

SOUTHEASTERN SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (SSD CPG)

Monthly *Hybrid* Meeting Minutes Monday, November 10, 2025; 6:00pm

**Location: Mountain View Community Center, 641 South Boundary Street (92113) Join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92276421946?pwd=OGNsSTZjME1seXlvUGc0aE9rUjQ4dz09>
Meeting ID: 922 7642 1946 Passcode: 122965**

**Website: <https://southeasternsdcommunityplanning.com/>
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Members: Chair, Amie Gutierrez (Sherman Heights)
Vice Chair, Imani Robinson (Mountain View)
Secretary, Jasmine Mallen (Logan Heights)
Treasurer, Felix Lopez (Logan Heights CDC)
Diane Armenta (Southcrest)
Howard Cuarezma (Mountain View)
Sally Davalos (Southcrest Little League)
Elena Franco (Mount Hope)
Oscar Gomez (Southcrest)
Lizzie Rodriguez (Logan Heights)
Alli Urguby (Logan Heights)

SSD CPG City Profile: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/southeasternsd>

SSD CPG Map: *The SSD CPG covers the area south of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Freeway (Highway 94), east of Interstate 5, north of the National City border, and west of Interstate 805, encompassing the Grant Hill, Logan Heights, Memorial, Mount Hope, Mountain View, Shelltown, Sherman Heights, Southcrest and Stockton.*

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL - 6:02pm

Chair, Amie Hayes, Vice Chair, Imani Robinson, Secretary, Jasmine Mallen, Diane Armenta, Howard Cuarezma, Oscar Gomez, Felix Lopez, Alli Urguby, Lizzie Rodriguez, Elena Franco, Sally Davalos

2. AGENDA ADOPTION

*Motion to adopt the agenda. MSC - (Urguby/Rodriguez 6-0-0)
Howard arrives after vote.*

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public may speak on matters not on the agenda - two minutes.

Kathleen Lippitt - Local resident, discussed concern with drunk drivers

Becky Wrap - Local parent, discussed concerns with local marijuana laws and impact on youth.

4. REPORTS

A. City of San Diego Council District 4 - Councilmember Henry L. Foster III

Ronnie Miller O: (619) 236-6644; RonnieM@sandiego.gov

Tiffany in attendance, discussed upcoming townhalls regarding recreation centers (Nov. 14th and other upcoming dates), Cultural Affairs, upcoming community events, and office priorities.

B. City of San Diego Council District 8 – Councilmember Vivian Moreno

Yanet Lopez Cardenas O: (619) 236-6688; YLCardenas@sandiego.gov

In attendance, discussed upcoming community events and office priorities including Memorial CRG, upcoming dumpster drop off, and Turkey giveaway at Sherman Heights Community Center.

C. City of San Diego Council District 9 – Office of Council President Sean Elo-Rivera

Roberto Marin (He/Him); RMarin@sandiego.gov

In attendance, discussed legislative updates concerning ICE, rental tax items, trash fees, and upcoming community events including holiday food drives, Breakfast with Santa December 12 morning (9am - 1pm), Mount Hope beautification day, and council office priorities.

D. City of San Diego Mayor's Office - Office of Mayor Todd Gloria

Lucero Maganda (She/Her), Council Districts 8 and 9; LMaganda@sandiego.gov

E. San Diego County, 1st District

Paola Martinez-Montes O: (619) 531-5663;

Danny in attendance, discussed upcoming and past events including townhall, dia de los muertos, surveys regarding air quality and air filters, and office priorities.

F. Office of California Senator Steve Padilla, 18th District

Rosanna Javier O: (619) 409-7690; rosanna.Javier@sen.ca.gov

In attendance, discussed legislative updates including data center tariffs and infrastructure, SB243 Chatbot protection, SB638 schools, career training, turkey and food drive (need volunteers please contact me 11/21 at Logan Heightst CDC), December events. fireside chat for small businesses, and upcoming open house with the senator before January.

G. Office of California Senator Akilah Weber Pierson, M.D., 39th District

Jesse A. Brown O: (619) 688-6700

H. Office of Congressman Juan Vargas, 52nd District

Louis Ward III - O: (619) 422-5963; Louis.Ward@sen.ca.gov

I. Office of Assemblymember LaShae Sharp-Collins, 79th District

Janet Farala - O: (619) 465- 7903; Janet.Farala@asm.ca.gov

J. Office of Assemblymember David Alvarez, 80th District
Ernesto Castañeda - District O: (619) 498-8580; Capitol O: (916) 319-2080

K. San Diego Central Division Police Department
Officer Terrell Totten, Community Relations Officer, 510/530 Service Areas
O: (619) 744-9516; TTotten@pd.sandiego.gov

L. San Diego Southeastern Division Police Department
Officer Chris Jones, Community Relations Officer
O: (619) 527-3532; C: (619) 455-5298; jonescl@pd.sandiego.gov

M. Community Liaison Organizations

Members of local organizations can provide updates regarding their mission and activities. a. Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek

1. National Avenue Floodable Park Update - *Ozzie in attendance, discussed project details and description of floodable park goal is to flood prior to neighboring parcels.*
2. Tree Planting Update December 13 - *Ozzie in attendance, discussed upcoming Tree Planting event, volunteer event for tree planting.*

N. SSD CPG Chair Report

- a. CPG training
- b. Brown Act update

O. Community Planning Committee (CPC) Report

<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community-plans/community-planners-committee>

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Port of San Diego Maritime Clean Air Strategy

Presentation by: Juniper Strategic Advisory

In October 2021, the Port of San Diego adopted the Maritime Clean Air Strategy (MCAS), which is a policy document that identifies projects and initiatives that will improve environmental and public health through cleaner air for all who live, work, and play on and around San Diego Bay while also supporting efficient, modern and sustainable maritime operations. The Port is embarking on a concerted public outreach process to gather input as it looks towards the 2030 time horizon for achieving the MCAS' long-term goals and will present an update to your members for new and ongoing input.

