



The Board of Directors of Citizens Planning Association invite you to two upcoming meetings!

Annual Meeting and election of Board Members & Officers

Monday, August 24th at noon.

Please register for the FREE Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/D3WkD7pcTU26HJZ9IDBb1A>

Be sure your dues are paid up so you can participate in this important meeting.

It is that time of year when Membership Dues are due. Please consider becoming a member or renewing your membership. Suggested dues are \$50. You may use the enclosed envelope or use Paypal via our CPA website (<https://www.citizensplanning.org>). We operate on a shoestring budget which covers rent, insurance, bookkeeping, tax work, and occasional support to groups who share our priorities. All our advocacy is done by our volunteer board members and friends

And:

Annual luncheon at Mulligan's 3500 McCaw Way (at the Santa Barbara Golf Course)

Monday, September 14th

Cost is \$20 for members who have paid dues before or at the event.

Non-member Guest rate is \$30.

Mark your calendar now. Additional details, including the guest speaker, will be in the August edition of CPAR and online at citizensplanning.org. Last year we celebrated the wonderful accomplishments of former Mayor Sheila Lodge. We all mourn her recent passing, it is a great loss for our city.

Update on Citizens Planning Association's recent activities!

As you probably know, CPA has advocated for transparent community planning and environmental protection since 1960. Much of our recent efforts focused on creating projects which reflect the area's high standards for size, bulk, and scale and that follow the guidelines of CEQA review.

Thanks to your generous support, CPA has been able to follow closely and publicly comment on many local projects. In the South County, we have participated in hearings for "Builder's Remedy" projects proposed for 505 E. Los Olivos St., and Grand Avenue in Santa Barbara, as well as proposals for the Carpinteria Bluffs. We have also monitored and spoken out on the Chevron Mounds, development at 418 N. Milpas Street, and several projects in Goleta and the unincorporated Goleta area, and along the Gaviota Coast.

In the North County, we have participated in hearings regarding Sable oil, Richards Ranch, and the Bodger proposal on prime agricultural Lands.

Through our monthly Speakers Series, we have learned from and worked with several groups, including the Coastal Ranches Conservatory, and learned about next year's 2027 UCSB David

Gebhard Centennial. For those who don't remember David was a Past President of CPA, and spent many hours advocating for our community. We also hosted City Administrator of Santa Barbara Kelly McAdoo for an informative and lively discussion. The First Monday series is on "Summer Holiday" but will return in September.

Thanks to a generous bequest, we have been able to hire a communications specialist on contract. Ava McCray helps create our monthly newsletter CPAR and she works in the office on outreach to members and potential members. If there is someone who you think should join CPA, please pass their contact information along to us.

We also encourage anyone who would like to become more active to join our board. We meet monthly on zoom. We also have two active study groups, South Coast Land Use and North County Land Use committees which meet in person once a month. We could also use help to keep our office open more hours.

We look forward to a productive year and thank you for your support.

Marell Brooks President

Board Members Betsy Cramer, Mary Rose, and Mary Louise Days