

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Hybrid Meeting

August 1, 2023

Directors present, directors absent

Chris Nielsen (CN) (Chair), Neil de Ramos (NR), Joann Selleck (JS), Isabelle Kay (IK), Jon Arenz (JA), Amber Ter-Vrugt (ATV), Anu Delouri (AD), Kristin Camper (KC), Petr Krysl (PK), Carol Uribe (CU), Andrew Parlier (AP), Georgia Kayser (GK), Karen Martien (KMar), Andrew Wiese (AW), Linda Bernstein (LB), Fay Arvin (FA), Carey Algaze (CA), Anna Bryan (AB), Sasha Treadup (ST), Nancy Graham (NG-City of SD Planning).

Members of Public as attendees who asked that their attendance be noted for the record:

- Alex Arthur

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chris Nielsen, Chair. Chair CN at 6:07 pm

CN: Welcome to the UCPG meeting. This meeting is a hybrid meeting held at GradLabs. I'd like to thank Alexandria for allowing us to use this room which supports excellent hybrid meetings. Thank you to the attendees tonight for coming one week early. I'd also like to thank and acknowledge Diane Ahern for handling the zoom portion of the meeting and Kerry Santoro for handling the in-room management.

2. Agenda: Call for additions / deletions: Adoption.

CN: Any additions/deletions to the agenda? None raised.

- *Adopted by acclamation.*

3. Approval of Minutes: July 11, 2023, minutes – deferred until September 12th.

CN: Meeting minutes for July 11, 2023, will be deferred until September 12th. Those minutes included the discussion on the community plan update so these deserve to be edited with care and with AW involved he - since is out of town, we will address those in September.

4. Announcements: Chair's Report, CPC Report and RC

CN: Tonight, we have the Torrey Pines State Park as the main item on the agenda. We will also hear from Pure Water on the status of the project and the changes coming up. We will also elect a Vice Chair to replace Roger Cavanaugh and take nominations for the Roger Cavanaugh and Rebecca Robinson Wood's seats on UCPG. We will also

review the City's revised CIP submission process. Our next UCPG meeting will be on September 12th.

Also, the Planning Commission has recommended approval for Alexandria Science Village Project (previously known as "Podium 93"). The City Council also gave final approval for BioMed's Towne Centre View project. We asked the city to identify when a project has the sale or transfer of MHPA land on the agenda. Councilmember Lee amended the approval motion to include this language so precedent would not be established when the Biomed project was approved.

On July 17th, we turned in the final comment letter on the plan update to the planning department, with copies to City Council and Mayors' office. Thank you to everyone who participated in the discussions in crafting and editing the document and special thanks to AW for drafting the comment document and leading discussion at subcommittee and UCPG. Also, thank you to Planning Dept. staff including Nancy Graham and Natalie Koski-Karell for getting all the meetings and the plan update done, getting us to this point.

5. Presentations: None this week.

6. Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items (2-minute limit).

- Diane Ahern: The July newsletter is the one to read because we don't publish in August, but we will be back in September. We will be having an information session next week on the 2nd Wednesday for the Pure Water Project – we will not have our regularly scheduled meeting, but welcome to join us for Pure Water project on Genesee.
- JS: Has there been any word from NG on the receipt of affordable housing consulting report or where it stands? Can someone please check?
 - CN: No, we have no information on it. Yes, I will check.

7. Action Item: Selection of a new UCPG Vice Chair, replacing Roger Cavanaugh. The Vice Chair substitutes for the Chair when necessary and is an alternate to the Community Planners Committee (CPC). A vote of the Board is required. Chris Nielsen, presenting.

- CN: Tonight, we need to select a new UCPG Vice Chair to replace Roger Cavanaugh. The Vice Chair substitutes for the chair when necessary and be an alternate to the community planners committee meeting which is the 4th Tuesday of each month in Clairmont. To note, I haven't missed any meetings since being chair so that hasn't been a need, and I have attended almost all of the CPC meetings as well. Can I get a volunteer or two? How about GK?
 - GK: I don't know how much more bandwidth I have.
 - CN: Currently, it's a zero-bandwidth job.

