

Rolando Park/Redwood Village Community Council Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2025

Board members present

Co-Presidents Lynn Edwards and Sonia Lang

Absent

Vice President Michelle Alexander

Member at Large Joyce Caudillo

Community representatives present

- Officer Joshua Cummings – Community Relations Officer, SDPD
- Roberto Marin – Community Representative, City Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera's office

Community representatives absent

- Sam Gonzalez – District Representative, 39th Senate District, State Senator Dr. Akilah Weber Pierson
- Ashkon Jones – Field Representative, District 79, Assemblymember Dr. LaShae Sharp-Collins
- Fatima Maciel – Community Representative, Mayor Todd Gloria's office
- Willow Lance – Senior Community Representative, Congresswoman Sara Jacobs' office

Video

The video for our October meeting is available on our YouTube channel, RPCC_RVCC:

<https://youtu.be/RTnUqBhaCGY>

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Co-President Sonia Lang.

Treasurer's report

Sonia reported that to date, 32 members have renewed their memberships with 12 new members for \$528 in membership dues and \$650.63 in donations for a total of \$1,178.63.

Community updates

- Bettina discussed upcoming community events, including a dumpster day on November 8th on Streamview Drive to address illegal dumping and a University Avenue cleanup scheduled for December 6th in Redwood Village.
- Lynn gave a reminder about the ribbon-cutting event on Saturday, October 18, 1 pm at the Rolando Park Gateway, and encouraged participation in volunteer opportunities. She also highlighted the need for community input on the City's Community Recreation Needs Assessment to improve recreational facilities in the Eastern Area. Additionally, Lynn reminded attendees that we are in our Fall Membership Drive and asked members to renew their membership. She also introduced a new merchandise store on the Rolando Park website, with proceeds supporting special events.

Public comments on non-agenda items

- Vickie Church announced free flu vaccines will be available at the Oak Park Library on October 16th.

Representatives' reports

- Officer Joshua Cummings – Community Relations Officer, SDPD
 - Josh provided updates on various community issues, including OVO enforcement, fireworks activity, and human trafficking concerns.
 - He highlighted staffing challenges within the police department, noting that some squads are operating with as few as two officers, and emphasized the need for community patience as response times may be affected.
 - Josh also mentioned recent operations targeting illegal Airbnb brothels and discussed the closure of a chronic fireworks hot spot.

- Roberto Marin, City Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera's office
 - Roberto provided updates on two previously discussed topics: goats for wildfire prevention in Zena Canyon and a potential mural project in the community.
 - He also updated the repaving plans for Gale Street scheduled to begin in early summer 2026.
 - He also announced a press conference for Monday at 1 pm regarding a new Due Process and Safety Ordinance, which strengthens constitutional protections against unauthorized federal enforcement.

Presentation: University Bikeway

Chris Carterette, a Senior Regional Planner at SANDAG, presented on the construction of the University Bikeway, which is part of a larger network of bikeways in the North Park Mid-City area. The project, which has been in development for over a decade, will extend from Estrella in City Heights to 69th St. Chris mentioned that the contractor will coordinate with the city to repave the entire street as part of the project.

Chris gave a detailed overview of the University Avenue bikeway project, which includes repaving the road from Estrella to 69th, installing 14 bus islands, and adding bike lanes and separated bikeways. The project aims to improve safety for all road users. Chris explained that construction is expected to begin next month or in December, with a two-year timeline, and emphasized coordination with other city and utility projects in the area. The presentation included information on landscaping, tree planting, and maintenance responsibilities, as well as details on signalization, crosswalks, and other safety improvements.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.