

Valley Center Community Planning Group

Minutes of the September 9, 2013 Meeting

Chair: Oliver Smith; Vice Chair: Ann Quinley; Secretary: Steve Hutchison

7:00 pm at the Valley Center Community Hall; 28246 Lilac Road, Valley Center CA 92082

A=Absent/Abstain BOS=Board of Supervisors PDS=Department of Planning & Development Services DPW=Department of Public Works DRB=Valley Center Design Review Board N=Nay P=Present R=Recuse SC=Subcommittee TBD=To Be Determined VCCPG=Valley Center Community Planning Group Y=Yea

Forwarded to Members: 15 October 2013

Approved: 21 October 2013

A		Call to Order and Roll Call by Seat #:									7:02 PM				
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Notes:

Quorum Established: 11 present

B	Pledge of Allegiance
C	Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of 12 August, 2013 as corrected; strike "minority" in item E5 - Rudolf

Maker/Second: Glavinic /Hutchison **Carries/Fails: 11-0-0 (Y-N-A) Voice**

D	Open Forum:
	Michael Crane introduces himself to VCCPG as David Ross' replacement as editor at the local Roadrunner newspaper.

E	Action Items [VCCPG advisory vote may be taken on the following items]:
E1	1) Discussion of candidates for vacancies of Seat # 9 on the VCCPG which expires December 31, 2016 and Seat #3 on the VCCPG which expires December 31, 2016. (Britsch)

Discussion:
 Britsch says no applications were received. He adds that the application period will be reopened until 9 October 2013. Applications received during the next month will lead to introductions of new applicants at the meeting scheduled for 21 October 2013 with a vote to accept or reject applicants to be held at the meeting scheduled for 18 November 2013.

E2	Discussion of changes and activity regarding Lilac Rd maintenance and traffic evaluation (Davis/Smith)
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Discussion:
 Bob Davis says traffic monitoring by the County was evident near Betsworth. The County sent email saying they had looked at Old Castle and Lilac Roads. Bob Davis says more attention is being paid to this road and it is getting higher priority for action. Glavinic adds that just getting on the list is good, but no guarantee of action. He says we need to figure out how to influence Supervisor Horn to help achieve success. Bob Davis suggests continuing contact with DPW on regular basis to point out road maintenance issues.

E3	1) Discussion of PDAQ2013-IC-13-064, General Plan Amendment Initial Consultation Request to alter the zoning on a 9.54-acre lot at NE corner of Valley Center Road and Lake Wohlford Rd. County request that review is premature. (Glavinic)
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Discussion:

Glavinic presents. Received full packet of information. Mindy Fogg is the planner for the County. She describes the process for inquiring at a pre-application meeting. If this request is for a General Plan Amendment, a major pre-app meeting is required. Such a request has further requirements as well. The information packet received by VCCPG is sent for such a major pre-application meeting. Confusion at the planning counter resulted in sending out the packet in error. The packet went out, but the action being taken is an initial pre-app [low-level]. The applicant says that as the project matures, they intend to meet with VCCPG to discuss plans. Glavinic explains further the confusion of the pre-app meeting and how it created the need to have a SC meeting. Vick asks for further information. Rudolf suggests that Glavinic can elaborate on the process after the meeting since no action needs to be taken.

F**Group Business****F1****Announcements and Correspondence Received**

DDPS To VCCPG, PDAQ2013-IC-13-064, General Plan Amendment Initial Consultation Request to alter the zoning on a 9.54 acre lot at NE corner of Valley Center Road and Lake Wohlford Road to accommodate ten, four bedroom homes on 1 acre lots. The homes will tentatively be accessed by a 24" private drive from Thudernut Lane into the central portion of the site. The parcel is owned by The Rincon Luiseno Indian Tribe which currently operates the Harrah's Rincon San Diego North Resort Hotel and Casino about 3.3 miles north of this site. Harrah's Rincon is undergoing an expansion which includes a new 403 room hotel tower as well as additional amenities and is expected to provide 150 new jobs upon completion. These new homes are intended to provide housing options for the Casino and Resort's employees and staff. (Glavinic)

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Discussion and possible vote on recommendations regarding the county signs ordinance revision.