- GK: Just attend these meetings and nothing else?
 - CN: Yes, I'd like you to attend one so I can introduce you. Would you accept? We can also work out other arrangements as time goes on.
 - GK: May I think about it?
- FA: I'll do it.
- CN: Great, all in-favor of FA as our new Vice Chair?
 - *Adopted unanimously.*

8. Action Item: Replacement of two board members. Roger Cavanaugh, seat R3B, and Rebecca Robinson Wood, seat B2B, have resigned as of July 11. Nominations for these two seats will be accepted tonight, or may be sent by email to Chris Nielsen, cn@adsc-xray.com by 6PM Tuesday, August 1. To run for a seat, a candidate must hold UCPG Resident membership in UCPG district 3 for seat R3B or hold UCPG Business membership in UCPG district 2 for seat B2B and have attended one UCPG meeting in the past 12 months. The provisions of the existing bylaws apply. Chris Nielsen, presenting.

- CN: We also are looking for nominations for the replacement of two board members – one to replace Roger Cavanaugh for the R2B seat and for Rebecca Robinson Wood for the B2B seat who both have resigned as of July 11th. Nominations will be accepted tonight. The candidate must hold UCPG membership status as a resident membership in District 3 and hold business membership in UCPG district 2 and have attended one UCPG meeting in the last 12 months. The provisions of existing bylaws will apply. Are there any nominations on Zoom or in the room?
 - **B2B Seat:** Alex Arthur self-nominated via zoom: I'm interested in the position to replace Mr. Cavanaugh as Resident in District 3. I live in Genesee Highlands off of Decoro St. and Cargill Ave. I've served on the board of directors for my HOA and was president of the HOA during time of transition when the manager resigned without giving notice and helped steer the community. In 3 months with zero management, I handled all accounting/business processes. We were able to complete projects and make progress while saving a bunch of money and kept dues to \$10 in increases over 2 years with a focus on improving landscaping and reduction of water. I have been UC resident for 13 years and homeowner for 5 years and a renter prior to that. I'm also a UC student and big UCSD guy.
 - CN: Seeing no other nominations, we will hold your nomination until September when you have attended this meeting so we can make sure the paperwork is sorted out with AD. Any objections? No objections noted.
 - **R2B Seat:** No nominations were submitted for this seat so we will hold those open until next month as well.

9. Information Item: The Pure Water Project team will be providing an update on construction activities. Sarah Bowles, presenting.

- Sarah Bowles and Clem Wassenberg presenting on behalf of the City.
- Clem Wassenberg:
 - Construction manager with City of San Diego for the Morena Northern Pipeline and Tunnel that is currently under construction. The scope of the project is to install 2 pipelines from Genesee to Appleton to NCWRP. It will be installed in 1 trench with pipelines in parallel. Three short tunnels at SR 52 Rose Canyon (Genesee) and I-805. Overall length is about 20,000 linear feet and already installed 6,392 linear feet and steel casing installed and 176 linear feet of tunnel. The contractor is working with multiple crews, one from North to South and two from South to North.
 - Work will occur during the day with occasional night work (hours generally M-F 7-5:30pm, occasionally Saturday work from 8-4pm). K-Rails will be installed for safety and for workers. There will be construction equipment and material staging in the work zone and will move along construction. Possible intersection closures, posted detours for traffic, bike lanes, sidewalks, trails to remain open whenever possible, no parking in construction zones, impacts such as noise, dust, bright lights, and construction vehicle traffic during work hours.
 - I805 Tunneling Operation: Began March 2023, launching shaft is 105' depth, receiving shaft 95' depth, tunnel is 186' long.
 - Executive Drive Construction: Pipeline has been installed, contractor restoring curbs gutter pavement and medians impacted by construction.
 - Towne Center Drive: July 2023 - Pipe installation completed in front of Embassy suites hotel between Executive Drive and La Jolla Village Drive. August 2023, proceeding on Towne Centre Drive south of La Jolla Village Drive intersection.
 - Genesee Ave: Two (2) crews working. Crew 1 installing casing at SR 52, pipe installation on Genesee Avenue between Radcliffe Lane and Governor Drive. Work is ongoing through fall 2023.
 - San Clemente Tunnel at Marian Bear Park: Temporary closure of Marian Bear Park parking lot for public safety. Construction is ongoing in the parking lot but the park and trail are open. Alternative parking is available at 5233 Regents Road.
 - Upcoming Work: Southbound Towne Center Drive: Work hours 7:30 – 5pm. Tentative start of August 1, tentative completion 30 days from start.
 - Genesee Ave and Governor Dr: Night hours 9-5am intersection open in daytime, night work done to lower traffic volumes at night. Tentative start: late August/September 2023, traffic control modifications to signal timing/flaggers.
- Sarah Bowles discussed the outreach and businesses to which they reached out to coordinate this work. Meeting with the businesses one on one to discuss the work ahead of time and will have a construction notice ahead of time and will

