1. Roll Call, Confirmation of Quorum, Call to Order, Welcome. The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Saige Gonzales Walding, Chair. Other CVCPG Board Members present in person: Marry Young, Martha Abraham, Erik Becerra, Dorothy James, Rob Campbell, Sheila Minick, and Evan Toma. Brian Matthews was present via Zoom. A quorum was established. Members of the public were welcomed.

2. Adoption of the Agenda: It was M/S/C (Sheila Minick, Marry Young), to defer Item 9 Approval of Minutes for July 21, 2025. All approved. There were no objections or abstentions.

3. Non-Agenda Communication from the Public: Members of the public may raise matters not on the agenda but are within the scope of matters reasonably related to the well-being of the Chollas Valley Community Planning Area. Community planning group members may respond by asking a question to clarify and may schedule the item for a future agenda. However, no detailed discussion or substantive action may take place on such items. (BrownAct section 59454.2).

   A. Michele Lagoy addressed concerns regarding the Klauber and Radio Towers programs. She and other residents (Lisa, Sue) will be exploring the possibility of writing a grant to place these properties into a trust.

   B. Dorene Dias-Pesta shared concerns regarding the potential inaccuracy of community maps in relation to planning groups in the 4th District. Her community, Jamacha, is within the Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Planning Group, and she is speaking as a guest. She requested that the CVCPG Board work collaboratively to have the map borders corrected. For example, Dorene indicated that the map indicates that the community of Encanto ends on 69th Street, but it technically ends at Woodman and makes O'Farrell part of her planning group rather than CVCPG.

   C. Barry Pollard, Urban Collaborative Project, shared information regarding VIA. This is an Uber-like service that is free during the 4-month pilot period and serves an area of about 15 miles from the center of Euclid and Market. Residents can call for a ride for errands such as shopping and medical appointments. If a person is shopping, VIA should be informed so the appropriately sized vehicle can be provided. After the pilot, there will be a minimal charge. It is a SANDAG contract. VIA is used in other communities such as La Jolla, and it is available 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Urban Collaborative Project is working on getting quick EV chargers in the community as there are limited chargers in the vicinity. On 8/30/25, Urban Collaborative Project will be holding its annual Coffee Pop-Up at Brooks Huffman Plaza. Members of the community are encouraged to drop by to enjoy local coffee vendors and entertainment.

4. Chair's Report
   A. Unseating of Andrea Hetheru as Chair of CVCPG and Unseating of Vice Chair/Interim Chair, Rob Campbell. Seating of Saige Gonzales Walding as Chair and Marry Young as Vice Chair. Chair Gonzales Walding formally unseated the previous Chair and Vice Chair. She and Marry Young were formally seated as Chair and Vice Chair. She distributed symbolic yellow roses to members of the Board.
   B. Klauber Street Status/Prioritizing City-wide Investment in Park Deficient Communities. Chair Gonzales Walding today signed paperwork to hire an attorney to sue the City in relation to the Klauber Street development. The Chair has a copy of the agreement if others would like to read it, and it will be uploaded to the CVCPG website. Chair Gonzales Walding stressed the community's desire for parks in our neighborhood. Michele Lagoy is discussing forming a committee to address this. Participation and support is necessary to make parks happen.
   C. 17 CIP Projects list. Vinetia Jones, Corresponding Secretary, reviewed and presented the list of projects that were chosen by the subcommittee, per direction of the CVCPG Board.

5. Presentation of Klauber Street Park, a/k/a Willie Morrow Park Proposal, Lisa Becerra on behalf of Neighbors for Encanto:

   Lisa Becerra reported that the community gave amazing testimony about the Klauber Project. Cindy Phan, the developer, stated to community members that she was not aware of community pushback. Agent Jim Bartell and Cindy Phan stated they would sell the property and recommended the community approach Council Member Foster and the City Council to inform that they would be open to selling the property. If we don't want building, we should tell the City what we want. Lisa distributed a proposal, referred to as Morrow Grove, to the CVCPG. She shared information about Willie Morrow's story, indicating that he made sure that minority businesses and owners have the same playing field. He had a radio station and the

San Diego Monitor newspaper. Morrow Grove would be a way to knowledge and honor the man and continue his legacy. The grove would contain a botanical garden telling the story of hair care and culture and a promenade that opens into 200-250 seat amphitheater. There will be five cultural zones honoring the African-American, Filipino, Latinx, Chamorro, and Vietnamese contributions to our community in addition to a Kumeyaay land acknowledgement garden and monuments commemorating cultures. It demonstrates a legacy of our community caring for one another. Schools used to come to our community to study, so the proposal includes a component for children's education, including QR codes, voice recordings, and opportunities for patrons to support Morrow Grove.

