

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Minutes of the Meeting of
February 20, 2024
Meeting Held at the Cathy Hopper Clairemont Friendship Center
4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117

P Nicholas Reed - Chair P Ian Grooms - Vice Chair A Marc Mytels - Secretary	P Glen Schmidt A Drew Lambert	P Suzanne Smith P Tarah Griep P Matt Wang	A Lori Carpenter A Billy Paul
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P – Present A – Absent L-Late

Item 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Nicholas called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll call was taken to determine if a quorum was present. Quorum was established with 6/10 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:

- Michael Dwyer: PureWater construction now includes a double trench to lay pipes on the westbound section of Clairemont Drive. Construction on Clairemont Drive north of Balboa Ave is for sewer work, not PureWater. New restaurants are being built adjacent to the Sprouts market on Genesee. During summer of 2026 the City of San Diego will start collecting Measure B funds from single family homeowners for trash and recycling.
- Margie Schmidt: Reminded everyone to vote.
- Steven Palmer: Temporary fences surrounding new stores being built in the Clairemont Town Square shopping center are forcing shoppers to walk in the street. Concern raised about ADA compliance.

Committee Members:

- Ian Grooms: A Starbucks will be opening on the site of a former auto repair shop on Balboa; concern whether sufficient cleanup measures will be taken to convert a former auto shop to a food-handling facility. The Clairemont gateway sign on Balboa is in poor condition and has been damaged by vandals. \$300K slated for improvements to Olive Grove park has never been spent and lags behind improvement done to other parks in San Diego. Two million dollars has been approved to renovate the South Clairemont Rec center. Ian may be moving away from Clairemont in the coming months and will be resigning his vice chair position in March 2025.
- Nicholas Reed: After March 2024 will no longer be Chair due to other commitments. A new restaurant will be opening in the former Native Foods restaurant location on Balboa.
- Glen Schmidt: Has been active in working to get more gateway signs for Clairemont for several years.

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

- None

Item 4. Reports to Committee

- **Project Review Subcommittee (PRS): Glen**
 - Will meet March 13th
 - Upcoming developments include a proposal on Idlewild Way, a 4-unit ADU on Clairemont Drive and a Cell Tower on Balboa
- **Treasury: Nicholas**
 - Bank account balance is \$124.14.
 - Checkbook has not been located at Nicholas' home
 - Removed Cecilia Frank's name from account
- **Parking and Transportation: Ian**
 - May meet in the next few weeks.
- **Airports: Nicholas**
 - No incidents due to recent heavy rains
- **Secretary: Marc**
 - Marc not present
- **Vice Chair: Ian**
 - No report
- **Bylaws:**
 - No report
- **Sgt at Arms: Lori**
 - Lori not present
- **Chair: Nicholas**
 - Marlon Pangolinan, Tarah and Drew will review the CCPG bylaws
- **CPC (Community Planners Committee): Ian/Nicholas**
 - A land development code meeting was held; most meeting items were passed
 - Will meet with City officials via Zoom
- **Social Media**
 - Position vacant
- **Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs): Ian**
 - Contract for Balboa Ave resurfacing has been awarded..

Item 5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 2024 CCPG meeting:

- Approved by Glen, Ian, Matt, Nicholas and Suzanne; Abstained: Tarah

Item 6. Council Representative Reports

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

- Carrie submitted the following via email:
 - The federal government approved a FEMA designation for San Diego following the damage caused by the storms in January. The FEMA declaration provides financial assistance to residents for damage not covered by insurance including hotel expenses, home repair, rental assistance, and transportation assistance. If you know anyone affected they can start applying for FEMA assistance now at <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/> or by calling 800-621-3362.
 - City Council approved the Smart Streetlight and Automated License Plate Recognition program with over 100 cameras now operational. These cameras have aided police in more than 22 homicide, robbery, burglary, assault and stolen vehicle investigations. A dozen stolen vehicles so far have been recovered with 11 suspects in custody from these investigations.
 - Budget hearings are scheduled for May 2024. This coming fiscal year, the City is facing a significant structural budget deficit. The direction from the Mayor is to suspend non-essential expenditures and protect basic services like infrastructure that contribute to the well-being of

all San Diegans. Our office will continue to advocate for critical infrastructure needs in our communities.