Serena and Phil in attendance, Serena discussed MCAS goals, details, status of objectives, community collaboration, progress on decrease in harmful emissions, community outreach process, and Harbor Drive 2.0 project lead by CalTrans and SANDAG - improvements to Harbor Drive to make it more efficient. CPG feedback includes training local interns to learn how to operate new technology, promoting high school and fellowship programs for the Port of San Diego, reinvesting funds into the community, and sharing more about the Maritime Industrial Impact Fund which can be used to invest in community needs like airfilters.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Hold the Hill

Presentation by: Andrew Hetheru

Hold the Hill proposes to transform The Radio Towers Hill of Southeast San Diego in Emerald Hills into a world-class destination park that aligns with planning group goals. We are forming a Steering Group to explore funding options and community feedback on design so the park reflects local needs. We would like feedback and a letter of support as we work to ensure the project complements existing community plans. Placing a world-class park in southeast San Diego's Emerald Hills will not only elevate quality of life but spur economic revitalization along the Euclid, Market, Imperial and Logan corridors, attract investment and tourism, and make the area more desirable—relieving housing demand pressures elsewhere in the city.

Andrea in attendance, discussed the history of promised parks and surveying in Southeastern San Diego, movement to keep greenspace in the community, background of holdthehill.org, importance of upcoming Planning Commission 11/20 at Mission Valley, and importance of the CPG's support via a letter. Letter language can include "We SSD CPG support the preservation of green space and the development of a park on radio hil park, we oppose the development of any number of homes on the site.

Motion to create and submit a Letter of Support, as dictated by Aundrea Hetheru, to support the Hold the Hill project for Radio Hill Park to the City of San Diego Planning Commission before Nov. 20th as dictated. (Robinson/Rodriguez 7-0-0).

B. Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek

Presentation by: Ozzy Meneses, Director of Community Projects & Partnerships

1. The Segment 5 Chollas Creek Habitat Restoration & Trail Project, led by Groundwork San Diego, is located just west of I-805 and north of Imperial Avenue in the Southeastern San Diego community. It spans approximately 7.6 acres and includes habitat restoration, creek enhancements to reduce flooding and improve water quality, and the development of a Class 1 bikeway. The project supports goals outlined in both the Southeastern San Diego Community Plan and the Chollas Creek Enhancement Plan. We're seeking your support and want to share key project details. A more in-depth community engagement effort will follow to gather broader input and feedback from residents and stakeholders.

Kierstin and Ozzie in attendance, discussed project deadlines, funding options and importance of SSD CPG support via a letter discussing hoping to meet deadlines to meet funding We SE planning support the Segment 5 Chollas Creek Habitat Restoration & Trail Project

Motion to create and submit, as noted in agenda, the Groundwork San Diego Chollas Creek Letter of Support for the Segment 5 Chollas Creek Habitat Restoration & Trail Project to Groundwork San Diego Chollas Creek by end of November. (Robinson, Cuarezma 7-0-0).

2. CIP project support

This item will be kept on the agenda, currently in the process of discussing funding with various organizations.

C. SSD CPG Board Administration

a. Minutes

- June 9, 2025 Board meeting minutes (see website)

Motion to adopt the June 9, 2025 meeting minutes. MSC - (Urguby/Armenta 7-0-0)

- July 14, 2025 Board meeting minutes (see website)

Motion to adopt the July 14, 2025 meeting minutes. MSC - (Armenta/Rodriguez 7-0-0)

- September 8, 2025 Board meeting minutes (see website)

Motion to adopt the September 8, 2025 meeting minutes. MSC - (Mallen/Cuarezma 6-0-1, Robinson abstain)

b. Community Engagement (CE) Subcommittee

- October 27, 2025 meeting update

CE Chair discussed October meeting topics including the possibility of using the stipend for items banner/business cards, labeled canopy, and possibility of using these items for an upcoming holiday event.

c. Bylaws Committee (BC)

- October 27, 2025 meeting update
- The BC would like to propose updates for CPG approval in January.

BC Chair discussed proposed updates to the bylaws and next steps for approval which include a board vote and then forwarding to the City for review and approval. The next review will be in 2027.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

A. SSD CPG Monday, November 24, 6pm, Community Engagement (CE)

Subcommittee Mountain View Community Center, 641 South Boundary Street (92113)

B. SSD CPG Monday, November 24, Bylaws Committee (following CESubcommittee)

Mountain View Community Center, 641 South Boundary Street (92113)

C. SSD CPG Monday, December 8, 2025 Monthly Board Meeting, **DARK**

D. SSD CPG Monday, January 12, 2026 Monthly Board Meeting, 6pm

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8. ADJOURNMENT - 8:14pm