

**County of San Diego  
Spring Valley Community Planning Group  
P.O. Box 1637, Spring Valley, CA 91979**

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2020; 7:00 p.m.**

**Chairperson [svpgchair@gmail.com](mailto:svpgchair@gmail.com) or 619-807-6947**

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**Meeting number (access code): 126 769 5409**

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**A. Members**

seat	Name	absent	seat	Name	absent
1	Elizabeth "Liz" Lavertu (Chair)		9	Clifton Cunningham	<b>X</b>
2	Lora Lowes		10	Chris Pearson	
3	Jesse Robles		11	James "Jim" Custeau (Secretary)	
4	Mark Kalsho	<b>X</b>	12	Adrian Caminos	
5	Marilyn Wilkinson		13	Edward Woodruff	<b>X</b>
6	John Eugenio		14	Robert "Bob" Eble	
7	Scott Harris (Vice-Chair)		15	Tim Snyder	
8	Scott Shaffer				

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**B. Public Communications:** **Chris Pearson** says, some builders may be experience the delays I have faced building a home due to COVID-19 induced supply chain issues. Sanabria, SVCA, storm drain management concern – there is a lot of trash in the culverts and drains, leading to potential flooding once the rainy season starts. He asked that agencies be contacted to address this issue.

**C. Action Items:**

**1. Birch Street Sidewalk Improvement Project**, new sidewalk and curb ramps will be constructed on the north side of Birch Street from Sweetwater Lane to an existing sidewalk 275 feet east of Sweetwater Lane to improve pedestrian access in the vicinity of La Presa Middle School and Sweetwater Lane Community Park. Presenter: Wilkinson; Proponent: Rodriquez. Mr. Rodriquez reported that we are currently at 50% design phase and we wanted to get input from the planning group as the county works to complete the design phase of this project. He showed details of the designs done so far. The current drainage patterns will not be altered. The county hopes to complete design by end of this year leading to award for construction and work to commence in 2021, allowing about a month to complete the project. Wilkinson stated, we worked on a priority list

for this in a prior year – she’s glad to see this come to fruition. She would like to see it get done during the summer when children are mostly out of school. Eugenio asked if there will be any encroachment into private property. Yes, there is one issue that is being addressed with a property owner.

**Motion: SVCPG requests that BOS Approve this project for funding**

**M/S: (Lavertu/Pearson)**

**Vote: Aye (12); No (0); Abstain (0); Absent (3); Vacant (0)**

**Motion: Passes**

2. **Request for D2 Waiver**, APN-503-261-12-00, 8682 Lamar Street. Request for D2 waiver flood plain, preliminary work for future construction. Presenter: Lowes Proponent: Barro. Lowes says this property is clearly out of the flood plain. Zoning box only has VR15 with no density. Lionel Katz, new owner of property (one year) stated, the original owner was using the front yard as a storage and canopy area. Would like to build a legal 3<sup>rd</sup> unit on the property (2 bedroom). Site plan is about 30% of the cost. They are open to suggestions from the planning group. Addition to existing units to restore all prior construction to permitted status meeting all building codes. Harris asked to confirm that tonight we are only addressing the flood plain question. Chair Lavertu said yes that is the only question before us tonight.

**Motion: Approve the D2 Waiver request, due to the fact this property is out of the flood plain area.**

**M/S: (Lowes/Eugenio)**

**Vote: Aye (12); No (0); Abstain (0); Absent (3); Vacant (0)**

**Motion: Passes**

3. **Campo Road Parking Letter of Support**, Request to update letter to request to install a parking prohibition between the hours of 11:00PM and 5:00AM. Presenter: Custeau  
**Motion:** send a letter to Ernie Bartley at County Traffic Engineering requesting that signs indicating parking prohibition between the hours of 11:00PM and 5:00AM be installed on north side of Campo Road (adjacent to 94 freeway) from east driveway into the Jack in the Box to dead-end at east end of street.

**M/S: (Custeau/Eugenio)**

**Vote: Aye (12); No (0); Abstain (0); Absent (3); Vacant (0)**

**Motion: Passes**

4. **DPW Annual Resurfacing Plan**, Due to COVID and impact on funding available for resurfacing projects, there will not be as many projects as previous years. Goal is to create a list of roads that need improvements to share with DPW for future years or bring to their attention any roads that need to be considered during this funding period due to safety concerns. Presenter: Lavertu. County doesn’t have much money currently due to reduced income because of the pandemic. Chair moves that we hold on this motion until November.

**Motion: No action taken – this item is postponed**

5. **CSA 128 PLDO List**, Review list from the CSA, make changes if necessary. Presenter: Lowes/Eble. Lavertu recommends that list be approved as presented. All wheel park would be like the ones in Bonita and Lakeside. The list was read to the group. Pearson suggests that we add land acquisition for future parks. Could we move pickle ball over to another place on list? Currently Wilkinson states, we have about \$600K in our PLDO funds. Caltrans has a full stop on selling surplus properties currently. Consider adding movies at the parks. Community

member, Julia asks if pickleball is an appropriate expense for this list. Wilkinson suggests this is a fast-growing sport and it's particularly appropriate for older citizens. Robles likes the list – wants clarity on why we don't want to put land acquisition on the list. Lavertu says we are only allowed 5 items on the list and land costs a lot of money. Community member, Braulio Sanabria suggests we consider community gardens – maybe land acquisition for small parcels for this purpose. Wilkinson, resource conservation district manages several gardens with county money that have oversight by gardeners. She would like to see community gardens around the many apartments in our area. Robles thanks those on the board that have spoken on this – he likes young people learning about food and nutrition through this kind of program. Julia, says that maybe put this lower on the list due to difficulty getting this organized and up and running with enough community involvement. Wilkinson disagrees and feels as though this is ready to go.

**Motion: Approve list as presented but include recreational programming in the park (such as arts, movies, plays, music).**

**M/S: (Lavertu/Wilkinson)**

**Vote: Aye (12); No (0); Abstain (0); Absent (3); Vacant (0)**

**Motion: Passes**

**6. Form Committee for Newland Ranch Company Project, PDS2020-TPM-21281, APNs 580-220-01-00 to 580-220-06-00,**

**Chair assigns Snyder, Harris, Custeau, Wilkinson, Pearson will serve on this committee.**

**Wilkinson will be chair.**

**No vote necessary, committee formation is at discretion of Chair.**

**D. Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2020 meeting**

**Motion: Approve minutes as amended.**

**M/S: (Pearson/Lavertu)**

**Vote: Aye (10); No (0); Abstain (1, Shaffer); Absent (4); Vacant (0)**

**Motion: Passes**

**E. GROUP BUSINESS**

**1. Announcements**

a. County of San Diego Business Revitalization and Assistance Grant Program – businesses have a couple of days left to apply for the funds.

b. Drive Thru Flu Shots – working on a location free flu shot

c. East County chamber is hosting candidates for political office to discuss issues, Thursday, October 15, 2020 at the Cuyamaca College Water Conservation Garden. Event runs from 5:30-8:30 pm – cost is \$35 at the door – includes wine/beer and appetizers

**2. Reports**

a. Traffic Advisory Committee – nothing to report

b. CSA 128 – already covered by list discussion.

3. Assign Projects: time extension on former Pointe property.

4. Next meeting: October 27, 2020

**F. ADJOURNMENT: 8:19 PM**