- City Council received an update from the City's Real Estate Division and the Midway Rising team on the project at the Sports Arena area in the Midway District. The project contemplates the development of up to 4,250 residential dwelling units- 2000 of which are affordable, a new arena, commercial/retail space and more parks. City Council will receive the next update in April.
- The Councilmember attended the groundbreaking for the Joan and Irwin Jacobs Performance Arts Center at Liberty Station. "The Joan" as it will be called, is expected to be completed by Spring 2025. This performing arts center will be a great addition to San Diego's robust creative economy, which generated about \$10.8 billion to our overall local economy.
- Councilmember Campbell attended the 60th Anniversary for San Diego Mesa College. It opened in 1964 with 1,900 students. In the past decade, Mesa College made history by offering the first community college based four-year baccalaureate degree in Health Information Management in addition to a free tuition option through the San Diego Promise Program.
- San Diego Tourism Authority is preparing the 2024-2035 Tourism Stewardship Plan. As part of the process they are seeking input on balancing the City's quality of life for residents with that of its successes as a tourism destination. If interested in having a voice please fill out the survey at: San Diego Tourism Stewardship Plan Update for 2024-2035

District City of San Diego Mayor's Office Neighborhood Representative Report, Kohta Zaiser, Clairemont Community Liaison, ZaiserK@sandiego.gov

- Kohta not present

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. Action Items

- **801: New Stop Signs and Crosswalks on Moraga Ave and Moraga Ct.**
 - Proposal is for a 3-way stop sign on Moraga Ave and Moraga Ct., where a currently a single stop sign on eastbound Moraga court exists.
 - Cars on Moraga Avenue have been observed traveling at high speed.
 - Intersection is heavily used by pedestrians to access Cadman Park, particularly by little-league players
 - Detailed maps were presented.
 - Questions and concerns included:
 - No documented accidents (from Caltrans/City of San Diego/County of San Diego) at the intersection were presented although public members reported witnessing accidents
 - Environmental/pollution effects of additional stop signs
 - Other factors might be contributing to unsafe conditions, such as high bushes or parked cars
 - Placing stop signs on every intersection on Moraga would be impractical; Moraga Court deserves special consideration due to its high use of pedestrians accessing Cadman Park.
 - More information on the intersection's conditions would be desirable, such as pedestrian stop lights which are in use at other intersections in San Diego
 - Lack of large numbers of parking spaces at the park noted.

- o Motion to request the City of San Diego's traffic engineering department study and evaluate the intersection for pedestrian & vehicle safety improvements.
 - Approved by all in attendance.
- **802: Business on 6426 Mount Ada Rd.**
 - o Presented by Sherrie Olson sherrieolson2@gmail.com
 - o Location is currently the AltaDena drive-through mart and has been at that location for over 30 years
 - o Alcohol is sold at the mart but no significant incidents have been reported. San Diego Police are pleased with its operation and have sent a support letter.
 - o Verizon personnel are on site multiple times per month to service cell tower facilities located on the property
 - o Building's exterior footprint will remain the same
 - o In addition to beer and wine, a license to sell distilled spirits has been applied for
 - o Questions and concerns included:
 - ADA access being up to code is under review; loss of a parking space may occur to bring the business up to code.
 - Landscaping has been performed recently and no upgrades are required since the building's footprint is not changing.
 - Landscaping is being performed by a local business and has recently been increased to twice a month.
 - Drive-through dairy marts have a long history in Southern California and very few remain.
 - High praise given to operators of the mart for service and friendliness
 - Proper ID scanning equipment is utilized by the business to ensure only those qualified to purchase alcohol are able to do so. No alcohol sales are done to intoxicated persons.
 - o Motion to approve the business as presented so long as ADA standards are met by the City of San Diego Engineering department
 - Approved by all members in attendance