update the webpage as well to find the latest information on this work. We sent post cards to residents and businesses in the vicinity of the intersection that helped spread the word more than word of mouth and online. We also coordinated with Diane for the UCCA newsletter in September. We are also coordinating with Waze and Google Maps to route drivers in a better direction. Questions? You can reach out to: sbowles@san Diego.gov

- Clem:
 - Saw chat question regarding coordination with the high school – Yes, we are meeting with the high school principal and vice principal and facilities management team tomorrow to go over construction impacts and potential mitigations to minimize the impacts.
 - Rose canyon tunneling: Underground utility location, preparation work including ammunition surveys, bird surveys prior to clearing & grubbing around future tunnel site, timing summer 2023.
- Q&A:
 - Bill Beck: Traveled throughout the area where there's construction and I try to avoid it. It is usually easy to figure out where to go, but when I went from my home on Vista La Jolla on Towne Centre Drive and up towards the shopping center, I went to make a left turn at La Jolla Village Drive and Towne Centre and the signage was very confusing. That must be made much clearer because it's very confusing.
 - Clem: We will look at that. That traffic control measures will change sometime this week.
 - Katie Rodolico: The first slide showed completion going far north of 52 – and it's still completely blocked off and K Rails moved further north. Will we ever reclaim those lanes? Also, you are about to move in front of Regency Village – which houses seniors and those are the only ways in and out. These seniors need to get to medical appointments, need to make sure they can turn onto Radcliff if they need to head north. When will the lanes come back?
 - Clem: Large segments have been based paved, contractor working to restore curb/median should be able to reopen soon.
 - Barry Bernstein: Part of a detour set up on Governor is now a flashing red light at the intersection but pedestrian crossing is not working.
 - JS: Proposed tunnel going through rose canyon under Genesee – are you going under the RR tracks? How do you deal with the creek that periodically runs through the area? Westfield driveway #2 (southern driveway before Vista La Jolla) is a nightmare to enter/exit – has anyone talked to Westfield about posting in advance?
 - Clem: Yes, that is correct they will tunnel under the RR. It will be a deep shaft so it would go under the creek. Yes, we are coordinating with UTC management frequently and the traffic signal there is triggered by cameras.
 - Debby Knight: Thank you for your presentation – Governor/Genesee is deadly for bicyclists – 2 members of UCPG worked to redesign that area and include a bike box. We were told that it would be installed when the

Pure Water project was completed. I wanted to confirm that once pure water was done, how will that intersection would be converted to having bike-box painted. Can you confirm?

- Clem: I can confirm another project north of the intersection that there are new bike lanes included. Have talked to that team that would complete the bike boxes and they are currently evaluating that so I don't have confirmation on bike box.
 - DK: You can mention that the bike box is extremely important to the community.
 - Clem: Yes, they are aware and are evaluating it.
- GK: Tunnel going through Rose Canyon – you will be moving a lot of the plants, are you replanting the natives in that area?
 - Clem: Yes, that is correct, part of the project is revegetation.
- Diane Ahern: Reminder to the group that UCCA will have a 100% pure water information session next week August 9th at 6pm, can ask all sorts of questions.

