

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
TUESDAY, March 8, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

Join Meeting on-line:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85107326350?pwd=Qkxvd24xaVZRWEt1ZWJYdUNdEhKUT09>

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Chair: Tim Snyder E-mail: tsnydersvcpg@gmail.com; Facebook: [Spring Valley Planning Group](#)

A. Members

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

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

B. Public Comment:

Ms. Judi Strang spoke about recent action by board of supervisors and shared document with group.

Ms. Victoria Abrenica updated on the Spring Valley Community Action Plan. Also shared about upcoming Earth Day event in April hosted by Spring Valley Cleanup Crew.

Mr. John Eugenio shared concerns about upcoming plans in Spring Valley regarding proximity to a daycare.

C. Action Items:

1. Brent Panas, Chief, Code Compliance, Conor McGee, Planning Manager, Code Compliance Division, and the code compliance team for an overview of Code Compliance.

Conor McGee spoke about the role of the code compliance office and the scope of their work and ability to enforce code. He presented on the process for when violations are reported including: investigate, educate, schedule, facilitate, voluntary compliance, and resolution. Mr. McGee provided statistics from fiscal year 2020/2021 in the Spring Valley area and the entire county.

Lowes expressed discontent with the Code Compliance office from past issues.

Pierce inquired if anything is being done about illegal junkyards in operation throughout Spring Valley. Mr. McGee responded that they are aware and investigating active complaints and that they do have means of working with the DMV and DA to deal with those operating without permit.

Snyder inquired about focus on health safety concerns. Mr. Brent Panas confirmed this is a priority.

Eugenio asked if closed cases are noticed back to the person who initially reported the violation. Mr. McGee confirmed there are tracking identifiers in the system used and the reporting party is notified.

Abrenica asked clarification about the process for code compliance reports and Mr. McGee confirmed that they are unable to act until a complaint from the public is received. The public is able to see if a complaint is filed but identity of the complainant is not able to be seen in this system.

Mr. Malcolm Gettmann asked about how violations on county property are resolved. Mr. McGee spoke about some outside referrals and other processes that are followed to address the issues.

Pierce asked how the quarterly reporting on prioritized complaints would work.

Custeau asked about the progress of complaints relative to the stats presented on previous years.

Shaffer asked what efforts are being taken to combat illegal cannabis shops. Mr. McGee answered that collaboration with the Sheriff's Department is a focus and that steps by the board of supervisors for regulation have helped to mitigate this issue.

Mr. Thomas Krejci asked about code compliance scope regarding trees on private property. Mr. McGee responded that these matters are primarily civil and not within the scope of code compliance.

Abrenica asked if illegal cannabis businesses were allowed to change their operations prior to being shut down. Mr. McGee clarified that there is currently no ability to have a recreational cannabis business in unincorporated areas.

Lowes asked how she can provide her recommendations regarding cannabis shops.

2. Michael Oreiro, P.E., Acting Project Manager, Central Corridors, Caltrans District 11, Current status of the 94/125 Interchange Project.

Mr. Oreiro spoke about groundwater collection areas of concern and how the connector configuration will provide for avoidance. He talked about the potential northbound 125 auxiliary lane which is currently under evaluation for approval, and will likely be incorporated into the final project.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2024 as funding is still being secured and design changes have extended the total construction time.

Lowes mentioned her concern about the 94 westbound approaching the ramp for the 125 northbound and the traffic congestion that occurs here. Mr. Christopher Scott answered that this is not addressed by the design.

Custeau expressed his approval with the addition of the northbound 125 auxiliary lane. He asked the likelihood of securing the funding needed for the project. Mr. Oreiro and Mr. Scott answered that it should be deliverable by 2025 and it is anticipated it will be achieved.

Woodruff expressed concerns about the funding being able to be secured as this project is desperately needed. He inquired if there was a way to get this on a priority list for funding.

Custeau added concerns about the new housing units being built south of Sweetwater Springs Boulevard and if it was possible for a configuration to be incorporated that addresses that ramp onto the 94. The presenters said they would refer it to others as it was outside the scope of this project.

