

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
TUESDAY, August 10, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

Join Meeting on-line: <https://zoom.us/j/98470420510?pwd=VW1sT1YzdU9nT2lVZjBBdWU3UEVNQT09>

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A. Members

seat	Name	absent	seat	Name	absent
1	Tiffany Gonzalez		9	Rod Gibbons	
2	Lora Lowes		10	Chris Pearson	
3	Jesse Robles		11	James "Jim" Custeau Chair	Left at 8:20 pm
4	Mark Kalsho	X	12	Victoria Abrenica	
5	Marilyn Wilkinson	X	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:

Ms. Kelly McCormick spoke about the licensing of Cannabis in San Diego County. Ms. Becky Rapp spoke about the licensing of Cannabis in San Diego County. Mr. Thomas Krejei advocated for more protection and safety for Bancroft Elementary due to the number of accidents from speeding cars. Mr. Mark Reynolds raised concerns about excessive speeding on Lamar Street near the Vista Street crossing and asked for more reduced speed measures. Ms. Kathleen Lippit spoke about the licensing of Cannabis in San Diego County.

C. Presentation:

1. Quarry Road Bridge Project Update: this project will result in the building of a bridge over the creek on Quarry Road, which become impassable during storms due to flooding. Presenter: James Bolz, Project Manager, San Diego County, Department of Public Works, Project Manager, Capital Improvement Program – 10 minutes.

Mr. Bolz provided project update. Discussed concern from a few business owners about the impact of a bridge and potential for smaller scale project that would raise the road and add culverts to provide more

flooding protection. However, that would be unfunded and the current bridge project is funded via federal funds.

Lowes asked for measures taken by the county to inform the public. Bolz has sent nearly 600 mailers, held meetings, and walked the neighborhood. Abrenica asked if the county can offer public statements on social media to address community member concerns. Custeau asked how many times flooding has impacted the area and how many water rescues have had to be conducted. San Miguel Fire Chief offered in the past few years, they have had to do at least two water rescues. Custeau asked if there is anyway we can expedite the timeline of the bridge project. Shaffer offered his support for the project given that the federal government has allocated funding. Public members James Comeau offered that he believed the project is important and his own experience having his ambulance ride impacted due to flooding.

Custeau offered that the Planning Group will add this issue to a future agenda for the group to take a position. No vote taken at this time

D. Action Items:

1. Site Plan – PDS 2021-STP-21-019; Sweetwater Triangle Land. This project failed to receive votes needed to pass at the 07-13-2021 meeting. The proponent is submitting revised plans for landscaping, lighting, and safety wall to address concerns raised by those opposed to the original plans for this project. Presenter: Harris; Proponent: Tarek Shaer & Dean Navarro

The proponent, Mr. Tarek Shaer, offered the project updates to directly address the concerns of the planning group from the last meeting relating to the retaining wall, landscaping plan, and lighting assessment. Lowes stated the updates met a number of her concerns and that she wished this information would have been presented the first time. Eugenio asked if we approved the plan, would the site still be held to the presented standard at a later time, which the project manager from the county affirmed.

Motion: Approve the plan as presented on August 10, 2021.

M/S:(Harris / Eugenio)

Vote: Aye (11); No (1 – Pearson); Abstain (1 – Abrenica); Absent (2); Vacant (0)

Motion: Passes

2. COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STAKEHOLDERS PRIORITY LISTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The San Diego County Department of Public Works (DPW) requests our planning groups participation in identifying a prioritized list of transportation improvement projects on the county-maintained road network in our community. The group will solicit and establish a list of recommended projects within our community planning group boundaries.

Project types include the following:

1. Road Reconstruction/Reconfiguration/New Roads: Improvements include adding and/or modifying

street lighting, lanes, turning lanes, roundabouts, or bike lanes to improve safety and/or increase roadway capacity.

2. *Bridges Repair/Reconstruction*: Improvements include adding and/or modifying street lighting, lanes, or bike lanes to improve safety and/or increase bridge capacity.

3. *Sidewalk/Pathways/Pedestrian Access Ramps*: Improvements include sidewalks, pathways, and ramps that promote safety and walking in the community.

4. *Drainage*: Improvements include corrections to storm drain problems on roadways or dip sections.

5. *Traffic Signals*: Installation of traffic signals to improve safety and traffic operation.

6. *Intersections*: Improvements could include new signals and turn lanes to improve safety and traffic operation the developer of this previously approved development is seeking a waiver from the requirement of undergrounding utilities adjacent to this project, citing high cost. Presenter: Snyder; Proponent: Miguel Cruz

Snyder and Gibbons provided project overview in which many of our previous lists have not been completed with items rolling over every few years. Parts of the reason for the lack of accomplishments are due to requirements for projects. For example, sidewalks cannot extend past 1200 feet. Pearson recommended we breakup our sidewalk projects. Snyder recommended we consolidate a new list. Mr. Chris Pierce of Spring Valley Community Alliance shared his organizations link for areas with needed sidewalks and offered the planning group should also prioritize other projects, specifically those aimed at reducing speed in our community.

Members are to submit their list to Gibbons for consolidation.

**E. Approval of Minutes of July 27, 2021 meeting.
Postponed**

F. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Announcement: Eugenio announced that the county has sold the parking lot between CA-94 and Avacado Street. Abrenica is hosting a school supply drive for Monte Vista High School.
2. Reports: N/A
3. New projects: N/A
4. Next meeting: August 27, 2021

G. ADJOURNMENT: 8:58 PM