

Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee

General Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2023

7:00 PM Meeting Called to Order (Lynn Edwards, Chair)

Present:

Lynn Edwards (Chair), Rolando Park

Richard Diaz, (Secretary) Oak Park

Derryl Williams (Treasurer), Webster

Alex Zukas, El Cerrito

Daniele Laman, Community Organization Rep

Tanner Blackman, Redwood Village

Jennifer Bennett, Redwood Village

Kristen Hurst, Webster

Lorna Zukas, El Cerrito

Laura Riebau, Member-at-Large

Andy Huelscamp, Oak Park

Bob Scott, Rolando

Absent: Elida Chavez (Oak Park) **Quorum:** Yes

Members of the Public Present: John Hogan, Becky Rapp, CRO Terry Hoskins, Mario Ingrassi, Denise Padilla

Agenda Changes: None

Non-Agenda Items: Becky Rapp asked committee members to contact the city council urging it to uphold the current municipal code to deter the “normalization of drug use.” For example, “Get Lit” ads on the road encourage use by younger residents (12 - 17 yr. olds).

City, County, and State Representatives’ Reports

- Jawad Al Baghdadi – US Congress Rep. Sara Jacobs’ office: Jill Biden visited San Diego recently with Rep. Jacobs; Rep. Jacobs was named ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; she also worked to increase federal funding (Childcare for All, Return to Home for Veterans, and Broadband Connectivity in communities of need).
- Bruce Williams – Community Representative for District 4, Council President pro Tem Monica Montgomery-Steppe: A community cleanup will be held at the Jacobs Center on Feb. 18th; the new Orchard Apt. Complex opened at Euclid Ave. and Hilltop Dr.
- Naveed Haris — Community Representative for Council District 9: Lynn will post the report rec’d from Naveed. (Note: Martha Zapata will be the new D9 rep.)
- Lucero Maganda — Mayor Todd Gloria’s office: (Lynn will post the report rec’d from Lucero).
- Sam Gonzalez — State Rep. Dr. Akilah Weber, AD 79: (See CHAT for bills.)

Action Item 1: Elect new vice chair: Bob Scott was elected (motion made by Alex and seconded by Andy—passed unanimously)

Action Item 2: Designate a member to attend the CPC meetings: Laura Riebau was selected, with Bob and Lynn as backups. (motion made by Alex and seconded by Daniele—passed unanimously).

Action Item 3: Serve on board officer election committee: Kristen and Jennifer volunteered.

Chair’s Report: The March 14th meeting will be a hybrid one at Teen Challenge. However, beginning in April, board members will be required to attend in person (Brown Act) because the California COVID State of Emergency will be ending at the end of March. The committee may continue to offer Zoom attendance for non-board members.

Treasurer’s Report — Derryl: He attempted to meet with the bank official on Feb. 15th re: updating the board officer paperwork, but he or she was not available. Derryl will try again.

Approval of Minutes (January): Minor deletions were requested by Bob in the tree program report; Derryl moved to approve with corrections, Daniele seconded; the minutes were approved as corrected with two abstentions (Bob and Andy).

Community Council and Subcommittee Reports

- Community updates: **El Cerrito**—Crawford H.S.’s new building has opened. **Oak Park**—The new Oak Park Library, slated for construction in 2024-2026, is \$12M short due to rising costs; the Oak Park Council submitted a letter in support of the City’s application for CalRecycle grant to address illegal dumping. **Webster**—House sales have been increasing, but may be, in part, due to adding ADUs and renting out the properties; next meeting will be a Pizza Night to draw more residents to attend. **Rolando**— Succulent Swap Feb. 25th, Street Fair March 19th, and catwalk cleanups April 15th. **Rolando Park**—University Ave. clean-up will be on Feb. 25th. **Redwood Village**—Landscaping has been added to Phase 2 Streamview Dr. project by City Engineering and Capital Projects (ECP) but nor monuments or artwork; ECP also did not apply for Raise California grant monies this year, so Phase 2 is stalled; RV has started quarterly neighborhood clean-ups

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- University Avenue – Bob: The Trees on University proposal was included in the CIP Plan.
 - Parks & Recreation -- Daniele: GDP amendment to Montezuma Park plans has been added; Little League at four joint-use parks will open March 11th; no word yet when P & R Board will take Daniele’s application to the city council—she will keep us posted.
 - Transportation — Mario: Bike Lanes (Orange to Estrella to University) SANDAG looking for funding later this year; University Ave. at University Square center: Bike lanes are planned but no sidewalks (sorely needed); daily multi-use PRONTO card discounts are working well.
 - CPC February Meeting – Laura will send the meeting minutes to committee members.
 - CPC: The EACPC subcommittee for the Mid-City Community Planning Update will start meeting in April and will reach out to two experienced contacts for guidance.

8:33 PM: Motion to adjourn by Daniele and seconded by Alex. The motion passed unanimously.