

Rolando Park/Redwood Village Community Council Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2025

Board members present

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

Community representatives present

Mathew Gordon – Representative from Assemblymember Lashae Sharp-Collins' 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/Q8TvNJrkSYM>

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

Treasurer's Report

Sonia reported that 2024 concluded with 87 members including 64 renewals and 24 new members to date, totaling \$1,044 in membership dues and \$886.60 in donations.

Thus far in January 2025, 11 members have renewed their memberships with 2 new members for \$156 and \$42.25 in donations.

Nonagenda Public Comments

- Craig asked about the pop-up taco stand operating at College/College Grove, which Roberto and Josh will address in their reports.

Representatives' Reports

- Fatima Maciel, Mayor Todd Gloria's office – Fatima did not attend but forwarded a report (attached)
- Mathew Gordon, from Assemblymember Lashae Sharp-Collins' office – Mathew is the new district director for State Assembly Member Dr. Lachey Sharp Collins and introduced himself to the community. He shared his experience in government, having served in various roles including as Mayor Todd Gloria's director of the office of boards and commissions.
 - He announced that Assemblymember Sharp Collins has been appointed as the Assistant Majority Leader on Policy and Research by Speaker Rivas, making her the only member of the San Diego delegation to be appointed to the Speaker's leadership team.
 - Assemblymember Sharp Collins has submitted a formal letter to MTS supporting their Clean Transit Advancement Campus Project.
 - Mathew also addressed the recent floods in January and the need for rebuilding and assistance for those impacted.
 - He encouraged the community to reach out to him for any concerns or questions.
- Officer Josh Cummings, Community Relations Officer, SDPD – Officer Cummings discussed the fire threat in the canyons, the Wightman Park project, and the implementation of Prop 36 to address theft and narcotics-related offenses. He also mentioned the arrest of a burglar responsible for 28 burglaries and the experiment with 12-hour shifts to increase manpower. Officer Cummings also addressed the issue of firecrackers and the need for more resources to deal with them. Attendees asked questions about parking and trailer registration. Officer Joshua provided guidance on how to report these issues and assured that he would be available to assist further if needed.

- Roberto Marin, City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera's office – Roberto shared updates, including the appointment of Joe Lacava as the new Council President and the city's budget deficit. He emphasized the need to maintain funding for chartered, mandated departments and to prioritize the community's needs in the upcoming budget cycle.

Community Updates

- Lynn provided updates and thanked everyone for their participation in the holiday social and used clothing drive and the community dumpster day. There will be an election in March for President, Vice President, and open board positions. Secretary and treasurer positions are still open.
- There is an upcoming dumpster day on Streamview Dr on February 8. The updates are attached.

A representative from Cook + Schmid, consultants for the City of San Diego and representatives from Environmental Services provided an update on Measure B, a cost-of-service study, and their outreach and engagement efforts. They discussed the impact of Measure B on single-family homes, properties with more than four units, and those currently not serviced by Environmental Services. They also shared the results of their outreach and engagement efforts, including community events, surveys, and media impressions. The team is currently in Round 2 of their outreach and engagement efforts and plans to present their findings to the Environment Committee and City Council in March. They also discussed the potential for a discount program for low-income residents and the possibility of offering military discounts. The team also addressed concerns about the potential for increased illegal dumping due to the implementation of the fee.

Lynn gave updates on 2024 Priorities (attached). Members will receive a link to a survey on 2025 priorities and results will be discussed at the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Report from Mayor Todd Gloria's Office

City of San Diego to Begin Educating Drivers on AB413 (State Daylighting Law):

- In order to improve safety on our roads, the City of San Diego is educating San Diegans about a new state law that aims to protect people crossing the street.
- The so-called “daylighting” law prohibits vehicle parking within 20 feet of any marked or unmarked crosswalk to improve the range of vision of approaching drivers, so they are more likely to see pedestrians, skateboarders and others in the intersection.
- The California state legislature passed this law (AB413) in September 2023, and it will be enforceable beginning Jan. 1, 2025. It is important to note that this law allows drivers to be ticketed for violating this rule, even if there is no signage or red curb in the area explaining where parking is prohibited.
- For the first 60 days after Jan. 1, 2025, San Diego Police will issue warning notices to vehicles parked in violation of the new law, and ticketing will commence after the warning period concludes.
- Beginning March 1, 2025, motorists who park within 20 feet of any crosswalk, marked or unmarked, may be cited. Tickets will cost \$65, plus a state-mandated administrative fee of \$12.50, for a total of \$77.50.

