



## March 12, 2025 Minutes

In person meeting at Temple Emanu-El 6299 Capri Drive, San Diego, CA 92120

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6:30 p.m.

### **Call to Order: March 12, 2025 @ 6:34 p.m.**

By Chairperson Brian Gile presiding: Welcome

### **Roll Call of Board Members:**

Gary Whaley (San Carlos)  
Danny Fitzgerald (San Carlos)  
VACANT (San Carlos)  
Tamar Caspi (San Carlos)  
Cory Lashell (Grantville)  
David Smith (Grantville)  
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Marilyn Reed (Allied Gardens)  
Shain Haug (Allied Gardens)  
Kevin Sullivan (Allied Gardens)  
Brian Woodhouse (Allied Gardens)  
Abel Santana (Del Cerro)  
Brian Gile (Del Cerro)  
John Hoy (Del Cerro)  
Nate Stein (Del Cerro)

1 -Absent

1 -Excused

11 in attendance of 13 members

### **Approval of March 12, 2025 Agenda:**

Agenda modified to remove the Action Item: Benjamin Library DIF Commitment. Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by David Smith and seconded Kevin Sullivan. Motion passes unanimously.

### **Approval of February 12, 2025 Minutes:**

Request to modify the minutes so the misspelling of Tamar Caspi's name is spelled correctly. Motion to approve the minutes as modified by Tamar Caspi, second by Kevin Sullivan, passes 10 – 0 with David Smith abstaining.

**Approval of March 05, 2025 Minutes:**

Motion to approve the minutes by Nate Stein, second by John Hoy, passes 10 – 0 with David Smith abstaining.

**Public Comment on non-agenda items:**

Michael Livingston, as a representative of Save Del Cerro, spoke on the All People's Church project being approved by the City Council. The Save Del Cerro Community group is fundraising to go hire attorneys for a potential lawsuit and legal advice.

Comments included – Go to SaveDelCerro.org for more information. The All People's Church building and plans are approved by the city. The law suit by the All People's Church changed the votes of the City Council from against the church project to for the church project even though no new information was added to the argument.

David Ege from the San Carlos branch of the San Diego Public Library spoke about the San Carlos library and the many upcoming activities and presentations. There is no change in the current construction plan or timeline regarding the new San Carlos library.

Attendee spoke on the problems caused by the large commercial vehicles parking at the bottom of Princess View Drive. The Commercial trucks are damaging the roads. Some vehicles park there regularly. Also, at the Pasa Tiempo Park, the Park closes before sunset and the speaker was told to leave or he would be reported even though it was before sunset.

Comments include: Parking of large trucks is a problem in the neighborhood. Anthony Hackett spoke that the Councilmember's office has reached out to the Sa Diego Police to help ticket or remove illegally parked commercial vehicles. Anthony Hackett will investigate this problem further. To report this problem in the future, use the Get It Done app and follow up with Anthony if there is no response from the City.

Attendee spoke on possible future collaboration with the Board on setting up remote Board meetings.

Attendee spoke that on Madras just south of Dwane Avenue has water discharge that has been running constantly for years.

Comments include using the City's Get It Done app to report the problem. The problem was reported but not resolved. Councilmember Campillo's office will try to look into it.

*Chairperson Gile closed public comment on non-agenda items*

## **Elected and Public Officials' Reports:**

### **- Councilmember Raul Campillo report given by Anthony Hackett –**

Coffee with the Councilmember is an activity that provides time to meet with the Councilmember and discuss issues that you see in the community. The next Coffee meet-up is on Saturday, April 26 from 9:30 – 11:00 am at the Mission Trails Visitors Center. Congresswomen Sara Jacobs will also be in attendance.

The Councilmember supported SB569. The bill allows Caltrans to work with other agencies when trying to help homeless issues across different properties. The hope is to streamline requests to clear homeless encampments that are on varying properties.

Tree damage has occurred due to the recent storms and the City is working on removing downed trees and possibly replacing them.