Item 9. Information Items

- None

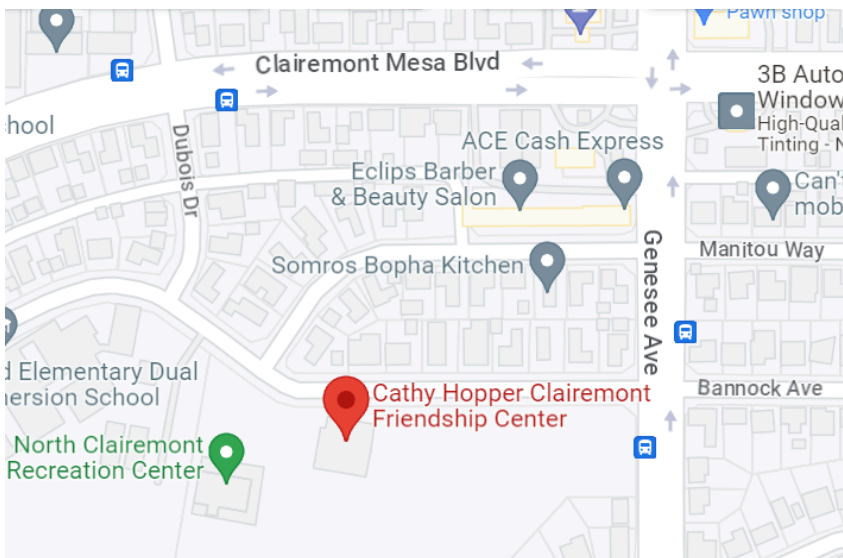
Item 10. Workshop Items

- **1001: CCPG Boardmember Candidate Forum**
 - Elections will be held in Room #2 of the North Clairemont Recreation Center on March 19th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
 - Volunteers for shifts were requested
 - Notification of CCPG elections were posted in diverse Clairemont neighborhoods and in Spanish
 - Paige Walker, Matt Wang, Glen Schmidt, Monty Carroll and Mark Shrammal were announced as the candidates.
 - 6 seats are available; 5 candidates are running so a 6th person will need to be appointed.
 - Steven Palmer declared his interest in becoming a 6th candidate.
 - Ground rules for the election were discussed
 - Paige Walker introduced herself. She and her family live near Cadman Park and she has organized several community events. She has lived in several different San Diego neighborhoods and wants to contribute her experiences to the Clairemont community.

- Mark Shrammal introduced himself. He is a retired construction inspector and has worked as a contractor for many years. He has lived in San Diego since the early 1980's and is a member of the Clairemont Town Council.
- Monte Carroll introduced himself. He is a retired Marine and has lived in San Diego since the mid 1980's and a Clairemont resident since 1998. He is a public middle school teacher and small business owner. He uses public transit extensively and often travels as a pedestrian so he feels he has a "Ground-Eye" view of Clairemont.
- Matt Wang introduced himself. He is a current board member and has lived in Clairemont since 2020. He is an attorney who specializes in land use municipal law and California environmental law. He is happy to share his skills with the Clairemont community.
- Glen Schmidt introduced himself. He is a current board member and is the chair of the Project Review subcommittee. He has been involved in planning numerous projects and is looking forward to seeing the updated Clairemont Community plan. He has lived in Clairemont for over 40 years and has his own landscape architecture firm that has designed numerous projects in San Diego.
- Steven Palmer introduced himself as a potential candidate. Has lived in Bay Park for several years and recently purchased a home in Clairemont. Likes to bike to his work as a software engineer and uses public transit often.

Adjournment at 7:45 PM

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 19, 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