

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Meeting Minutes
Hybrid Meeting
November 12, 2024
6:00 PM

Meeting held at the Terranova Conference Room, third floor of Alexandria's GradLabs building.

Directors present, directors absent

Chris Nielsen (CN) (Chair), Neil de Ramos (NR), Joann Selleck (JS), Daren Esposito (DE), Jon Arenz (JA), Anu Delouri (AD), Kristin Camper (KC), Petr Krysl (PK), **Carol Uribe (CU), Georgia Kayser (GK),** Karen Martien (KMar), **Andrew Wiese (AW), Linda Bernstein (LB), Fay Arvin (FA), Anna Bryan (AB),** Coby Tomlins (CT-City of SD Planning).

1. Call the Meeting to Order: Chris Nielsen, Chair. Chair CN at 6:05 pm.

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

CN: Any additions or corrections to the agenda? None raised. Motton to approve by JS, seconded by KM. Passed unanimously,

3. Approval of Minutes: September 10, 2024, minutes, and October 8, 2024

CN: These minutes are not available to approve and are deferred to the next meeting.

4. Announcements: Chair's Report, CPC Report

CN: I'll give my Chair's report now.

Welcome to the UCPG meeting for November 12. Thanks to Alexandria for this meeting room that supports hybrid meetings and accommodates our election tonight on the patio.

We have a short agenda tonight. Voting for District 4 (UC San Diego campus residents) began at 5 PM and will close at 8 PM. Should the meeting run shorter than 8 PM, I will adjourn the UCPG meeting and report the voting results by email to the rest of the UCPG board. The new voting members from District 4 will take their seats at the next UCPG meeting; new members must take the city COW training.

We'll then have a water easement vacation item, followed by a CIP projects discussion.

There is an update from Alexandria. The UCSD smart signal project is awaiting permit issuance (3 main roads that circle UCSD). Alexandria's smart signal project is in the second round of comments from the City (project along Genesee).

5. Presentations:

- **Councilmember Kent Lee (Zach Burton)**

- Thank you for the ribbon cutting for Marcy Park
- Kent Lee will be on at luncheon on Friday to thank first responders.
- Nov. 23 thanksgiving foodbank, pre-registry available online

- **Membership Report (Anu Delouri)**

None. Anu is conducting the election out on the patio.

- **Pure Water Project (Carlos Molina, Matt Parks)**

Matt Parks from Pure Water and Carlos Molina, a resident engineer working on the project, introduced themselves and their roles. Carlos was set to present on the project.

Carlos presented the status of the project, highlighting the completion of the first Rose Canyon tunnel and the ongoing work on the second tunnel under the railroad tracks. He said that the pipeline installation along Genesee Avenue is progressing northward towards Nobel Drive. Carlos also discussed the rework at the open cut casing under SR 52 and the completed pipe connections south of SR 52 and San Clemente shafts. He noted that the work will occur during daytime hours with occasional night work, and that the project will maintain access for pedestrians, businesses, and emergency vehicles at all times. Carlos also said that the current work sites include Genesee Avenue north of Governor Drive. He concluded by stating that the current phase of construction is expected to be completed in fall 2024. JA asked about the start date and duration of the work at the intersection of Decoro and Genesee, to which Carlos clarified that the work would last through fall 2025 and will include the closure of the intersection during work hours.

In the meeting, GK raised a question about the possibility of planting trees over some of the tunneling and pipelines, given the City's climate action plan and urban

forestry program. Carlos explained that in environmentally sensitive areas, a revegetation plan is implemented to restore native habitat, but it does not include trees. Colleen added that most of the pipeline alignment and installations are in the road, and there are few suitable places to plant trees. GK suggested that the median between Governor Drive and the 52 could be a potential location for trees, but Colleen will check with the urban forestry staff for a discussion at the next meeting.

6. Public Comment: Non-Agenda, but within the scope of the UCPG, Items (2-minute limit).

Kathleen Lippitt:

- Today at city council there was an appeal by 3 planning groups to oppose a project (the Clotter Development in the Encanto-Chollas Valley planning area) to modify the lot size. City Council determined the project's CEQA exemption determination was not correct.

