

# Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee General Meeting Minutes April 9th, 2024

A video of this meeting is available at:

[https://youtu.be/ZZ6rwKVHH\\_w](https://youtu.be/ZZ6rwKVHH_w)

## **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  
Elida Chavez, Oak Park  
Jennifer Bennett, Redwood Village  
Kristen Hurst, Webster  
Laura Riebau, El Cerrito

## *Online*

Daniele Laman, Community Organization Rep  
Richard Diaz, Oak Park

**Absent:** Derryl Williams, Webster

**Quorum:** Noting a quorum, Lynn called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

## **Chair's Welcome**

**Adoption of Agenda or Agenda Changes:** Adopted without objections

## **Communication from the Public on Non-Agenda Items**

- Daniele Laman – Reported Chollas Op Yard divisions are at capacity and need new locations and that list of Mid City Community Plan Update list of members has been published.
- Becky Rapp – Reported Mayor Todd Gloria did not include funding for Marijuana Ordinance in the new budgets, though is concerned some modifications to child and youth safety may be implemented at a later date; Reported a new Office of Child and Youth Success (OCYS) and suggests EACPC support this new office. OCYS' draft plan and opportunity for comments is available at <https://www.sandiego.gov/child-youth-success>
- Kathleen Lippett – Encourages support and signatures for new proposition overturning Prop 47 so it can be on the ballot in November.
- Renee Jones and Oliver Walker – Spoke separately - Both of Redwood Village - are starting neighborhood watch and want encampments to be closed and clean-up of area around water tower and get area to be a public use area.
- Cesar Javier – Concerned about permitted ceramic business kiln causing water and air pollution in Oak Park near Chollas Creek.
- Alex introduced local chapter of Gray Panthers opening in City of San Diego.

## City, County, and State Representatives' Reports

- Roberto Marin – Community Representative, District 9, Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera
  - D-9 Councilman Elo-Rivera is aware of the encampment near the water tower – it is a complicated matter and there is community concern of its closeness to the local elementary school;
  - Street assessment update - street and alleys repaving;
  - Update on canopy concerns and planting trees for more canopy citywide to include University Avenue if funding available later;
  - Update on residents of Village Green Apartments flooded in February;
  - Update on Chollas Parkway – No Camping signs up or going up very soon; understand frustration of cat and mouse game and working to solve problems;
  - Mario Ingrassi and Laura talked about problem with City saying tree canopy is important, yet allow ADU's removing critical canopy cover conflicting with goal and need to stop the destruction of established trees;
  - Daniele asked about City Attorney's review of New Roots community garden and community gardens being added as a use in park land areas;
  - Sean Elo-Rivera is not currently having office hours to meet with constituents;
  - Sean Elo-Rivera's office really cares about the canopy cover and is leading the way on preservation, replenishment and renewal.
- Bruce Williams – Community Representative for Webster and Oak Park, District 4
  - Announced Henry L. Foster III is the new D-4 Councilmember, was sworn in yesterday and Bruce will continue to be EACPC's representative;
  - Will be on several City Council subcommittees;
  - Change public meeting office location to the Live Well Center at Euclid and Market;
  - Public can call office to be added to meeting list;
  - Email address is [HLFoster@sandiego.gov](mailto:HLFoster@sandiego.gov)
- Lucero Maganda – Office of Mayor Todd Gloria
  - Provided written update with Lynn for distribution.
  - Announced plans for new 1,000 bed shelter in D-2 at Kettner & Vine; There will be opportunities for public comment.
  - Public Safety – New Chief of Police, Scott Wahl, has been sworn in and the police department is fully funded in new budget;
  - New Chief of Fire Department is being sought;
  - Streamview Drive – working on getting No Dumping signs installed and locations for same;
  - Closing of Lea Street Storage Facility is being looked at and a timeline to follow.
  - Daniele updated with Park and Rec schedule is to vacate Chollas Parkway within about a year so close of temporary storage facility is also needed within about a year, as yet a new location is not decided.
  - Encourages all to subscribe to and read Mayor's update communications.

