

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2021; 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Location: Access meeting online:**

Join Meeting on-line:

<https://zoom.us/j/94150497753?pwd=L3RUNUZVbVAzUDM4NzdmUGZLQmxBZz09>

Meeting ID: 941 5049 7753

Passcode: 003984

**E-mail: [JIMCUSTEAUSVCPG@COX.NET](mailto:JIMCUSTEAUSVCPG@COX.NET); Facebook: [Spring Valley Planning Group](#)**

**A. Members**

seat	Name	absent	seat	Name	absent
1	Tiffany Gonzalez		9	VACANT	
2	Lora Lowes		10	Chris Pearson	
3	Jesse Robles	<b>X</b>	11	James "Jim" Custeau Chair	
4	Mark Kalsho		12	VACANT	
5	VACANT		13	Edward Woodruff	
6	John Eugenio		14	Robert "Bob" Eble	
7	Scott Harris		15	Tim Snyder Vice-Chair	
8	Scott Shaffer Secretary				

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

**B. Public Comment:** No public comment.

**C. Action Items:**

**1. Miller Paving – 9236/40 Olive Drive; APN: 504-021-32-00;** zoned: M-54; Special area regulations B,C,D1, D7; the proponent wants to remove an existing, shade structure, Quonset hut, with addition and footings and erect a new metal building. They are presenting their preliminary ideas for this project to us before going to PDS for determination on whether this project will require a full site plan or may qualify for a site plan permit checklist exemption process. No action nor vote will be taken on this project at this time. Proponents: Dale & Stacy Miller; Presenter: Custeau

Quonset hut has been there since at least the 1960's according to the proponent, Miller. Custeau provided the site plan that was approved with the installation of a cellphone tower. The building does not intersect the flood plain. Proponent intends to replace chain link fence with wrought iron and brick fence along with landscaping in front. Lowes liked the proposed fencing and recommended four feet of landscaping in front. Members supported the proponents plan to submit a site plan exception in lieu of

a full site plan.

**2. Supervisor Anderson Letter – Needle Exchange Program.** Supervisor Anderson requests our planning group to consider taking an official stance on this program that was approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 26, 2021. Proponent: Anderson; Presenter: Custeau

Shaffer spoke in support of the program, highlighted the effectiveness from a public health perspective, and argued the issue fell within the purview of the planning group due to the potential for services in Spring Valley. Eugenio stated it was outside of the scope of the planning group and would not want the services in his area. Lowes and Pearson spoke in support of the program and in support of the planning group taking a stance.

Several members of the public spoke on this agenda item. Elizabeth Lavertu spoke in favor of the program and the public health benefits. Braulio Sanabria, Spring Valley Community Alliance, spoke in favor of the program and how it would be effective in Spring Valley with the presence of used needles found in public parks. Angela Davidson spoke in favor of the program but felt this issue was outside planning group's scope. Though initially skeptical about the issue falling within the purview of the planning group, Marilyn Wilkinson was supportive of the program and feels the planning group should play a role in working with the county on location of services.

**Motion:** To support a needle exchange program, support those services in Spring Valley, and work with Supervisor Anderson's office and the County for locations in our area.

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

**Vote: Aye (8); No (3, Eugenio, Harris, Eble); Abstain (0); Absent (1); Vacant (3)**

**Motion: Passes**

**3. Supervisor Anderson Letter – Cannabis Ordinance.** A measure was recently passed by the Board of Supervisors, establishing a process for implementation of an ordinance legalizing the growing and sale of Cannabis products. Supervisor Anderson Specifically asks us to provide feedback on this issue as well as what role we see our community planning group having in the process. Proponent: Anderson; Presenter: Custeau

Pearson spoke in support of the county initiative to establish a legal market and the challenges of cracking down on the illicit Cannabis market for law enforcement. Lowes spoke against the establishment of a Cannabis industry in Spring Valley until the illicit market is removed and cited a list of regulations that should be followed for future dispensaries. Eugenio agreed with Lowes and offered law enforcement should be doing more such as using RICO statutes. Shaffer spoke in support of the county efforts as a first step in eliminating the illicit market and success seen in other areas by following similar policy. Gonzalez spoke in favor of the initiative and how a legitimate Cannabis market should not be singled out compared to other harmful industries in our area.

Several members of the public spoke on this agenda item. Christina Forbrich spoke about the history of the negative perceptions of Cannabis and the benefits to the community from the establishment of a Cannabis market. Elizabeth Lavertu spoke in favor of the initiative by the county, the benefits to the community, impact to marginalized communities, and success of Cannabis markets in other areas. Braulio Sanabria, Spring Valley Community Alliance, also spoke in the favor of the initiative by the county but called attention to licensing requirements and other regulations for these businesses. Becky Rapp spoke against the county initiative citing the dangers of a Cannabis market, specifically the selling of "edibles" and risk to our youth. Judy Sutherland spoke against the county's actions by arguing the

measures are too rushed and lack data support. Dallin Young spoke in favor of a more regional effort to combat the illicit market from shifting locations. Judson Price spoke in favor of the initiative by the county.

**Motion:** To write a letter to the supervisor that the group supports removal of illicit Cannabis markets, establishing a legal market, and for further coordination with the county and the Supervisor's office.

**M/S: (Shaffer/Kalsho)**

**Vote: Aye (7); No (4, Lowes, Eugenio, Harris, Woodruff); Abstain (0); Absent (1); Vacant (3)**

**Motion: Fails**

**4. Discussion on how to do a better job of publicizing our meetings and agenda topics.** Article VI, Section IV of Policy I-1 requires that "Notice of all group meetings shall be placed in a community newspaper at least five days prior to the meeting, if available." If a community newspaper is not available, the groups are not required to publish in the Union-Tribune. Some groups choose to, including our, but others haven't found that it's an effective means to reach the members in their community. Presenter: Custeau

Agenda item is postponed until the March 9, 2021 meeting.

**D. Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2021 meeting.**

**Motion:** Approve the minutes of February, 9 2021 meeting as amended

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

**Vote: Aye (10); No (0); Abstain (1, Harris); Absent (1); Vacant (3)**

**Motion: Passes**

**E. GROUP BUSINESS**

1. Announcement: None.

2. Reports: We maybe able to use an east county publication for the announcements of out meetings.

3. New projects: None

4. Next meeting: February 9, 2021

**F. ADJOURNMENT: 9:11 PM**