Mr. Gettmann commented positively about the potential northbound 125 auxiliary lane addition.

Woodruff asked what happens to the groundwater that collects. Mr. Scott responded that most of it is discharged to the Spring Valley creek nearby but also addressed by treatment facilities being built and capturing some for on-site irrigation.

Lowes asked if the active construction happening on the 94 east and west is related to this project. Mr. Oreiro confirmed these are separate projects and unrelated.

Thomas Krejci asked if the groundwater has the potential for use of watering trees.

3. Review and vote on the Spring Valley Community Planning Group Capital Improvement Projects. The following was presented to the group's chair 9/21/2021.

1. Sweetwater Road, heading north from Tyler Street to Troy Street, need sidewalk for 1,758 feet
2. From Sweetwater Road at Troy Street, going east to Bancroft Drive, needs new sidewalks on both sides of the street; 4634 feet.
3. Need a cross walk at Lamar Park across Bancroft Drive.
4. On Kenwood, going west from Helix Street to Kenwood Court, need sidewalks on both sides of the street; 1,486 feet.
5. From under the SR94 bridge, going north on South Barcelona Street to Highlands Elementary, sidewalks missing in places; 1,682 feet.
6. On Apple Street turning on to La Presa Avenue, both sides of the street need sidewalks to the school; 4,988 feet.
7. On Jamacha Road from Osage Street to Elkelton Blvd going west or east. Both sides of the street need sidewalks; 4,052 feet.
8. Street light(s) from Grand Avenue to Elkelton Blvd on Jamacha Road.
9. Storm Drain on 10328 San Carlos, replace/repair/complete?
10. Sidewalk around Bancroft Elementary, per the principal's request.

Pearson expressed concern about the sidewalks around the elementary schools but supports the list of capital improvement projects.

Chair Snyder will forward the list as recorded.

4. Discussion and vote on recording future meetings.

Motion: Approve the recording of future planning group meetings.

M/S: (Gonzalez/Abrenica)

Vote: Aye (12); No (0); Abstain (0); Absent (3); Vacant (0)

Motion: Passes

5. Continuance of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section

54953(e). The group will vote to continue meeting on-line for the next 30 days. Motion: Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), a motion to find the legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency and state and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing. [This motion is intended to apply to all the legislative body subcommittees this legislative body has created.] Presenter: Snyder

Motion: Approve continuance of teleconferencing meeting option for the next 30 days.

M/S:(Pierce/Shaffer)

Vote: Aye (12); No (0); Abstain (0); Absent (3); Vacant (0)

Motion: Passes

D. Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Approve the minutes of February 22, 2022 meeting

M/S:(Custeau/Pearson)

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

Motion: Passes

E. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Announcements.

- a. Custeau mentioned the upcoming meeting with Supervisor Nora Vargas On Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022 at 6:00pm. Vice Chair Nora Vargas will host a Town Hall Meeting for residents of the La Presa community to come together to meet their new Supervisor and discuss issues impacting their families and neighborhoods. The meeting will be held at the Spring Valley Community Center located at 8735 Jamacha Blvd, Spring Valley, CA 91977.
- b. Gonzalez mentioned the update regarding Ildica Park nearing completion with a grand opening and ribbon cutting date being looked at for some time in April.
- c. Abrenica mentioned the April 23rd community event celebrating Earth Day at Lamar County Park, hosted by Spring Valley Cleanup Crew in collaboration with San Diego County Parks.
- d. Pierce announced coffee with the Sheriff.

2. Reports:

- a. Chair: Snyder spoke with representative from underground utility district and he said in six months they will check back with the planning group as there is currently no plan for underground utility. There is a Chair meeting scheduled for March 19th that Snyder will attend and report back to the group.
- b. CSA 128: Ildica Park near completion for opening in April.

- c. TAC: Meeting on Friday, March 11th for small projects outside of Spring Valley.
- 3. Assign projects: No new projects as of today
- 4. Next meeting: April 12, 2022

F. ADJOURNMENT: 9:39 PM

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