10. Action Item: Torrey Pines State Parks Utility and ADA Improvements Project, PTS 647264, located at 12600 North Torrey Pines Road. The project proposes to upgrade aging utilities at Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve to include the existing sanitary sewer system, fire and domestic water services, electrical line, and associated infrastructure. The approximately one-mile alignment traverses both California Department of Parks and Recreation and City of San Diego property. Work would also involve the installation of five fire hydrants, lift stations, and fill stations. In addition to the utility upgrades, the proposed project would also provide two accessible parking stalls, a compliant exterior route of travel, and site amenities (e.g., two accessible benches and an accessible drinking fountain) for public use near the Torrey Pines Visitor Center. Similar facilities would be installed near the West Parking Lot, along with demolition of an existing/nonfunctioning restroom and construction of a new compliant Comfort Station in the same location. Project is currently in the permitting phase, with construction anticipated to begin in late Summer/Fall 2024. Darren Smith, State Parks Senior Environmental Scientist and Greg Stone, State Parks Senior Civil Engineer, presenting.

- Darren Smith:
 - Natural/Cultural Plan Manager for SD Coast District. We cover from Carlsbad down to the Mexico border, Old Town, and San Pascual. I've been working in the area and district for 22 years now. Worked at the Coastal Commission and at Dudek. I'd like to introduce Greg Stone who is the Supervisor Engineer who covers all southern California.
 - Torrey Pines State Park is a difficult place to do projects – it is loaded with cultural, natural, and historic resources. There are very few places to construct utilities due to these constraints and it has been a difficult, long process in design and to get through various layers of regulations and rules not only internally but other regulations including MSCP, coastal zone, etc. Basically, every sensitive designation you could have,

we have. So, we apologize for the long road before tonight, but we're here.

- The project footprint is skinny as we tried to put these utilities in developed spaces to minimize the impact on resources in the park.
- Most of the infrastructure was put in over 60 years ago when not a lot of people were using the space. We now have about three million people using the park each year. For 60 years, we were on a septic system and that system failed about 10 years ago. The electrical utilities are very old and not functional. The water system isn't sufficient for firefighting. We want to upgrade accessibility in the park also to make it more accessible for more people and will improve the visitor experience. But this is a very constrained site and project area.
- Greg:
 - The goal is to minimize the impact to the public and maximize benefit to the park. We have old utilities that run through the reserve that are at or beyond their useful life. We have frequent waterline breaks and the water is not adequate for current standards, we don't have a dedicated fire line, and need to have those systems in place to protect against wildfires. We currently are on onsite wastewater. This project allows us to abandon those and to connect to the city sewer system. Also, we are proposing to make ADA improvements, improvements to the visitor center lodge, ramps, noncompliant trails, site furnishings, and amenities accessible for all guests. We will also be replacing the restrooms in the west parking lot.
 - Schedule due to constraints is based on sensitive nature of areas:
 - Phase I: Main utility improvements: Late summer 2024-Winter 2024
 - Phase II: Lateral utility connections, lift station installation and restroom construction Late summer 2025- Winter 2025
 - Phase III Visitor center and west parking lot ADA improvements and restroom completion Late summer 2026-Winter 2027
 - Discussion of all three phases of construction provided.
- Darren:
 - There are lots of resources at the park – cultural, environmental, and historic. It was heavily used by Native Americans and important historically. The Park road is the original road built in 1915. There are aspects of the reserve in the national register of historic places. There are also natural resources – sensitive species and habitat throughout the park. We reviewed the project impacts to habitats, some temporary impacts and others that will be mitigated with restoration and revegetation.
 - Permits/Reports include Site Development Permit, Encroachment Permit, authority under MSCP for federally and/or state listed species, Coastal Development Permit with Coastal Commission, biological reports, Geotechnical reports, and archeological investigations.