Lisa met with Daniel Horton, Chief of Staff to Council Member Foster. She was informed there is no funding. She asked about the $580 million DIF money that is designated for the purpose of park space, and he stated he will get back to her by this Friday. Lisa stated that there are four years of funding, and District 4 is eligible for 40% of the funds; 50% of the DIF is supposed to go to communities of concern. There may be other funding sources. Lisa wanted to present the proposal to see if there is support.

Sheila Minick asked about the ownership, and it was clarified that it would belong to Park and Recreation. Roosevelt Williams observed that he liked the accommodation for children and youth. Sally Smull indicated that proposal is something that should go to the Encanto Parks and Recreation Committee, she and indicated the group meets next Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Encanto Rec Center. Encanto does have land that is not being used that has been set aside for a swimming pool, skate park, or passive recreation. The Chair is Evelyn Smith (EHNC co-president), and they will try to get this on the agenda. There are other parks that have been focusing on cultural considerations, e.g., Marie Widman Park and the Black Arts and Culture District. Marry Young commended Lisa on the presentation, observing it addressed historical things that have happened in our community. She mentioned Mr. Robinson from Alta Vista who was the biggest producer of sweet potatoes. Willie Morrow was a pioneer, and she believes he would be smiling and so excited for Lisa that she thought about these things.

Maria Conrad congratulated Lisa and the others for working on this proposal. She asked about the costs. Lisa stated that based upon research, it will need to be evaluated and re-evaluated, and the group doesn't have the expertise. For example, City requirements may require additional costs. It will need to go to others who have the knowledge and expertise to provide accurate information. They did work with a horticulturist. In response to a question about parking, Lisa reported the proposal is for angled parking along the street vs. a parking lot as it has less impact and is not "negative" space. There was discussion regarding safe passages and ADA access. Residents should be the primary users. There was concern expressed about Thursday night concerts in the area as many people drive. Lisa indicated that Cindy Phan reportedly stated that $4.5 to $5 million is what she is seeking for the property, and she did not give a deadline. Lisa reiterated that the proposal isn't a plan, it is a vision! They are requesting guidance from the CVCPG about next steps.

Rob Campbell commended Lisa for the wonderful presentation and asked what the group is seeking from CVCPG, e.g., a letter of support. It was M/S/C (Rob Campbell, Saige Gonzales Walding) for CVCPG to write a letter of support to Neighbors for Encanto for the Morrow Grove proposal. All approved; there were no objections or abstentions.

6. CONVENE CLOSED SESSION: (Action item) Discussion of Legal Advice Regarding the Klauber Project and whether we authorize attorney to move forward to engage the city to utilize funds the grand jury found to fund the purchase of the land on Klauber for a park. CVCPG will discuss legal advice received from our attorney regarding potential legal options and CVCPG may also consider authorizing the expenditure of available donated funds for fees as proposed by the attorney. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION: Report actions taken

   The board recessed into closed session 7:42 and the meeting reconvened at 8:11 PM. Roll call was taken and a quorum re-established: Saige Gonzales Walding, Sheila Minick, Martha Abraham, Evan Toma, Rob Campbell, Erik Becerra, and Marry Young. Action Item: Saige Gonzales Walding reported that the attorney was paid $5,000 today, and the lawsuit was filed. Rob Campbell was asked to work on a press release. He stated that he will reach out to media contacts, but there is no promise that they will publish anything. Another payment is due 9/1/25. The attorney is aware that the community is raising funds, is willing to work with CVCPG, and no legal action will occur quickly. The GoFundMe is being managed by Courtney Boatman. There is some interest from community members in forming a non-profit to address fund raising and planning-related issues.

7. Action Item: Reminder for CVCPG Board members to reup the yearly online test to be on the board (via city website). Chair Gonzales Walding reminded everyone that members of board need to complete the annual COW trainingif they have not already done so. Marry You stated she will check on the status this week and will provide it to Sheila Minick or Vinetia Jones to send to those who need to complete the training.

8. Action Item: Would the board be interested in meeting twice a month for a few months to use our momentum to garner community support to create more parks? Chair Gonzales Walding asked if the Board should meet more frequently. Sheila Minick asked about including the catching up on outstanding minutes if a special meeting was scheduled for 9/2/25. The Chair will consider convening a special meeting to address outstanding minutes and discuss park issues and notify the board and members of the community.

9. Approval of Minutes for July 21, 2025. This item was deferred.

Meeting Adjournment. It was M/S/C (Rob Campbell, Evan Toma) to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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