

Proposals for Community Planning Group Reform

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Proposed CPG Policy Changes

- Policy effort lead by Joe LaCava's office, Kathleen Ferrier
- Update CP 600-24, the policy governing CPGs.
- Update CP 600-09, the policy governing Community Planners Committee
- "Bylaws Shell" replaced by a "Terms and Conditions" document



COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP REFORM CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Community Planners Committee

November 30, 2021

OVERVIEW

Follow-up from actions taken 2018-2019:

- 2018 – Performance Audit of CPGs
- 2018 – Grand Jury report on CPGs
- 2019 – City Attorney legal analysis of CPGS
- 2019 – Land Use & Housing review
- 2019 – CPC offers recommendations
- 2020 – City Attorney DRAFT revisions to CP 600-24

POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

- **Amend Council Policy 600-24 and Municipal Code to make CPGs independent advisory bodies**
- Amend the Charter and require financial disclosure requirements, which would require a vote of the people
- Comply with the Charter requiring political appointments of CPG voting members, create ordinances for each board, and institute financial disclosure requirements
- Do nothing and subject City to legal liability

COUNCILMEMBER LACAVA'S PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Amend CP 600-24 to comply with the City Charter, better reflect the independent legal status of CPGs while maintaining their recognition by the City Council as advisory bodies
 - Retain the 500+ community volunteers who serve
 - Improve opportunities for broader community representation
 - Allow for an effective and supportive use of City resources
 - Amend CP 600-09

WHAT WILL NOT CHANGE

- CPGs can still be recognized and indemnified by the City
- CPGs continue to make agendas and documents publicly available in conformance with Brown Act
- CPG voting members will continue to be elected by those who live, own property, or own a business in the community
- CPGs retain the ability to provide organized feedback on General Plan related issues, development projects, and infrastructure priorities

CHANGES TO EXPECT

- CPGs will take ownership of their own official documents
- CPGs will be required to make agendas and documents publicly available in conformance with Brown Act
- Encourage CPGs to designate seats for renters, stakeholders and business representatives to ensure voting members are representative of community
- Remove "meeting attendance" restrictions on who can vote in annual elections and who can run for a voting seat

MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS

- §86.0104 Angle Parking
- §98.0510 Project Selection and Disbursement of Funds
- §112.0503 Process Two Decisions
- §112.0602 Process CIP/Public Project-Two
- §157.0203 Gaslamp Quarter Development Permit Procedures

NEXT STEPS

- January 2022: Planning Commission hearing
- Early 2022: Land Use & Housing hearing
- Early 2022: City Council hearing
- Summer 2022: CPGs seek recognition under the updated CP 600-24 by filing organizational documents
- Fall 2022: City Council hearing to grant recognition under update CP 600-24

QUESTIONS?

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Discussion

- Major impacts:
 - We need a web host
 - Training (eCow) once a year
 - New “Terms & Conditions” to replace current bylaws
 - Updated community participation plan and outreach to renters.
 - No meeting attendance requirement for the board
 - Likely need to use Facebook/Nextdoor for announcements but this needs clarification by JLC’s office
 - Two-year break in service is new, but won’t apply until the new policies are adopted, so not for the 2022 election cycle