

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
TUESDAY, August 24, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

Join Meeting on-line: <https://zoom.us/j/98107734156?pwd=eDYrUDdBTIVFNlJ1cHZMNGFsdGZTZz09>

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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	
4	Mark Kalsho	Left at 8:40 pm	12	Victoria Abrenica	
5	Marilyn Wilkinson		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:

Mr. Chris Heiserman made an announcement inviting community members to the Safety Officer appreciation dinner.

C. Presentation:

1. County Homeless Presentation: 1. Omar Passons, Director, Office of Homeless Solutions, County HHSA, will present an information item about the community engagement and resulting development of a framework that included portions of that input for how the County Health and Human Services Agency will evaluate sites for emergency housing and related services. Mr. Passons will provide a short presentation and field questions. If you would like to watch the entire presentation and Q & A, click the link below or visit the web page for more details:

The full recording of the presentation (including community questions and answers) for one of the sessions is below. **Please use the slider to go to 16:07 minute mark as the first 16 minutes have no content. The presentation and discussion goes until 1:07.** – My presentation is only about 15 minutes,

the rest is community questions and answers. Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/SDCountyHHSAA/videos/487048382542106>

Here is the link (also below) to the web page:

<https://www.livewellsd.org/content/livewell/home/community/homeless-options.html>

Wilkinson mentioned that the challenge in Spring Valley comes from limited land availability for shelter. Lowes brought up the lack of community resources in Spring Valley to support homeless shelters. Custeau raised concerns about the current homeless population in Spring Valley and if we were able to offer shelters, would they be used? Passons answered stating that there would be multiple communities that would be part of the solution. Eugenio asked if other communities outside of east county have been included in the discussions about offering solutions? Passons mentioned numerous communities in North County that have offered their support.

D. Action Items:

1. Lamar Street Traffic Safety between Bancroft and Vista Dr/Lamar St. split; Residents are complaining about serious speeding on this stretch of roadway and the unsafe intersections at Helix St and the Vista Dr/Lamar St split. The group will consider making recommendations to County Traffic Engineering to help remedy the safety concerns of residents.

Mr. Mark Reynolds mentioned that he would like more methods to slow down the traffic in the areas. Police enforcement has not been effective. Mentioned that speed bumps and other mitigating efforts. Mr. Zoubir Ouadah, County Traffic Engineer, mentioned the challenges in installing speed humps in gathering public support. Further, adding stop signs may contribute to safety given the allocation the right away and have a secondary effect of reducing speed.

Mr. James Comeau, member of the public, mentioned that Del Rio should be a model for other areas for speed mitigation efforts. Mr. Chris Pierce, member of public, asked about the difference between the difference between speed humps and speed bumps.

Motion: To install an all-way stop between Lamar St and Helix St North and another all-way stop at the intersection of Vista Dr. and Lamar St.

M/S: (Custeau / Snyder)

Vote: Aye (9); No (5 – Lowes, Wilkinson, Eugenio, Harris, Gibbons); Abstain (1 – Robles); Absent (0); Vacant (0)

Motion: Passes

2. Two Tree Removals, 735 Elkelton Blvd; the property owner has root intrusion into the sewer system and the sidewalk has been damaged next to two both trees. Presenter: Shaffer; Proponent: Hector Licon jr, County Public Works.

Snyder cited the location for the planting of these trees was poor due to their root systems. Robles offered that the property owners should be offered two trees for replacement. Abrenica stated the county needs to look at other solutions vice removing trees due to the climate crisis such as installing a

curved sidewalk, a bridge over the roots of the two trees or possibly, pruning or trimming the crown of the tree (if an arborist feels the trees would still survive).

Mr. Trevor Salazar, member of the public, asked the board to look for other options over tree removal due to the contribution of trees to the environment. Ms. Alexis Luz, member of the public, also asked the board to look for other options over tree removal due to the contribution of trees to the environment.

Motion: For the county to remove the two trees and offer the property owners two replacement trees.

M/S: (Shaffer / Eugenio)

Vote: Aye (13); No (1 – Abrenica); Abstain (0); Absent (1); Vacant (0)

Motion: Passes

3. Quarry Road Bridge Project, the group will explore possible options in an effort to revitalize this stalled project. Presenter: Custeau

Gonzalez mentioned her concern that we have been bypassed in the process for the successful completion of this solution for a significant flooding issue in the community. Shaffer raised concern one business should not be dictating public safety.

Motion: Support construction of the bridge under the current approved proposal and the creation of Ad Hoc committee to work with the community to find compromise solutions.

M/S: (Gonzalez / Abrenica)

Vote: Aye (13); No (0); Abstain (1 – Robles); Absent (1); Vacant (0)

Motion: Passes

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

Motion: Approve the minutes of July 27, 2021 meeting

M/S:(Pearson/Lowes)

Vote: Aye (13); No (0); Abstain (1– Shaffer); Absent (1); Vacant (0)

Motion: Passes

F. Approval of Minutes of August 10, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Approve the minutes of August 10, 2021 meeting

M/S:(Eble/Custeau)

Vote: Aye (13); No (0); Abstain (1– Wilkinson); Absent (1); Vacant (0)

Motion: Passes

G. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Announcement: Abrenica announced the results of the school supply drive for Monte Vista High School and upcoming community cleanups.

2. Reports: Otay Water District would not allow us to meet at the water district training room due to their rigid COVID restrictions, but San Miguel Fire Department has offered us a venue. Custeau offered to write a letter regarding Supervisor Anderson’s CSA appointments. Group discussed

options about briefing code compliance issues in the community. Gibbons reports from capital improvements that safety issues get funded better and that we should prioritize a list.

3. New projects: N/A

4. Next meeting: September 14, 2021

H. ADJOURNMENT: 9:55 PM