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/environment/SignsandBanners.html>

The purpose of the revisions is to allow communities to legally place signage in county road right-of-way. Proposal is to allow permanent and temporary (30 days) community noncommercial signage on light poles and approved structures (i.e. over the travel way), requires licensed contractors to install fixturing and signage, no county funds can be used, maintenance funds must be provided. (Smith)

Discussion:

Smith explains the proposed changes to the County signs ordinance and commercial signage requirements. Glavinic asks if Western Days is commercial. Smith explains, no, it isn't. Jackson asks about political signage. Smith says no, the changes don't apply to political signage. Smith describes the types of signage involved. The purpose of the revisions to the signage ordinance is to allow communities to legally place signage in County road right of way [ROW]. The proposal would allow permanent and temporary [up to 30 days] community noncommercial signage on light poles [County poles only] and approved structures [i.e. over the travel way]. Placement of signs would require purchase of a County ROW encroachment permit for each sign for each use, the use of licensed contractors to install fixtures and signs, provision of maintenance funds for the fixtures and signs, and would require that no County funds be used. Standards include materials and colors [approved by VCCPG and DRB]. The community must have fixtures in place and they must be maintained. Smith says the community must conform to County standards, however, the \$120 encroachment fee and the requirement for a certified installation crew to install and remove signs makes the cost excessive. The changes would obviate signs made to last multiple years. There would be no control of the content of signs installed in the fixtures. Smith questions the limit of one cross-road banner per community. He argues for the exclusion of Bates' pumpkin patch event from commercial requirements. He wants exemption of recognized community events such as Bates' pumpkin event, Western Days, and the Fourth of July. Smith explains the County's logic for the signage rule changes. Jackson says if the County won't be flexible on the rules, those posting signs must move signs 6" beyond the ROW limit. Rudolf asks about the process of writing the rule. Smith says it is an 18-month process, with 12-months gone. He says the County may take the proposal to the Planning Commission in October. Smith says that unless the County makes changes to the required costs, it is not viable. Rudolf wants input from the Valley Center Chamber of Commerce and Bates Nut Farm on their events. Smith has spoken to the VC Chamber. They wanted to talk to other service organizations about sharing costs for fixtures. Smith says this proposal only applies to noncommercial organizations. Rudolf asks about the current sign owned by Chamber of Commerce. Smith replies that it is out of the ROW, so not a problem. Rudolf asks about a boy scout sign that didn't work and then about a larger welcome to VC sign that may be done in conjunction