A bulk trash pickup is scheduled on April 12 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am at the Allied Gardens Recreation Center. The event may close early if the dumpsters are filled. No hazardous materials can be dropped off including paint and batteries.

The City Council approved the All People's Church and the Councilmember thanks the community for their support of the community's desire to not build the church in the planned location.

Councilmember Campillo thanks the Board members: Brian Gile, Abel Santana, and Shain Haug and presents all three with a special commendation.

Discussions and comments include: Tamar Caspi spoke on the sale of the lot where the Cerro House Project is planned and asked when will the current permit expire. Anthony will reach out to Corey Funk from the City's planning department for more information. If the All People's Church does get built, who is going to monitor the Church to ensure that they build what they agreed to build and they do not add more to the plan. Anthony will look into how the community can be sure the Church is following the rules of their permit.

When the City takes over collecting trash, what will happen to the old trash cans? Anthony directs citizens to the Environmental Services Department for more information.

### **- State Senator Akilah Weber information presented by Chairperson Brian Gile –**

The Senator will be recognizing Women's History Month. The Rolando Street fair is upcoming and the Senator will have a booth. Senator Weber is sitting on many committees. Search Akilah Weber Pierson for more online information.

No comments or questions were made.

## **Director's Reports**

**- Chair Report by Brian Gile, Chairperson** – There were two Public Records Requests (PRA) made regarding the Cerro House property. PRA 24-7295 is now available to be viewed online. PRA 24-8890 is still not available to be viewed.

### **- Community Planners Committee Report by Brian Gile –**

The City's Community Planning Group is asking for volunteers to join a committee on improving communication and outreach.

A new CPC Committee Chairperson is needed to go to the City's Community Planning Groups meeting and report back to the Navajo Community Planners Board.

The 2024 streets manual is open for review and comment.

The CPC request for an emergency moratorium on new construction in very high fire hazard severity zones for projects that double the occupancy of the existing site, is before the planning department. More information at [www.sdurbanwildfire.org](http://www.sdurbanwildfire.org)

The Coastal Commission approved the 2024 land use code update. Suggestions on the 2025 land use code update can be made through SanDiego.gov

There are urban planning courses being offered at SDSU.

### **- Vice Chairperson Report by Gary Whaley -**

The Mariposa neighbors are asking for a traffic circle at Mission Vista Drive and Mission Mesa Way as a traffic calming measure.

### **- Treasurer Report by Kevin Sullivan, Treasurer –**

If any Board members need reimbursements, receipts should be forwarded to the treasurer. If interested in learning more about the City Community Planning Group, reach out to Kevin Sullivan.

### **Discussion/Presentation: Navajo DIF (Emergency Stormwater Repair) –**

The Mayor's office and other related city officials discussed questions pertaining to the DIF funds removed from the Navajo Community DIF without the Navajo Planners Board input.

Presenters include: Kohta Zaiser, City Council Affairs Director, Mayor's office Amanda Parra, Assistant Deputy Director, Stormwater Chris Gascon, Assistant Deputy Director, Engineering and Capital Project Jong Choi, Senior Engineer, Engineering and Capital Project

Kohta presented the emergency stormwater project that used the Navajo Community Planners Incorporated (NCPI) Development Impact Funds (DIF).

Amanda presented that at 6760 High Country Court there was an emergency slope failure and pipe failure that caused a water drainage problem and damage to property.

Jong Choi presented that the project is to replace and reconstruct the system that failed. Permits are being pursued to enter an area for final pipe replacement. Currently, pipes are being run in way that the project can be fixed immediately. \$3.5 million of the \$4.0 million funds needed for the project came from the NCPI DIF funds and \$0.5 million came from a bond. The slope will be monitored to ensure that the new vegetation is correctly grown.

Comments and questions include that Jong Choi acknowledged that the City was in error when they took money from the NCPI DIF fund without notifying the community. The City is transitioning from local community DIF funds to a city wide DIF funds. DIF funds are expected to be used to help projects, not fully fund projects.