Josh Kenchel

- Interested in hearing the reasoning behind calculations on parking requirements for the (Alexandria) Campus Point residential development.

Becky Rapp

- Becky Rapp raised concerns about mislabeled products containing THC being marketed and sold to children at local stores. She urges the council to regulate these dangerous products more strictly.

Barry Bernstein

- Inviting the public to the traditional holiday lights program at Standly park on Friday, 12/13, starting with Dinner and Santa at 5pm and followed up with musical program and the lighting of the menorah and Christmas tree.

Diane Ahern

- Diane Ahern thanks contributors to the University City Community Association Newsletter and requests articles by November 15th for the December issue.

7. Action Item: PRJ-1121552, Water main easement vacation located at 10290 Campus Point Drive. The City of San Diego has requested the conversion of an onsite water main servicing the 10290 Campus Point Drive location from public to private. The applicant requests the water easement for this location be vacated. Neva Cobian, Joanne Tyler, Michael Baker International, presenting.

- Joanne Tyler presented a request for the approval of a public water easement vacation to meet the city of San Diego's request to convert the on-site public water line to a private system. The project is located northeast of the 5 Freeway and Genesee Avenue

at the end of Campus Point Drive. The existing public waterline easement is shown in yellow, and the area to be vacated is in orange. The conversion to the private main was reviewed and approved by the city of San Diego. There were no questions or concerns raised by the members present.

Motion to recommend approval of the project as presented by Jon Arenz, seconded by Fay Arvin. Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Recusal (Anna Bryan, employed by the owner of the project, Alexandria), Chair not voting.

Chris will send the paperwork into DSD the following morning and a copy to Joanne Tyler for her records.

8. Action Item: UCPG CIP list ranking. We chose projects to submit to the city in July and agreed to rank the projects in September, subsequently continued until October. The rankings will primarily be for the use of our Council office and the UCPG. Georgia Kayser and Chris Nielsen, presenting.

- CN led a discussion with a focus on the Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs). CN stated that some CIP projects have already been funded, such as Marcy Park and streetlights at Vista La Jolla. He then introduced a new process for ranking CIPs, which involves a survey for UCPG voting members to vote on the order of the projects. The aim is to make the process more transparent and to have a more accurate representation of the community's preferences. Chris also encouraged anyone in the community, including those online, to participate in the discussion and submit their own CIP ideas.
- A discussion proposed improvements to increase pedestrian safety on Genesee Avenue and Governor Drive near several schools and recreational facilities. The key points are to reprogram traffic signals for a leading pedestrian interval, install no right turn on red signals tied to the crosswalk buttons, ensure bike lanes and infrastructure after upcoming projects (Pure Water, sewer improvements), and reduce the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph in that area based on traffic analysis. These measures aim to improve safety for students and pedestrians crossing the busy intersection where cars currently travel at high speeds.
- JS expressed concerns about the lack of attention given to North UC projects and the importance of focusing on the two overlook parks that were included in the updated Community Plan. Chris agreed with Joanne's points and suggested that the community should continue to push for these projects. He also mentioned that the CIP list is a way for the community to see their priorities and potentially influence funding decisions. The group agreed to test the survey and send it out to the board members for prioritization. The group also discussed the possibility of meeting in December or January to discuss the CIP list further.
- No formal action was taken.

9. UCPG District 4 Election Results.

UCPG District 4 Elections were held tonight at the ARE GradLabs third floor location.

- R-4-A Exp. March 2026
 - Neeraj Venna 6
 - Mike Borisov 11
- R-4-B Exp. March 2027
 - Emma Chavez 15
- R-4-C Exp. March 2025
 - Henry Taylor-Goalby 15

10. Adjournment. Next meeting will be December 10 at our usual meeting room at Alexandria’s GradLabs building, third floor Terranova Room, 9880 Campus Point Drive, and on Zoom, depending on the availability of agenda items. If there is no December meeting, the next UCPG meeting will be January 14.