- Discussed avoidance and minimization measures.
- Bill Beck: Water fountains – can dog bowls be added?
 - Darren: We don't allow pets except for service animals in the reserve.
- Ali: A lot of reestablishing of wildlife tunnels/bridges, while that's not within the current plan, would this infrastructure hinder plans to allow us to do this in the future? Also, the aesthetic value of utility projects can be important. If we make it pretty, it makes it last longer because people care about it more. Was there any consideration for aesthetic value?
 - Darren: I don't think it would hinder any potential plans to have wildlife connections.
 - Greg: Many of these improvements are below grade infrastructure or would have fencing around it. The restroom has been designed with aesthetics in mind by an architect. This is part of the process we go through in design.
- IK: Thank you that was really informative and nice to see the care that's been taken with it and it will improve water quality of adjacent ocean. Question about lighting in the bathroom – is it needed? Thrilled about the pavement put back to resemble the 1915 pavement – how will that be done?
 - Greg: We close after sunset – don't know for certain about lighting – our architect Carl Shaffer can speak to that if he's available. Regarding means/method of demo, that will largely be up to contractor but with constraints of resource protection measures, I imagine some breaking with hydraulic machine would be required. We would like to preserve some pieces of the road but likely won't save much of it. Most of it is being hauled off and recycled.
 - Carl Shaffer: Lighting would not be used very much – occasionally there may be events in the park that may extend beyond the operating hours, so it will be some security and navigation lighting around the building but likely will not be much use.
- GK: Love what you do and appreciate it, I've been there many times with my kids. Are you preserving the look of the visitor center. Bathrooms are tough to keep clean – maintenance over time?
 - Darren: Yes, that building is on the historic registry, any changes will have to meet the Secretary of the Interior's standards. Maintenance is not expected to be a much bigger load than what we already have - we have a contractor for that and our staff also takes care of it. We have a great staff there now.
- JS: I'm a Board Member of Torrey Pines Conservancy. Seeing this presentation is absolutely wonderful. I'm happy to hear it is in the permitting phase. I'd like to comment on the importance of this project – this has been many years coming from our perspective. The conservancy is there to preserve and protect the reserve and we have a number of projects we have been planning to do and find funding for but one of the problems encountered is we can't do any of them until this utility project gets completed because it affects everything that comes after it – for example, the historic lodge – we would love to restore it but we need the utility line done first. There are

several other projects similar to that that are on hold – we would like to remove cars to the mesa and have an electric shuttle to service both parking lots. So, it is pretty crucial to get this done. A few questions: Is the upper portion closed periodically? Restrooms, are they similar or identical to the North Parking Lot restrooms? Is some of the water coming into the reserve grey water from the city at golf course? Where is the CCC permitting? Is there any potential for delay of project due to funding issues or is it already funded? I'm looking forward to it moving along.

- Greg: Yes, for the 3 consecutive years from mid-August to the end of February, most of the mesa would be inaccessible to the public while the beach would remain open due to the tight spaces in which we'll work. The restrooms differ from the north since the north are prefabricated, but Carl can weigh into differences between them. There is no plan to bring recycled water into the reserve, two water lines brought in are a fire water line and a smaller diameter domestic water line to tie up to potable water. Very little irrigation, except for establishment so little need. There are ongoing discussions with the Coastal Commission with a few upcoming meetings to discuss mitigation ratios. Major capital projects for the state parks system have funds allocated. It's a publicly bid project, so prices could be higher than allocated funding.
 - Carl: Yes, that's the main difference. The north restrooms are a prefab building that has been customized slightly but because of the constraints of the west parking lot restroom, the building was designed to fit that site so it will be a custom building.
 - Debbie Waldecker: Middle/end of August will be the meeting with the Coastal Commission to discuss mitigation.
- IK: Paving – are you trying to do anything to increase permeability?
 - Greg: No, not in this case. We are trying to not alter the drainage patterns that are alongside the road so we don't disrupt which plants develop in that area.
- ***Motion to approve as presented: JS / 2nd by JA.***
 - ***Motion Carries: Yes-11 / No-0 / Abstain-0***

11. Action Item: CIP project submission to the City for FY 25-30. Changes in the method of submission. How to fill in and submit the CIP survey, with an on-line demonstration. Important hints for project submission. Chris Nielsen, presenting.

- CN:
 - The CIP submission to the City for FY 25-29 (not 30) has begun and there has been a change in method of submission. We have been asked to submit a CIP project form that asks for information about the submitter, and then a series of projects can be submitted at a single time. The big difference is that there is no field that identifies whether the submitter is a planning group or an individual. Planning groups used to

be the ones asked to submit for CIP and individual input was not solicited but that has changed so anyone can submit CIP ideas.

