

County of San Diego Spring Valley Community Planning Group
P.O. Box 1637
Spring Valley, CA 91979
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2018
Meeting Location:
Otay Water District Headquarters
2554 Sweetwater Spring Boulevard
Spring Valley, CA 91978
Gate closes electronically at 10:00 p.m.
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Facebook: Spring Valley Planning Group

A. Members

1. Elizabeth "Liz" Lavertu
2. Lora Lowes
3. Jesse Robles
4. Pete Saucedo
5. Veronica Spagnolo
6. John Eugenio
7. Coreena Mulloy (Vice Chairperson)
8. Scott Shaffer
9. Clifton Cunningham
10. Vacant
11. Jim Custeau (Chairperson) (A)
12. Walter Lake
13. Edward Woodruff (A)
14. Robert "Bob" Eble
15. Azucena Flores (Secretary)

The meeting began at 7:02 p.m. Lavertu arrived at 7:06 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes:

Shaffer motioned to approve minutes for December 12th 2017. Spagnolo seconded.

Vote: Aye: 10 No:0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 3 Vacant: 1

Motion Passed.

C. Public Comment: Member Bob Eble stepped off the dais and requested permission to leave a copy of the State petition to repeal the gas tax. Granted.

D. Action Items:

1. Tree removal – Bancroft Dr. Proponent – Nelson; Presenter – Flores

Date palm on Bancroft Dr. in front of an asphalt company is really high and it is leaning over and snap during a storm as one already did during the last stormy season. Flores inquires into possibly relocating the date palm instead of just cutting it down.

Flores moved to have the County see if they can relocate or purchase by other. If that is not possible, cut the tree down. Spagnolo seconded.

Vote: Aye: 10 No:2 (Robles, Mulloy) Abstain:0 Absent: 2 Vacant: 1

Motion Passes.

2. STP-14- 012-W1- Day Care, New Construction Corner Grand Ave. and San Diego St.
Proponent – Joe Martinez; Presenter – Robles. Assigned presenter was not ready.

Action item tabled.

Vote: Aye: 0 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2 Vacant: 1

No Motion Made.

3. Tree removal request – 8813 Ellenwood Cir. Proponent – Nelson; Presenter: Flores
The Mexican Fan Palm tree on 8813 Ellenwood Cir. is very close to the power lines in the area.
There is a safety concern.

Flores made the motion to cut the tree down. Spagnolo seconded.

Vote: Aye:12 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 2 Vacant:1

Motion passed

4. STP- 17-025 Proposed duplex 1056 Leland St. Proponent – Enrique Ocampo; Presenter –
Robles Presenter not ready.

Action item tabled.

Vote: Aye: 0 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2 Vacant:1

No motion was made.

5. Presentation by Co. of San Diego on redevelopment of North Spring Valley Area - Not
within Planning Group boundary – Presenter Tara Lieberman
Tara Lieberman presented funding options for the design plan that is being developed for the Casa
de Oro Alliance beautification initiative. (The affected area would be Campo Rd. from Bancroft east
to Granada.)

Options: Have the County fund with taxpayer dollars. Search for grant funding. Have property
owners in affected area forma County service area to tax themselves for the project.

The Group wants to have more information on a financing plan that does not include taxpayer
monies before making a recommendation No Motion was made.

6. Road improvements 2018 list – Presenter - Robles

Robles has compiled a list of roads that were given to him and added the list of roads that were
mentioned by residents of Spring Valley on Facebook and passed the list of roads to be improved
onto Frank Arebalo.

No Motion was made.

7. Presentation of applicants for vacant Seat 10. – Lowes

Chris Pearson

Rodney Gibbons

Maryland Wilkinson

No Motion was made. Election will be at the next meeting 1/23/18

8. Election of officers for 2018 – Candidates are: Chair – Jim Custeau, Vice-Chair- Corenna
Mulloy, Secretary - Azucena Flores. Nominations may be made from the floor. Presenter -
Woodruff. No nominations were made from the floor

Lowes moved to by acclamation.

Vote: Aye:12 No:0 Abstain:0 Absent: 2 Vacant:1

Motion passed.

E. Group Business: Announcements, Meetings, Correspondence, Projects and Discussion Items.

Announcements:

1. There will be an informational meeting for the CAP (Climate Action Plan) on January 13th, 2018. The meeting for the actual vote will take place on January 18th 2018.

2. Copy of a letter from James Crompton of Public Works sent to Joan M. Frater regarding recreational vehicle parking on Rothgard Rd. was cc'd to us. He gave her the information required to control the parking on the street.

3. Lowes, Shaffer and Lavertu met with Senator Joel Anderson regarding some of the issues that people face in Spring Valley. The traffic tie up every morning on Hwy 94 to the 125. Shaffer raised the issue of returning Veterans and the need for the State to continue to develop assistance to military in jobs, homelessness and mental health issues. Lavertu approached campaign finance reforms. The subject of Unions came up and Mr. Anderson stated his heated opposition to State employees' unions. Although not presented in the meeting, he also stated his idea that parks were unnecessary in communities.

4. MTS returned a call months ago from the chair regarding the existing bus stop on Jamacha Blvd. NB near Trace Rd. and stated that any improvements to a bus stop was the purview of Public Works. MTS would supply a bus bench if one became available.

Correspondence:

Projects: Yoshinoya - Cunningham

F. Meetings:

Next Meeting Jan. 23, 2018.

Adjournment: 9:02PM.