

Rolando Park/Redwood Village Community Council Meeting Minutes

November 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
- Ashkon Jones – Field Representative, District 79, Assemblymember Dr. LaShae Sharp-Collins
- Willow Lance – Senior Community Representative, Congresswoman Sara Jacobs' office

Community representatives absent

- Sam Gonzalez – District Representative, 39th Senate District, State Senator Dr. Akilah Weber Pierson
- Fatima Maciel – Community Representative, Mayor Todd Gloria's office
- Roberto Marin – Community Representative, City Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera's office

Video

The video for our October meeting is available on our YouTube channel, RPCC_RVCC:
<https://youtu.be/jD4BgqXh2pc>

Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Co-President Sonia Lang. Our special guest was Congresswoman Sara Jacobs.

Treasurer's report

Sonia reported that to date, for 2025, 40 members have renewed their memberships with 16 new members, with \$672 in membership dues and \$810.63 in donations for a total of \$1,482.63.

Community updates

- Bettina discussed traffic issues near Darnell School and a recent accident on University Avenue.
- Lynn provided updates on community events, including the October ribbon cutting for the Rolando Park Gateway, free trees, an upcoming food drive, community cleanups, and a dumpster day.

Public comments on non-agenda items

- Jeff Duanez announced the formation of the Rolando Park Fire Safe Council.

Representatives' reports

- Ashkon Jones – Field Representative, District 79, Assemblymember Dr. LaShae Sharp-Collins
 - Ashkon shared information on legislative updates and an upcoming apprenticeship fair.
- Officer Joshua Cummings – Community Relations Officer, SDPD
 - Josh provided updates on recent incidents, including a serious car accident and a fire at Wrightman Street Park.
 - 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.
 - Staffing issues in the police department were discussed, with concerns raised about the insufficient number of officers, particularly during weekends, and plans to adjust overtime management to address this.

- Congresswoman Sarah Jacobs provided updates on the ongoing government shutdown, emphasizing the impact on healthcare premiums and the ongoing fight to extend ACA premium tax credits. She also mentioned efforts to secure IVF coverage under TRICARE and the challenges with daylight saving time changes

Presentation: Rolando Park Elementary Whole Site Modernization Project

Principal Olivia Noriega shared updates on the Whole Site Modernization Program at Rolando Park Elementary School, with the construction start date now delayed to April 2026. She explained that the project will now take two years instead of three, with classrooms being renovated and gutted, and two new TK classrooms being built in the kindergarten playground. The main office will be moved to a more prominent location at the front of the school, and the auditorium and kitchen will be upgraded. Teachers are preparing to move during five phases planned during breaks and summer. Olivia is working to get more detailed information and visuals for the community, including renderings of the proposed changes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.