with the South Village development. Smith clarifies that the current intent of the County is to establish a legal process to allow community groups to use county ROW for signage. Rudolf asks about monument signs at the entrances, Smith says this rule doesn't apply to monument signs. Smith cites the loss of a sign by collision with a fire truck as an example of the need for standards. Rudolf asks about personal signs along the roadside and their legality. Smith says that would be okay under the rule change, but with the cited costs. Glavinic asks about exclusions. Smith says Western Days would be exempt. Glavinic asks about a number of government agencies that may have events. Smith says they would be allowed, but with costs. Glavinic asks about power poles. Smith says only County owned light poles are considered in this proposal, not utilities' poles. Over-the-road sign size is not defined in the rule, but it would require review by the County. Glavinic notes the electronic sign at Pachanga casino. Smith says no electronic signs are included. The County specifies materials and sizes. Bob Davis says the degree of detail being discussed is not appropriate for a VCCPG meeting. Smith counters, saying it is appropriate. Bob Davis suggests that this work should be done by a committee. Smith thinks there is not enough in this issue to warrant creation of a SC. He elaborates on the issues he has with rule. He cites the potentially excessive costs for the community to take advantage of the sign rule. He objects to the limit of one over-the-road sign per community. He disagrees with the rule that commercial notations on temporary signs be limited to 20% of sign area, even though some established events have unique commercial sponsors. He suggests it is more reasonable to appropriate a portion of the encroachment permit fees for maintenance than try to extract them from community groups. He notes that the County doesn't want to spend money on the issue. Rudolf returns to the process question and reviews the need to answer several questions. Suggests we need to have SC review the material. Bob Davis argues for more consideration, and volunteers to create a list of questions to be addressed. Smith points out that the full text of the County rules is at the website above. Bob Davis asks about the process for getting responses from County. Smith will send out responses from County committee. Tom Bumgardner, audience, says DRB has more experience than anyone with these kinds of issues. Smith says DRB was invited to attend meetings but did not show up, so are not engaged. Rudolf asks about item 3 and suggests we reread discussion of that item. Asks if Bates' pumpkin sign over the road in the South Village is commercial or not. He doesn't understand item 3. Smith says Western Days meets the definition of a community event. He thinks the pumpkin event is also a community event, although, technically, it is a commercial activity. A poker event at a casino would not qualify. Rudolf tries to unravel question of what is a community event. He says it is not clear. Glavinic expresses concern regarding Parks and Recreation District events that may run afoul of the proposal since some sell advertising and may be regarded as commercial. Jim Quisquis, audience, says it may not be useful to ask specific questions, because any event can be characterized as a community event. Questions will be accepted until 5pm 12 September 2013.

Motion: Move to accept four issues in handout [as amended by removing item 3] and to follow-up with additional questions that arose at and after the VCCPG meeting to be sent verbatim.

Maker/Second: Glavinic/Norwood-Johnson	Carries/Fails 11-0-0 [Y-N-A] Voice
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Motion: Move to accept questions from VCCPG members until 5 pm 12 September 2013

Maker/Second: Glavinic/Norwood-Johnson	Carries/Fails 11-0-0 [Y-N-A] Voice
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F3	1) Discussion and vote on October 2013 VCCPG meeting date as second Monday, the group's normal meeting time, is the Federal Columbus Day Holiday and November 2013 VCCPG meeting date as second Monday, the group's normal meeting time, is the Federal Veterans Day Holiday. (Smith)
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Discussion: Smith explains the need for change as a result of federal holidays occurring on regular meeting dates. Rudolf volunteers to write a change to the standing rules of VCCPG that eliminates the need to move meetings from federal holidays. That rule was established to accommodate the former membership of a federal employee on VCCPG.

Motion: Move to make VCCPG meeting dates for October and November one week later than normal [October 21 and November 18]

Maker/Second: Smith/Rudolf	Carries/Fails: 11-0-0 [Y-N-A] Voice
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F4	Subcommittees
a)	Mobility – Robert Davis, Chair.
b)	Community Plan Update – Richard Rudolf, Chair.

c)	Nominations – Hans Britsch, Chair.	
d)	Northern Village – Ann Quinley, Chair.	
e)	Parks & Recreation –LaVonne Norwood Johnson, Chair.	
f)	Rancho Lilac – Ann Quinley, Chair. - inactive	
g)	Southern Village – Jon Vick, Chair. :	
h)	Spanish Trails/Segal Ranch – Mark Jackson, Chair. - inactive	
i)	Tribal Liaison – Larry Glavinic, Chair:	
j)	Website – Bret Davis, Chair:	
k)	Lilac Hills Ranch [Accretive] – Steve Hutchison, Chair	
l)	Equine Ordinance - Oliver Smith, Chair	
F7	Next regular meeting scheduled for September 9, 2013	
G	Motion to Adjourn:	9.15 pm
	Maker/Second: Smith/Hutchison	Carries/Fails: 11-0-0 [Y-N-A] Voice