City of San Diego Encourages Residents to Prepare Before Rainy Season:

- The City of San Diego is taking proactive steps to ensure the safety of residents living in floodplain areas by distributing educational flyers with vital information on how to prepare for potential flooding.
- The informational brochures, which will be sent to about 10,000 residents who live in or own property in a floodplain, contain essential guidelines on emergency preparedness, evacuation plans, flood insurance and other critical flood-related resources.
- At the same time, the City is taking steps to prevent flooding and ensure the safety and well-being of residents. Maintenance teams with the Stormwater Department have been clearing vegetation and trash from channels throughout San Diego.

Mayor Gloria Details Actions to Address Budget Shortfall, Structural Deficit:

- Mayor Todd Gloria announced a series of actions he will take to help mitigate the \$258.2 million projected deficit for the coming next fiscal year and communicated his approach to re-imagine and right-size City operations to fit within existing revenues.
- The steps come as the Registrar of Voters certified election results showing the Measure E 1-cent sales tax lost by a slim margin.
- They include: freezing all but the most essential hiring, suspending all non-essential overtime, pausing non-essential spending such as expenditures on travel and training, halting the Civic Center Revitalization process, reviewing all projects in the City's Capital Improvement Program to ensure that projects currently under construction are prioritized and construction of new facilities is limited, evaluating office space leases, including the potential for early termination or renegotiation, and exploring the opportunity to monetize City facilities such as Golden Hall and the adjacent parking structure, as well as other revenue-generating measures for the General Fund.

City of San Diego Seeking Volunteers for Boards and Commissions:

- The City of San Diego is inviting residents to kick off 2025 by making a difference in their community.
- City boards and commissions play an important role in guiding San Diego's policies, regulations and community priorities.
- With nearly 50 boards and commissions, there are numerous opportunities for residents to contribute their skills and perspectives to a range of areas, including: • Access and Inclusion • Arts and Culture • Finance and Economic Development • Neighborhood Infrastructure • Parks and Planning • Public Protection • Sustainability

Best,

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Please note, the use of Mayor Gloria's name/image is not permitted on any promotional materials

Community Upcoming Events and Updates

March Election

- President
- Vice President
- + Vacant board positions

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

December Afternoon Holiday Social

- More than 30 attendees
- Items were donated to Sharia's Closet & Salvation Army Thrift Store



December 14 Community Dumpster Day



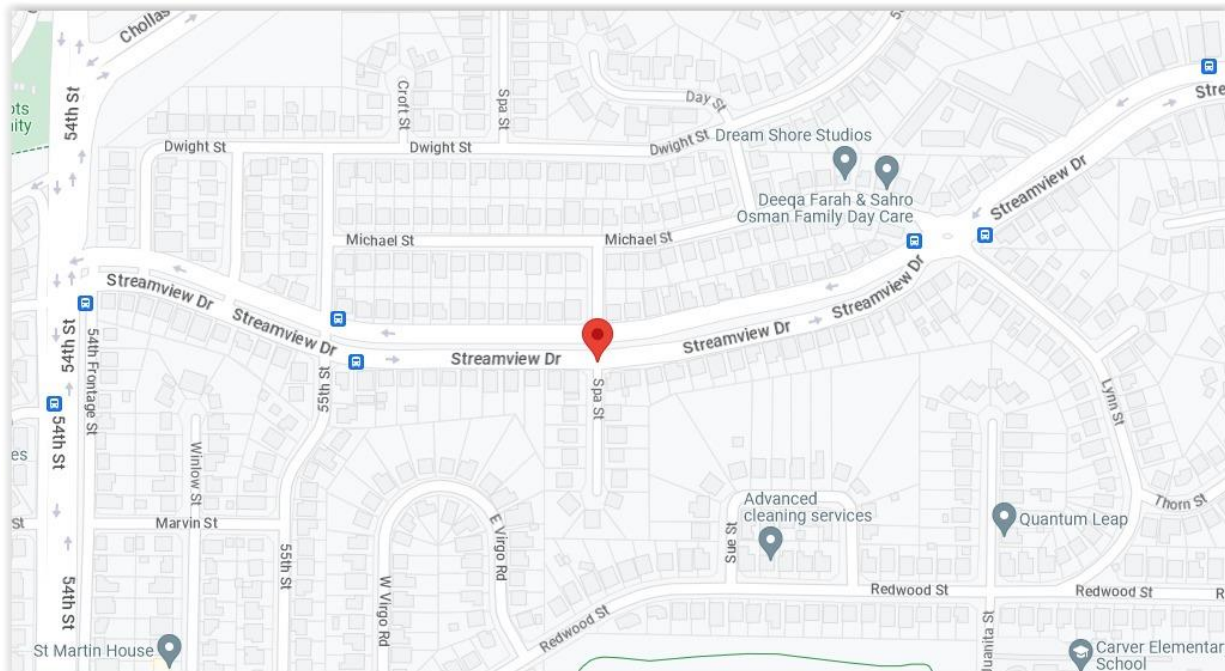
Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee (EACPC)

