonia | ● Nov: Andy |
| ● April: Laura | ● Aug: Bettina | |

Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes (November, Andy)

Motion to approve the minutes with minor edits made by John, seconded by Sonia. Passed unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports

Community updates

- Rolando – Emily announced the upcoming Rolando Street fair and encouraged vendors to apply.
- Oak Park – Richard discussed the need for vigilance regarding future building developments at the radio tower in Oak Park.

- Redwood Village – John announced that Bettina would now be the vice chair of the Redwood Village Community Council.
- Rolando Park – Lynn said that Groundwork, on behalf of Rolando Park Community Council, had received two grants for landscaping and a monument sign in Rolando Park at the College/College Grove entrance.

Parks & Recreation – Daniele Laman

- Daniele provided an update on the next Colina del Sol CRG meeting where the GDP update for Sunshine Beradini Park will be presented.
- Upcoming presentation on brush management at the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting and the start of the Little League season for Chollas Lake Little League.

CPC November Meeting – Laura

- Discussed the Coastal Resilience master plan, which focuses on water rising in the bay and the need for more trees and beach accessibility.
- Also mentioned the Land Development Code update and the need for funding for community planning groups.

Mid-City Community Plan Update – Lynn

- The historical context document has now been released and is available on the city website.
- Next working group meeting is in March; Lynn will provide meeting location and details as soon as available
- Alex shared an update from the College Area Community Planning Group’s last meeting and the update to their community plan by Nathen Causman from the city planning department. The group expressed concerns about the amount of density being proposed for the College Area.

For the Good of the Order and Adjournment

Andy motioned and Sonia seconded; meeting adjourned at 8:57.