- We will go through a demonstration of the submission so you can all see it and then we will go through the CIP list from last year and update it.
- Some projects on our list, including the UC library at \$1.9M and Marcy Park at \$800K, have received funds allocated in the budget year beginning on the first of July. Some are tentatively included in future projects in our plan update. We can consider new ideas as well.
- On the survey, each project consists of a required address and project description limited to 255 characters. I sent out the address for CIP projects on our list.
 - JS: Is UCPG taking some responsibility for submissions made from those outside of UCPG?
 - CN: Not really.
- CN walked through the form before the group.
 - GK: How will use the priorities in the survey? Will they prioritize projects by this list/ranking? It seems like it reduces our authority as the planning group.
 - CN: The survey will probably go into a report and they may look at the priorities and the project list. But yes, it gives the planning group less input on the process.
 - GK: I think it would be a good idea to have our priorities posted on a website so the community can mirror our priorities – otherwise it's just us making these submissions.
 - KMar: Can CN put this in your update to the UCCA – that says here is what UCPG is recommending for the survey?
 - CN: Yes, I will have Diane facilitate posting on UCCA website and will submit our list in my UCCA chair report.
 - Bill Beck: Is this a case where squeaky wheel gets grease? With more people writing in on a similar one?
 - CN: I do not know how that works but I suspect in your case the council office is watching over this.
- CN: Suggest that we take our list, revise it, and then make it in a format where people can easily copy/paste the priorities to submit them.
- GK: One other project that no one has formally submitted but I've heard about is the dog park in south UC.
 - Debby Knight: That's because no one wants it near them.
 - CN: there was some discussion of a dog park in the plan update but that appeared to fizzle out.
- CN: Made proposals on revisions to the current priority list:

- Keep Item #1 as Priority #1 Street Lights Vista La Jolla Homeowners Association CIP
- Keep Item #2 as Priority #2 Genesee Ave and Governor Drive Safe Crossing CIP
- Move Marcy Park moved to last on the list since it has received funding.
- Move Expansion and Renovation of the University Community (UC) Branch Library CIP to Priority #3 of Marcy Park since it still needs more funding.
- Keep Stanley Recreation Center Cooling System Maintenance on list and move to Priority #4
- Keep Stanley Recreation Center Modernization CIP and move to Priority #5 or combine with Stanley Recreation Center Cooling System Maintenance List as Priority #4 for the purposes of completing the survey.
- Keep South Rose Canyon Regents Linear Overlook Park and move to Priority #5 or #6 (depending on decision for Stanley Park)
- Keep North Rose Canyon Linear Parks and move to Priority #6 or #7 (depending on decision for Stanley Park)
- Keep UC Gardens Park CIP and move to Priority #7 or #8 (depending on decision for Stanley Park)
- Delete: Senior Center CIP (no desire to have building in park)
- Delete: Stanley Park Bike Trail CIP
- Delete: Doyle Park Security Upgrades CIP
- Keep Safer School and Recreation Zone: Governor Avenue (Stadium Street to Radcliffe Drive) CIP and move to Priority #8 or #9 (depending on decision for Stanley Park)
- **Motion: Approve as presented by JS / 2nd IK**
 - **Motion Carries: Yes-11 / No-0 / Abstain-0**

- Bill Beck: I'd like to thank the board again for the prioritization of the streetlights.

12. Action item. Changes to Community Planning Group policies and procedures. Update and next steps. We need Board and community members to participate in the following areas: bylaws revision, website development to post UCPG materials and promote UCPG meetings and events, and development of a community outreach program. Chris Nielsen, presenting.

- We will need community members and board members to volunteer to review and update the bylaws, to help with website development, and the development of a community outreach program.
 - Bylaw revision volunteers: Debby Knight, JS, KMar.
 - Website: TBD

- KMar: CN, can you please send current bylaws? There is a challenge with website design and we need to ensure that the passwords are accessible and can be passed from one person to the next over time.
- CN: While this item is labeled as an action item, we do not need to take action on it since we have some volunteers for now.

13. Adjournment: 8:50pm Next Meeting will be on September 12, 2023, in-person at 9880 Campus Pointe Drive, third floor, Terra Nova Conference Room. This will be a hybrid meeting in-person and on Zoom.