

Rolando Park/Redwood Village Community Council Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2024

Board members present

Co-Presidents Lynn Edwards and Sonia Lang
Vice President Michelle Alexander
Member at Large Joyce Caudillo

Community representatives present

Willow Lance – Congresswoman Sarah Jacobs’ office
Fatima Maciel – Mayor Todd Gloria’s office
Officer Joshua Cummings – Community Relations Officer, SDPD
Roberto Marin – City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera’s office

Videos

Videos of our meetings are available on our YouTube channel, RPCC_RVCC.

YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/ygb5xIiVLvs>

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Co-President Sonia Lang.

Treasurer’s Report

Sonia reported that we have 83 members including 62 renewals and 21 new members to date, totaling \$984 in membership dues and \$871.71 in donations.

Nonagenda Public Comments

- Fox Russell shared that the trash can at the entrance to Zena Canyon is missing.
- Mia Maranion asked about making donations to RPCC.
- Joanna Dullem said that she has talked with the project manager about the ongoing construction in the community (water and sewer line replacements) and that the construction team had started to put back some of the bricks that were previously removed.

Representatives’ Reports

- Willow Lance, Congresswoman Sarah Jacobs’ office – Provided updates on the House back in session and the office’s youth series. She also encouraged attendees to reach out to her if they were having issues with federal agencies.
- Fatima Maciel, Mayor Tod Gloria’s office – Fatima shared updates about the annual “Mayor for a Day” contest for students K-12 in San Diego, which invites them to submit essays or video responses on what they would do if they were the mayor. The contest's deadline is November 29th. Fatima also announced two opportunities for community feedback: an open house on enhanced trash collection services and potential new fees, and a virtual open house for the “Safe Streets for All” program.
- Officer Josh Cummings, Community Relations Officer, SDPD – Officer Cummings discussed the closure of the homeless storage facility on Chollas Parkway and the decrease in transient activity. He also mentioned the ongoing issues with Chollas Parkway and the shopping centers, particularly Marshalls. He reported on increased patrols on Bonillo and the new store opening next to Jolar’s. He also emphasized the importance of keeping cars and homes secure during the holiday season and ended his report by asking for any specific issues that needed attention.
- Roberto Marin, City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera’s office – Roberto provided updates on various community issues.
 - The legal action against a certain party is still ongoing, but details cannot be disclosed yet.
 - The Chollas Creek stormwater channel at Rolando was dredged for the second time this year.

- Preparations are underway for the upcoming rainy season, with a focus on flood-prone areas like Village Green.
- Roberto is awaiting information on the start date for the SANDAG University Bikeway project.
- Street sweeping and trash collection issues have been addressed.
- Vaccine clinic flyers were distributed by interns.
- Roberto emphasized advocating for the community while protecting existing resources, regardless of changes at the federal level. He encouraged using the Get It Done app for reporting issues.
- Concerns about brush in Zena Canyon and an empty parcel were raised after a recent fire, and brush abatement efforts involving goats are being coordinated with relevant agencies.
- Roberto stressed the importance of reporting homeless encampments near brush due to fire risks.

Community Updates – Jennifer Bennett, Redwood Village/Lynn Edwards, Rolando Park

- Jennifer provided updates on the Redwood Village Neighborhood Watch program, which is led by Oliver and now managed by Renee. Jennifer also mentioned an open seat on the Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee for Redwood Village. Lastly, she encouraged everyone to participate in the “Get it Done” initiative.
- Lynn then provided updates and thanked everyone for their participation in the Zena Canyon cleanup. Lynn’s updates are attached.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Community Upcoming Events and Updates

