

Spring Valley Community Planning Group
P.O. Box 1637, Spring Valley, CA 91978

Regular Meeting held on 1/24/12

Meeting held at San Miguel Fire Station District Headquarters

2850 Via Orange Way, Spring Valley, CA 91977

Members:

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| 1. Bob Eble | 9. Clifton Cunningham |
| 2. Lora Lowes | 10. James Comeau |
| 3. Vacant | 11. Skip Flynn |
| 4. Marilyn Wilkinson | 12. Walter Lake |
| 5. Scott Montgomery, Chairman | 13. Ed Woodruff |
| 6. John Eugenio | 14. Zarina Hackney, Secretary |
| 7. Richard Preuss | 15. Isaac Simms |
| 8. Michael Daly, Vice Chairman (A) | |

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with a quorum of 13. The minutes of January 10, 2012 were approved as corrected. Vote 13-0-0.

1. Open Forum: None tonight
2. Action Items/Informational/Project
 - A. (Item B) Signs for Dollar Tree @ 651 Sweetwater Road. Presenter: Flynn/Comeau. Proponent: Tony Rector. The original proposed signage on the front and back of the store exceeded Spring Valley's sign guidelines of 65sq. ft. There is an agreement that building signage in the Albertson's Shopping Center, where the Dollar Tree is located, can be 120sq. ft. on the front but no similar agreement for signage on the rear of the store. The Dollar Tree originally wanted illuminating signage of 95sq. ft. on the front and back of the store. The back of the store is facing Orville Street, which has residencies. Tony Rector worked with the Dollar Tree to redraw the proposed signage for the front and back of the store to meet the planning group's recommendations given at the meeting on 1/10/12. The new proposed signage is 96sq. ft. illuminated on the front of the store and, 65sq. ft., in accordance with our signage guidelines, not illuminated on the back of the store. All other signage met Spring Valley sign guidelines. Vote 12-1-0. Lowes Against.
 - B. (Item A) Design Review Checklist Workshop. Presenter: Dixie Switzer (DPLU)/ Joseph Farace (DPLU)/ Dan Wery (RBF). Dan Wery led a presentation introducing our planning group to the purpose of implementing the Review Checklist throughout the county. The Review Checklist aims to streamline the permitting process by allowing certain projects to be exempt from the site plan permit process if the project complies with all points on the "check list". If a project meets all points on the "check list" they will receive a permit. If the

- project receives a “no” at any point on the “check list” then the project will have to go through a full discretionary review (site plan). Each community within the county has a unique “check list” that follows their general plan. Wilkinson is leading a sub-committee that will be reviewing the draft of the Spring Valley “check list”. The members of the sub-committee are: Marilyn Wilkinson, Lora Lowes, James Comeau, and Scott Montgomery. Comments and suggestions will be provided to DPLU before the next meeting on 02/14/12.
- C. ZAP 11-001 Seeger Minor Use Permit. Plot Plan included. Proposed improvements to commercial lot @ 8743-8747 & 8759-8769 Troy St. Presenter: Flynn. Proponents Robin Garland. DPLU has requested the many observations and concerns that the planning group has with this property. The planning group members that visited the site presented the list of concerns to the other members of the group and Robin Garland in writing. Robin Garland is working with Willy Seeger, the owner of the property, to try and resolve all of the issues. Robin Garland attended the meeting to field questions. SVPG is forwarding our concerns to DPLU for inclusion in the scoping letter that DPLU is drafting. We made a motion to deny the Minor Use Permit based on the groups findings and concerns. Vote 13-0-0. Motion Carries.
 - D. AD 12-002 Diaz Administrative Permit for guest quarters @ 9804 Liegh Av. Request to convert garage to living quarters. Presenter: Comeau. Proponents: Melissa Arce & Claudette Ramirez. Comeau made a visit to the site, but the owner was not present. There were two large dogs on the property, and for safety precautions Comeau rescheduled the site visit for a later date. Item D was tabled.
 - E. Tree Removal for Tamarisk @ 9365 Lamar St. Presenter: Preuss. The resident is asking for removal so they can have their electrical breaker box upgraded. The resident, and the Department of Public Works, feel that the tamarisk is also a potential public safety hazard. Vote 12-1-0. Lowes Against.
 - F. Tree Removal for Palm @ 3737 Bancroft Dr. Presenter: Preuss. SDG&E are requesting removal of the palm because of a predominate bend in the tree’s trunk. Jeff Stoffel, Vegetation Manager with the County of San Diego, believes the tree is a potential public safety hazard. A previous palm, across the street from this one, fell in July 2011, creating substantial property damage. Vote 12-0-1. Lowes Abstained.
 - G. Comments on Red Tape Reduction Task Force Report to Board of Supervisors on 12/7/11. Report includes recommendation to remove Planning Group. Presenter: Montgomery. Scott Montgomery handed out a letter he drafted for the Spring Valley Community Planning Group pointing out the important role of planning groups in the county and in particular specifics of what the Spring Valley Planning Group has done to improve Spring Valley. All members of the planning group had ample time to discuss suggestions for the letter at the meeting. Scott would like further comments submitted to him before 2/3/12, but comments can be submitted up to the next meeting on 2/14/12. The Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on 2/29/12. Vote 13-0-0. Motion Carries.
3. Committee Reports
- A. Chair Report: San Miguel Fire Department will be presenting at the next meeting on 2/14/12.

- B. Parks & Trails: Wilkinson. Stated that the ambassador program is doing lots of good things for the kids in the community including organizing camping trips.
 - C. Code Compliance Assistance: Flynn. Nothing to report.
 - D. Sanitation: Flynn. Nothing to report.
 - E. Transportation: Lake. Public Works is in the process of installing underground conduit along the north side of Jamacha Boulevard for all of the cables that are not overhead. After the cabling is installed, SDG&E will remove the existing poles. Flynn asked if there are any plans for streetlights. Lake said he does not know of any plans.
4. Announcements/Future Items: Mr. Massey went in front of DPLU, and Supervisor Dianne Jacob directed him back to the planning group to try to make an agreement.
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