

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
TUESDAY, September 14, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

Join Meeting on-line:

<https://zoom.us/j/95372910236?pwd=SGdJSndoSlI4MkRCZlI0TG1lcTI4UT09>

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A. Members

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

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

B. Public Comment:

Ms. Becky Rapp spoke against cannabis licensing. Ms. Judy Strang asked the public to participate in a survey over county reporting responsibility. Ms. Kathleen Lipitt spoke against the minutes from the county not being posted in a timely fashion. Ms. Roxanne Hernandez criticized the conduct of K.B. Homes and their neglectful conduct in the community including impacts to her property. She says construction dust is not being controlled and that plywood walls weren't installed to protect birds nesting in the canyon.

C. Presentation:

1. La Presa Community Mobility Report project update - The County of San Diego is conducting a needs assessment to understand how residents in La Presa and Spring Valley travel within their community, and what transportation challenges they face when doing so. There will be a community meeting at the Spring Valley Library on September 15th @ 6pm – Go to this link for more details and to complete a

survey - [Community Transportation Needs Assessment - La Presa \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](#)

Presenter: Ricky Williams, Sustainability Division; Land Use/Environmental Planner

Custeau raised the concern that we have a lot of empty buses transiting in Spring Valley, can the county look at options for ride share or other transportation option. Abrenica mentioned that a trolley stop in Spring Valley would improve public transportation use in the area. Woodruff asked if we look at including more clean mobility options in areas where density is increasing. Lowes raised the concern that there are a lack of sidewalks for walking and it is not safe for bicycles (along with the aging population).

D. Action Items:

1. Bancroft Elementary – Roadway Safety Issues: 8805 Tyler St. Presenter: Custeau

Custeau walked through the route and some safety mitigation efforts that could be done. Kimberly Libenguth, school principal, mentioned some of the issues that have occurred in the past and some of the trouble areas. Eugenio mentioned that we should incorporate 10 mph speed limits like Las Vegas areas. Snyder asked which direction were vehicles traveling that struck the building. Lowes offered that we should include more school zone signs in the area. Thomas Krejci, member of the public, offered that including all-way stops at Tyler & Central and Tyler & Avocado St. would be a good recommendation and that other buildings in the area have been hit as well. Pierce offered adding a couple of more all-way stops including one at Valencia St. would contribute to the safety. Julia Miranda, offered she also thinks an all-way stop at Valencia and Bancroft would help. Gibbons recommended that the school district remove a palm tree and create another opening to the drop off lot west of the school so that one opening would be the entrance only and the existing opening would be for exit only.

2. PDS 2021 – COMALT-000164; request for b-designator waiver for a new illuminated sign, 543 Sweetwater Rd. (Albertsons); this project requires approval of a Minor Deviation to STP-98-012W1M5; Proponent: John Crispis & Doug Randall; Presenter: Lowes and Gonzalez

Lowes provided an overview stating the property already contains several large, oversized signs and there does not seem to be a purpose for the sign. Snyder offered that the signs are not bothersome to the community.

Motion: To deny the waiver request for signage due to the current amount of signage on the building.

M/S: (Lowes / Robles)

Vote: Aye (8); No (4 – Eugenio, Shaffer, Gibbons, Snyder); Abstain (0); Absent (2); Vacant (1)

Motion: Passes

3. Capital Improvement Projects Request – Priority list; the group will finalize the list for submission to the county; Presenter: Gibbons.

Gibbons provided a presentation of all the capital improvement projects. Robles mentioned that the

county has updated the definition of what they will consider for capital improvements.

Julia Miranda (Spring Valley Community Alliance) spoke against pulling the crosswalk off near Lamar Park and that we need sidewalks along Bancroft St and Troy St.

Motion: Approve the Capital Improvement Projects as presented with amendments.

M/S: (Pearson / Shaffer)

Vote: Aye (11); No (0); Abstain (0); Absent (3); Vacant (1)

Motion: Passes

E. Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Approve the minutes of August 24, 2021 meeting

M/S:(TBD/Lowes)

Vote: Aye (11); No (0); Abstain (0); Absent (3); Vacant (1)

Motion: Passes

F. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Announcement: Abrenica announced an effort to clean up Tijuana Valley River.

2. Reports:

- a. Chair: Update on moving to in-person meetings at San Miguel Fire and Rescue Board Room beginning in October
- b. CSA 128: There will be a movie in the park in October. At the meeting they will looking at the PLDO at the next meeting.
- c. TAC: Recertification of Austin Drive, from Sweetwater Springs Blvd. to South Barcelona at 40 mph. recertification of Austin Drive (west from South Barcelona) and Montemar Drive from current 40 mph to 30 mph. Installation of an all-way stop at intersection of Montemar and Austin. These changes will be presented to BOS on January 12, 2022.
- d. Highway cleanup: Last Thursday conducted cleanup. The manager at the state wants a number of deliverables from cleanup efforts.
- e. Other: N/A

3. New projects: N/A

4. Next meeting: September 28, 2021

G. ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 PM