

Rolando Park/Redwood Village Community Council Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2025

Board members present

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

Community representatives present

Officer Joshua Cummings – Community Relations Officer, SDPD
Willow Lance – Congresswoman Sarah Jacobs’ office
Roberto Marin – City Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera’s office

Videos

The video for our March meeting is available on our YouTube channel, RPCC_RVCC.
<https://youtu.be/45Y6SFQ2UyU>.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Co-President Sonia Lang.

Treasurer’s Report

Sonia reported that to date, 15 members have renewed their memberships with 6 new members for \$252 in membership dues and \$293 in donations.

Community Updates

- Redwood Village – Bettina: Discussed the upcoming University Avenue cleanup and the Eastern Area Committee meeting.
- Rolando Park – Lynn: Reported an incident of vandalism at the joint use park with an individual on an ebike, plus upcoming cleanup, EACPC meeting, Mid-City Community Plan Update meeting, and board officer election. Lynn’s updates are attached.

Nonagenda Public Comments

Gerrie expressed gratitude for the response to her email about setting up a fire safe council.

Representatives’ Reports

- Officer Josh Cummings, Community Relations Officer, SDPD:
 - Aware of an e-bike issue at a school and requests more specific information to target patrols.
 - A new encampment at 60th and University will be marked for abatement.
 - Officer Cummings is working on addressing conflicting information about homeless people allowed to stay behind a shopping center.
 - A house occupied by squatters for nearly 590 days is finally being evicted by the sheriff’s department.
 - Officer Cummings urges the community to watch vacant properties and report any activity immediately to prevent squatters from establishing residency.
- Willow Lance, Congresswoman Sarah Jacobs’ office – Provided updates on recent activities, including a Tele Town Hall and the Congresswoman’s attendance at the joint address to Congress. The office is available to assist with federal issues.
- Roberto Marin, City Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera’s office – Reported on a successful community cleanup in Chollas Parkway, removing 10 tons of trash. He also provided updates on red curbing, channel clearing, and fire zone mapping. Upcoming projects include repaving

in Redwood Village and goat grazing for brush management in Zena, which is currently on hold due to rain.

Discussion: 2025 Community Priorities Survey Results and Work Plan

Lynn provided responses to the priorities survey results where multiple responses were received for the same concern:

Completion of undergrounding in Rolando Park and Redwood Village

- Has been stalled for years. The last tentative date was 2034, but no definite date has been set.
- EACPC has prioritized completion of undergrounding projects in the Eastern Area and sent it to city planning for review, Summer 2024.

University Ave

- The attendees also discussed the need for repaving University Avenue as part of the University bikeway project and the importance of supporting local businesses that support RPCC.
- Stressed that RPCC cannot develop businesses and few if any developers are interested in the Rolando Park section of University Ave.

College Ave

- Addressed the issue of trash on College Avenue and the need for a cleanup, which RPCC/RVCC plans to organize once they get a permit from the city. Missing sidewalks make it dangerous for volunteers and RPCC/RVCC have asked for a permit to close one lane of traffic on College Ave during the cleanup.

Traffic Calming

- Discussed ongoing traffic issues in Rolando Park, including speeding and stop sign violations.
- Traffic Engineering has conducted traffic studies on major streets, but most areas have not qualified for traffic calming measures according to city standards.
- RPCC has implemented some community-driven solutions like additional stop signs and awareness campaigns, but these have had limited long-term impact.
- Now working on identifying specific problem intersections for limited, targeted enforcement.
- RPCC also noted a significant increase in cut-through traffic over the past decade, which they attribute partly to poor traffic signal coordination on College Ave and College Grove Dr.
- Considering pursuing policy changes to how traffic volume is measured and evaluated for residential neighborhoods.

Responses to all suggested priorities from the 2025 priorities survey are available at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nrw-IDmYlwSSmajrj4YSczRucDskI/view?usp=sharing>

2025 Priorities:

1. Completion of the Rolando Park Gateway
2. Streamview Dr. illegal dumping
3. Traffic calming in Rolando Park

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Community Upcoming Events and Updates

Vandalism at RPE Joint Use Park

- Someone has been riding an ebike on the fields, not the track and intentionally damaged the turf.
- Parks and Rec Dept is considering closing the park to the community on the weekends if it continues.
- If you see someone riding a bike on the turf, take a pic and send it to us:

contactus@rolandopark.org

March 10th Election

- Tonight, in person; online starting Wednesday 3/12 to 3/17
- President
- Vice President
- + Vacant board positions: Secretary, Treasurer, Member at Large

Saturday,
March 22
University Ave
Street Sweep
First of 4:
2 in Rolando
Park
2 in Redwood
Village



University Avenue Community Cleanup

Volunteers will weed, pick up trash, and sweep sidewalks and curbs.
Businesses, please help by cleaning your storefront and entrance.

Saturday March 22, 8–9:30 am

Meet at Party House parking lot starting at 7:45 am
corner of University Ave/Rolando

University Ave from College Ave to 69th St

We'll have coffee and donuts!

Bring gloves, brooms and dustpans, cordless weed trimmers
and trash pickers if you have them.

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Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee (EACPC)

- Next meeting tomorrow night, March 11, 7 pm at Teen Challenge or online via Zoom
- Election at March meeting
 - Redwood Village: John Hogan running for re-election and Bettina Rausa running for open seat
 - Rolando Park open seat

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

Mid-City Community Plan Update

- Next meeting is Wednesday, March 19, 6-8pm
- Normal Heights Community Center, 4649 Hawley Blvd
- In person and Zoom option
- Register online at:

https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_NXfXUP-yQAmrU_ymqQ-5IA#/registration