- Next meeting tomorrow night, January 14 at Teen Challenge or online via Zoom
- Election at March meeting
 - Rolando Park open seat
 - Redwood Village open seat

More info at <http://easternareacommunitiesplanning.com>

Streamview Dumpster Day

- Saturday, February 8th
- 9 to 11 am
- Streamview Dr/Spa St



2024 Priorities

1. Helping our Village Green apartment residents
2. Traffic calming & pedestrian safety
3. Cleanups in the community: Sidewalks and streets/Regular cleanups: University, College, & other major streets
4. Landscaping improvements & monument sign, College/College Grove
5. Zena Canyon improvements
6. Streamview Dr. illegal dumping
7. Continue to pursue art for 94 underpass at College

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- Not enough volunteers/bandwidth to work on this project

6. Streamview Dr. Illegal Dumping

- 18 new “No illegal dumping” signs installed in 2024 at our request
- Four free dumpster days scheduled in 2025 on Streamview Dr
- New flyers addressing illegal dumping from Environmental Services in four languages coming this spring/early summer
- Followed by targeted enforcement efforts in collaboration with SDPD

Warning → Education → Enforcement

5. Zena Canyon Improvements

- Homeless encampments removal and brush abatement conducted late spring 2024
- Trash can installed at entrance at our request; Chollas Lake personnel keeping it maintained
- Unlikely this fiscal year with budget cuts that the city will purchase Zena Canyon

4. Landscaping improvements & monument sign, College/College Grove

- Now called the **Rolando Park Gateway** project
- Awarded two grants in Fall 2024
- Plans are complete, approved by RPCC members in 2023
- Groundwork now working with the city transportation department for legal agreement and needed permits

3. Cleanups in the Community

- Four University Ave cleanups: two in Rolando Park and two in Redwood Village
- Two community dumpster days: one on Streamview Dr and one in Rolando Park
- Zena Canyon cleanup in partnership with *I Love a Clean San Diego*
- Cleanup at Rolando Park Elementary Joint Use Park and parking lot in preparation for Movie in the Park

2. Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety

- Stop sign at Donna Way/Donna Ave (now installed)
- Stop sign at Marlowe/69th (approved, waiting for installation)
- Red curb painting (daylighting) completed at Aragon/Marlowe intersection
- Daylighting approved for Celia Vista/Bing; to be completed after water & sewer pipe replacement project
- Traffic studies for 3800 and 3900 blocks of Loma Alta and Aragon Dr and 69th between Celia Vista and University
 - None of the streets qualified for traffic calming in spite of 300% increase in traffic since 2014
- Traffic and pedestrian safety continue to be a major concern

1. Helping our Village Green Apartment Residents

- Fundraisers at three local restaurants plus personal donations
- Delivered gift cards to all returning residents to help purchase household items



Other projects

- Community Walk Audit with Circulate San Diego
- County Fair banners
- Awarded grant for free Fair tickets for RPE students through “Fair for All,” ticket donation program
- Partner with RPE PTA to host annual Movie in the Park
- Co-sponsor for Juneteenth Celebration at Chollas Lake
- Community vaccine clinic & health fair



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

Hosted by Rolando Park Community Council in partnership with

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JUNETEENTH

At Chollas Lake

Saturday, June 22, 2024
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

At the Gloria's Mesa Amphitheater

6050 College Grove Dr.
San Diego, CA 92115
Theatre: 619-581-2634
See Map on Reverse

- Kids Arts & Crafts
- Vendors
- Music
- Dance
- Poetry
- Food
- Family Fun!

Community Celebration History

Chollas Lake Parks and Recreation Council

Key56 Radio

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