This project qualifies as being approved for use of community DIF funds because it is related to storm drains in the Navajo community. The City has \$24 million for emergency repairs for this fiscal year, but this project came before this emergency money was set aside. Can some of the DIF money be replaced by the City? If there is leftover money, the money will be returned to the DIF fund. However, the money will not be repaid because the money was not loaned, but rather used for an approved purpose. The City stole these funds, the NCPI has been saving this money for decades and the City took the funds without input from the Navajo community that cared for these funds.

### **Action Items:**

#### **- SRM Subcommittee Work Paper for CUP 82-0611 –**

The board previously reviewed a possible submission of a Conditional Use Plan (CUP) revision to the City comprised of mutually agreed upon revisions between SRM, NAVAJO COMMUNITY PLANNERS, INC. Blasting is not covered in the current version of this document.

The quarry was recently sold to Vulcan. Chairperson Gile asks for a vote to accept the current report being supported by the Board knowing that the CUP can continue to be worked on and re-submitted again in the future.

Discussion and questions include: Regarding blasting, conditions 10 and 23 will be addressed separately in a separate response. A request is made to add a note to the report that states the community does not want blasting done south of the San Diego River.

Motion to submit the document with the changes of the word “revisions” to “additions” on the cover page and add a notation on the cover page about no blasting South of the San Diego River made by Danny Fitzgerald, second by Kevin Sullivan. Vote passes unanimously.

#### **- NCPI Election Sub-Committee –Presentation of the election results as follows:**

For Grantville, Kyle Walker received 26 votes, Nicholas Stoneking received 60 votes. Kyle Walker and Nicholas Stoneking are elected.

For San Carlos, Tamar Caspi received 30 votes. Tamar Caspi is elected.

For Del Cerro, Pamela Cotta received 33 votes, Elizabeth Grell received 29 votes. Pamela Cotta and Elizabeth Grell are elected.

For Allied Gardens, Jana Hartwell received 53 votes, Brian Woodhouse received 29 votes, and David Peterson 15 votes. Jana Hartwell and Brian Woodhouse are elected.

Motion made to accept the voting results made by Danny Fitzgerald second by Nate Stein. Vote passes unanimously.

### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

#### **- NCPI Superior Ready Mix (Vulcan) Sub-Committee by Kevin Sullivan –**

There is a meeting planned with the new quarry owner, Vulcan. Community members are encouraged to attend the virtual meeting on March 17 at 6:00 pm.

Discussions include: Chair Brian Gile reported that the City stated that the suggested modifications to the CUP conditions are a result of the work done with Superior Ready Mix, and Vulcan does not need to abide by any of the previously suggested modifications to the CUP conditions. The CUP expires in June 14, 2033.

### **Discussion Items**

**- Future Meetings –** The Board needs \$150.00 per month to hold monthly meetings. How can funds be raised and how can the board have some virtual meetings to lessen the impact of funds needed to hold meetings.

### **Community Group Reports:**

**-Allied Gardens / Grantville Community Council** by Brian Woodhouse – The Allied Gardens / Grantville Community Council met on March 03, 2025 and learned about the many agencies that are involved with helping the homeless in our neighborhood. Emergency issues should go through 911 and encampments should be reported on the City’s “Get it Done” app.

**-Mission Trails Regional Park Advisory Board** by Marilyn Reed – Met on March 04<sup>th</sup> and went over information items. The Max Lenail Bridge project is moving forward. The final cost of the bridge has not been presented to the Board and the potential maintenance plan is still not known.

The City’s coming water project will effect the park including the road closure of Father Serra Drive. The water project is projected to go from August 2025 to May 2028.

### **Re-opening of Public Comment on non-agenda items:**

Bea Riley spoke on condition number ten in the conditional use permit with Vulcan and the importance of not blasting along Mission Gorge Road and Margerum Ave because the setbacks are too short.

**Adjournment.** At 8:19 pm by Chairperson Brian Gile.

**Our next meeting** will be on April 09, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

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**Meeting Calendar for 2025:** January 08<sup>th</sup> , February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 05<sup>th</sup> on Zoom, March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, August – no meeting unless needed, September 10<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>, December – no meeting unless needed.