Vacant Board Positions

- **Secretary** – Keeps records of all Council and Board meetings and maintains historical records.
- **Treasurer** – Collects dues, maintains the membership list, handles banking, and disburses funds as authorized by the Board. The treasurer maintains financial records, provides financial reports to the Board and the members, and is responsible for completing reports and paperwork required of the RPCC.
- **Member-at-Large** – Voting member who takes a lead position on a task or project related to the overall interests of the RPCC.
- Two-year terms
- Can be shared by two persons willing to co-share the responsibilities and time commitment of one position; one vote on the Board.
- Email: contactus@rolandopark.org

Consider Serving on a Committee

- Committee ideas:
 - Event committee
 - Welcome committee
 - Community Yard Sale committee
 - Beautification committee or Street Stewards
- Board approved *Friends of Zena Canyon* subcommittee last year in anticipation of the canyon becoming city property

Thank you to our University Ave volunteers, November 9th!



Free Vaccine Clinic November 19, 1 to 4:30

- First 5 San Diego cancelled today.
- Gelu Italian Ice will be there!

**FREE
COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINIC
&
HEALTH FAIR**

Let's Get Vaccinated

Vaccines available

- Combo vaccine Dtap/IPV
- Dtap (alone)
- MenB
- Covid vaccines for children 18 and younger
- Annual Flu shots for everyone, 6 months and up

Plus
~~First 5 San Diego~~ services for prenatal stage through five years of age

**&
County of San Diego**

- CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, General Relief enrollment specialists
- Social worker case managers

Tuesday, November 19, 1–4:30 pm

**Rolando Park Elementary Joint Use Park parking lot
6620 Marlowe Dr. San Diego, CA 92115**

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ROLANDO PARK
Community Council

CHAMPIONS for HEALTH
PHYSICIANS IMPROVING HEALTH
CHANGING LIVES

LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO

Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser Starts Wednesday!

- Wednesday, November 20 through Saturday, November 23
- Helps to fund our annual “Movie in the Park”
- Online only, ships directly to buyer
- Link to purchase posted on our website and social media and emailed to our mailing list



Afternoon Holiday Social – Spirit of Giving

- Saturday, December 7th, 1 to 4 pm
- Front parking lot at Rolando Park Elementary
- Cider, cookies, music
- Donate gently used clothing and blankets
- Items will be donated to Sharia's Closet & Salvation Army Thrift Store

College Ave Community Cleanup and Bulky Item Drop off

- Last community cleanup in 2024, Saturday, December 14, 7 am to 12:30 pm
 - 7:30 to 9 am: College Ave cleanup from Livingston to College Grove
 - 9 to 10:30 am: Bulky item drop off for volunteers and Rolando Park/Redwood Village Community Council members
 - 10:30 am to 12 pm or until dumpsters are full: Dumpsters open to Rolando Park/Redwood Village residents

Traffic/Street Updates

- 69th/Marlowe Intersection
 - Stop sign should be installed soon; curbs are marked
- Aragon/Marlowe and Celia Vista/Bing
 - Approved for red curbing (daylighting); curbs are marked, waiting for city to paint

69th/Marlowe and Aragon/Marlowe improvements result from Walk Audit with Circulate San Diego in January 2024

Infrastructure Priorities – Rolando Park & Redwood Village

Groundwork supporting two of our infrastructure projects and sent a letter of support to the city:

- Purchase of Zena Canyon to create Zena Canyon Park open space
- Transform 60th/University vacant lot into skatepark

University Bikeway

- Construction to begin January 2025
- Two to three years for completion
- More than 70 trees have been added to the landscape design thanks to advocacy from our communities, our planning group, and Groundwork!

University Bikeway cont'd

- Waiting to see revised plans and where the trees will be located
- Rolando Park, EACPC, and Groundwork are working on another plan to add blue/green stormwater medians between College and Aragon







Rolando Park Gateway

- Plans are complete, approved by RPCC members in 2023, designed by landscape architect, pro bono
- Costs for landscaping estimated at \$40,000
- Now applied for five grants, not awarded on four; waiting to hear on fifth application
- Groundwork is working with the city planning department for needed permits
- Landscaping will come first, then monument sign