

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2020; 7:00 p.m.**

**Chairperson svpgchair@gmail.com or 619-807-6947
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A. Members

seat	Name	absent	seat	Name	absent
1	Elizabeth "Liz" Lavertu (Chair)		9	Clifton Cunningham	
2	Lora Lowes	7:20	10	Chris Pearson	
3	Jesse Robles		11	James "Jim" Custeau (Secretary)	
4	Mark Kalsho		12	Adrian Caminos	
5	Marilyn Wilkinson		13	Edward Woodruff	
6	John Eugenio		14	Robert "Bob" Eble	
7	Scott Harris (Vice-Chair)	X	15	Tim Snyder	
8	Scott Shaffer				

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

B. Public Communications: No public Comment

C. Presentation:

1. Permit Streamlining Process, On February 12, 2020, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved implementation of 14 options to streamline the discretionary review process, grouped into seven categories, to reduce the time and cost of discretionary permit processing and further the goal of providing affordable housing in the County. Three of the 14 options, CEQA Submittal Requirements, Final Engineering Flexibility, and Expanding Exemption Checklists require ordinance revisions. Presenter: Smith

Ashley Smith introduced herself. We have grouped the changes into 7 areas. There will be three areas in which code will have to be changed. CEQA review will be streamlined. Reviews for Hydrology will be optional to the developer to do either a full design or do a schematic level analysis at the preliminary review. The more detailed level of engineering review will still be required as the project reaches latter stages of development approval. Zoning, subdivision or grading ordinances would not allow elimination of trails, parks, roads, water supply, sewer, septic – but would not require developer to go back to the start if state or federal law results in changes to the project, say for size of

stormwater retention basins. Ministerial Approvals and site plan waivers will see changes. Site Plan Design Review Exemption Checklist changes related to B area. These changes will still be required to go to the local planning group. There will also be a shift of discretionary permits to Ministerial which would not be required to be submitted to the planning group. The group had a lot of issues with projects being moved to Ministerial approval, which would eliminate the planning groups input on the project. There was concern by several group members that the PDS planners often don't look closely at the more restrictive Spring Valley Community Guidelines, which could lead to PDS approving projects which are in clear violation of our local guidelines. Our planning group doesn't want to lose the ability to review project unless there are guaranteed safeguards in place to protect our community guidelines. Several other changes are planned as well. All of the proposed changes will go through a public review process. There is also work being done to increase coordination between internal PDS departments. Lavertu asked if a building is changed by 10% or less, would the project not come to the planning group. She used a 10% change in number of units of a multi-tenant project as an example. Smith replied that a change like that would likely result in a density change and would have to come to the planning group. The 10% issue is related to changes at state and federal level that require the change.

Action Items:

1. Request for Tree Removal, located at 914 Luther Drive near Maya Street, A pine tree located in the ROW has caused damage to the homeowner's sewer line. The homeowner hired a private company to have a camera run through, which resulted in the finding of tree roots in the sewer lateral.

Presenter: Shaffer

Shaffer described the project and the damage that the roots are causing to the sewer system and utility lines. Mr. Rodrigues says this is a health issue related to sewer back-up problems. Snyder asked about the sign on the tree and wants to also know about the type of tree and if it is a protected species. No, tree is not a protected species. Final question - is this tree within the right-a-way? Answer: yes. Lowes says if the tree is in the easement area the county can cut it down. SDG&E has trimmed some of the branches already. Robles asked if the tree will be cut down and treated in such a way that the tree can't grow back. Kalsho says, the power lines going through the tree look dangerous. Lavertu reminded the homeowner that the county will provide a new tree to the owner and she reminded us that we can place that in our motion.

Motion: M/S: (Shaffer/Kalsho) To approve the removal of the tree as recommended

Vote: Aye (14); No (0); Abstain (0); Absent (1); Vacant (0)

Motion: Passes

2. Request for Tree Removal, Located at 8829 Greenridge Ave, two trees in front of the property roots from one tree has caused damage to the resident's sewer line and the roots from the other have lifted the sidewalk panels leaving a severe tripping hazard. **Presenter: Lavertu**

The trees are causing the sidewalk to lift, creating a serious tripping hazard and encroaching into the power lines. The curb and street are being impacted by the roots. There have been problems with the roots damaging the sewer lines as. The property owner's driveway is being lifted as well. Robles says removal of trees on a nearby neighbor's property were before our group previously and we approved the removal of those trees.

Motion: M/S: (Lavertu/Eble) recommend the removal of both tree and ask the county offer new trees to the property owner if desired.

Vote: Aye (12); No (2, Lowes, Pearson); Abstain (0); Absent (1); Vacant (0)

Motion: Passes

D. Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2020 meeting

Motion: Approve minutes as amended.

M/S: (Shaffer/Robles)

Vote: Aye (12); No (0); Abstain (2, Cunningham, Kalsho); Absent (1); Vacant (0)

Motion: Passes

E. GROUP BUSINESS

1. **Announcements:** Eugenio thanks Custeau for working with County Roads to get no parking signs installed on Campo Rd.

2. Reports

a. Traffic Advisory Committee – The no parking signs have been installed on Campo Rd. There is a meeting of the TAC this Friday – three sections of Jamacha Blvd are on the agenda for radar recertification (La Presa Ave to 1000' east of Omega Street – currently 45MPH, proposed 45MPH; Jamacha Blvd from 1000' east of Omega Street to Sweetwater Springs Blvd. – Currently 50MPH, proposed for 50MPH; Jamacha Blvd from Sweetwater Springs Blvd. to Hwy. 94 – Currently 50 MPH, proposed for 50 MPH.

b. CSA 128 – new parks are opening in the area Christmas presents are available for kids. Storage area for homeless hasn't been well received by the community. Robles says that Supervisors Cox and Jacob mentioned the Sweetwater Lake loop trail. Snyder talked to Adam in the Supervisor's office that the county is considering acquiring the land (east of Sweetwater lake) that was before us for release of liens. He also said that the BOS approved the release of the liens the day after we voted to oppose such action.

3. Assign Projects: no new projects .

4. Next meeting: December 22, 2020.

F. ADJOURNMENT: 8:42 PM