



Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Time: Thursday, March 20, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: City of Chula Vista Civic Center, Building C, Training Rooms 111/112
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Call to Order: Vice Chair Susie Murphy called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2024; September 9, 2024; December 12, 2024 (*Action*)

Vice Chair Susie Murphy requested a motion to pass all three minutes. Committee member Charles Rilli motioned, and Committee member Rick Richardson seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

Agenda Items

1. Elections (*County of San Diego*) (*Action*)

Current Vice Chair Murphy volunteered again for the position of Vice Chair. Prior to the meeting, the current Chair Breny Aceituno volunteered for Chair again. Committee member Rick Richardson motioned, and Committee member Hale Richardson seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

2. Approval of 2025 Meeting Dates (*County of San Diego*) (*Action*)

Vice Chair Murphy requested a motion to approve the 2025 Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting dates proposed by the County. Committee member Rilli motioned, and Vice Chair Murphy seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

3. OVRP Connections Project (*San Diego Green Infrastructure Consortium*)

Public member Vicki Estrada from Estrada Land Planning and Co-Founder of the San Diego Green Infrastructure Consortium presented an update on the Otay Valley Regional Park (OVRP) Connections Project from the San Diego Green Infrastructure Consortium. The project goals include removal of a eucalyptus grove at the project site, implementation of restoration measures, and enabling native wildlife to connect.

Vice Chair Murphy asked if the project plans include a drain under the road adjacent to the project site, and Vicki Estrada answered that there will be. City of San Diego Senior Park Ranger Mika Shimada-Cicirelli asked if the old BMX site would be included in the project plan. Public member Estrada said not at this time, but if there were more funding for the project, they may be able to

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Public member Laurie Broedling from the San Diego Green Infrastructure Consortium and public member Paola Rochin Bochm from the Institute for Public Strategies presented on the discussion of the Management and Usage Plan for the OVRP Connections Project. Public member Broedling requested to add this project to the next CAC meeting agenda to be voted on for approval by the CAC. Public member Broedling proposed ideas for short-term and long-term maintenance of the project. She also provided possibilities for usage of the site space including potential educational activities and passive recreation space.

Public member Rochin Bochm presented ideas for community-led programs that could occur at the project site.

Public member Joan Schneider expressed concerns about using the site for community-led programs. Senior Park Ranger Shimada-Cicirelli echoed that the project site may be difficult to use in that way due to accessibility.

4. Home Fed Corporation/Chula Vista Mitigation Bank Trail Restoration Project (*City of Chula Vista*)

Public member Courtney Casey from SWCA presented on the project design. Vice Chair Murphy asked if there is written approval from SDGE to use part of their access road as a trail as part of this project. Public member Marcus Goncalves from SWCA said they will not be able to remove the pipeline in the project site, but the project design accounts for it. The goal is to begin construction this fall or early winter. Joint Staff member Kiran Seibel from the County of San Diego requested Courtney Casey to send a copy of the SDGE letter to the group since the Policy Committee-CAC is interested in it as well.

5. Bella Mar Project Update (*TK Consulting*)

Public member Tim Kihm from TK Consulting, Inc. and public member Neil Hadley from Land Labs presented on the Bella Mar development permit package. Bella Mar is an affordable housing project in between Hollister and the 5 Freeway. The team is working on final approvals for the project through the City of San Diego. The earliest construction start timeline would likely be July 2026 for this project.

Ranger Report

1. Western OVRP (*City of San Diego*)

Senior Park Ranger Shimada-Cicirelli presented that the City of San Diego had to cancel their event due to poor air quality from the recent fires. They also switched their milkweed planting day to be in line with monarch butterfly day.

2. Eastern OVRP (*County of San Diego*)

Joint Staff member Charles Gailband from the County of San Diego presented on upcoming OVRP events in April.

Chair Comments

Chair Aceituno was not present at the meeting.

Vice Chair Comments

Vice Chair Murphy thanked the OVRP park rangers for their work, and she thanks the Cities of San Diego and Chula Vista and the County for helping with the fires.

Subcommittee Reports and Open Discussion

There were no subcommittee reports or open discussions.

1. Adjacent Development Review Subcommittee
2. Trails Subcommittee
3. Community Outreach and Youth Involvement Subcommittee
4. Economic/Habitat Restoration Subcommittee
5. Ad-hoc Committees

Adjournment

Vice Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 3:24pm.

CAC MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Hale Richardson
Ceasar Castro

Marie Diaz
Charles Rilli

Susie Murphy
Rick Richardson

STAFF:

Paige Copenhagen
Carey Goldstein
Harold Phelps

Kiran Seibel
Charles Gailband
Camille Wildburger

Mika Shimada-Cicirelli

PUBLIC:

Robert Broomfield
Kim Berry
Joan Schneider
Laurie Broedling

Ann Baldridge
Vicki Estrada
Paola Rochin Bochm
Marcus Goncalves

Courtney Casey
Tim Kihm
Neil Hadley

Please sign in prior to the meeting on attendance lists provided.
Next CAC Meeting: Thursday, June 5, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.