## Information and Action Items

1. Information: "Housing Crisis or Hoarding Crisis?" presentation with suggested solutions, Ramie Zomisky  
Ramie gave a presentation with ideas to help alleviate housing shortage that include short term rentals (STR) being returned to housing stock, problems with STR licensing tiers, how some

STR hosts are scamming the program; allowing only San Diego residents to own homes in San Diego; and charging house flippers new taxes on sales prices over purchase prices.

- John asked for references since EACPC is being asked for a letter of support;

- Laura stated concerns about having to be a San Diego/California resident to own a home in San Diego/California;

- Kathleen Lippett found information fascinating, would like it to be easily accessed and important topic for City Council.

2. **Action:** Environmental Justice Element to be incorporated into the City of San Diego General Plan;

- The element was reported to the CPC in March by the Planning Department; Item is going to City Council later in the month as a policy statement and has no changes to the Land Use Element.

- EACPC motion - made by Alex; seconded by Elida - was to not support the Environmental Justice Element due to the study being incomplete, lack of transparency, with no presentations to planning groups or full City in general and that the Planning Department needs to conduct a new study, which is transparent and presented to all of the planning groups citywide for comments and gets CPCs' input.

- The Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Action:** Election of 2024-2025 board officers

- The 2023-24 EACPC Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer positions are up for re-election or new officers.

- Motion made by Laura; seconded by Andy

- EACPC unanimously re-elected current officers, Lynn Edwards as Chair; Bob Scott as Vice Chair; John Hogan as Treasurer; and that the Secretary position will continue to rotate.

4. **Action:** Approve 2023 Annual Report

- Motion made by Andy; seconded by Alex

- EACPC unanimously approved the Annual Report as presented.

5. **Information:** The Board review materials for Rolando Street Fair (flyer, poster board, survey), suggest changes/additions.

6. **Information:** First review of EACPC website, suggest changes/additions.

- Discussion regarding the landing page, making EACPC identity map stand out, visual cues as to the EACPC areas, possibly adding links to community groups and list decision making powers. Generally, the Board liked a lot of the information on the site and that it has a QR code.

**Treasurer's Report** – John reported that there is currently no change and a donation to Teen Challenge will be made.

### **Review, Correction, and Approval of Minutes (March, Bob)**

Unanimously approved with 2 following changes:

- Page 1, 3rd sentence from bottom - Date error - change to March 30, 2024 for Streamview Drive clean-up.
- Page 2, Item 6, Motion Daniele, Approval unanimous.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Election subcommittee – Kristen and Jennifer - all candidates have confirmed desire to run for EACPC seat and have provided necessary paperwork.

- Community Updates
  - John - Redwood Village - Had a clean-up on Streamview Drive - thanked all.
  - Alex - El Cerrito - PATH El Cerrito Villas update coming up and community advisory board being formed.
  - Bob - Rolando Village - Catwalk clean up coming up, Canary Island Palm in Triangle was infested with South American Weevil and City removed it. Wants to replace with a Century Tree at Rolando's Centennial Celebration in 2026.
- University Ave Tree Canopy – Bob - Tree Canopy group planning to go to budget hearings to ask for street tree funding for 160 trees.
- Parks & Recreation – Daniele - Chollas Parkway Street vacation and reuse as a park- City needs to confirm underlying street ownership. Expect the process to be more than a year - so matches with Storage Connect timeline. Park and Rec holding joint CP 1 and CP 2 this month.
- CPC March Meeting – Laura - City recognized all planning groups with the exception of Hillcrest/Uptown - which will have elections within 90 days. Lynn - City amendment coming up - CPG members will be able to attend and vote via Zoom.

### **For the Good of the Order and Adjournment**

Daniele requested announcement on the release of names for the twelve members for the MidCity Plan Update Group has been posted. Lynn is requesting demographics information.

- Motion made by Alex; seconded by Jennifer
- Unanimous Vote to Adjourn at 9:06.