

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
TUESDAY, June 28, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

Join Meeting on-line:

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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		11	James "Jim" Custeau	
4	Chris Pierce		12	Victoria Abrenica Vice-Chair	
5	Hoger "Roger" Saleh		13	Edward Woodruff	
6	John Eugenio		14	Robert "Bob" Eble	
7	Scott Harris		15	Tim Snyder Chair	
8	Scott Shaffer				

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

B. Notification is hereby provided that the SVC PG meeting may be recorded for purposes of preparation of the meeting minutes.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - Opportunity for the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject matter within our jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda.

Chris Pierce remarked about the new signage on the Chevron on Sweetwater Road and Jamacha Boulevard.

Victoria Abrenica spoke about cleanups and restoration events on Kempton street and how they noticed a crosswalk/sidewalk that does not have a ramp. This is near two schools and the public library.

D. Action Items:

1. Dallin Young, Public Affairs Manager, SDG&E. Dallin will discuss the Jamacha Blvd 69KV Rebuild project. The project is being finalized and SDG&E wanted the neighboring planning groups to be aware of the extent of the rebuild.

Mr. Dallin Young described major aspects of the project. It was initiated in September of 2018 to bring major components up to date and up to current standards. This is a part of SDG&E wildfire mitigation initiatives and should be near completed in 2025. The substation and the site will be developed under this project.

Custeau asked if this project considers increases in power demand or smart grid potential. It was answered that the upgrades will help address demand because of improved reliability and capacity. The project will also prepare for smart grid scenario.

Lowes asked if there would be battery station on Lamar Street and the security of the system. The system is properly secured by cybersecurity standards to prevent issues.

Abrenica asked if they were working with Sempra or San Diego Community Power (SDCP) on this project. This is an SDG&E project and so not part of SDCP.

Woodruff asked if the Eucalyptus grove will be kept intact. It will not be touched.

Snyder asked if the community above the site was notified of the construction. They responded that notice will be sent out close to the construction date.

Mr. Braulio Sanabria asked about water runoff and clarification on the discharge of rain water. The civil engineer for the project answered that the water just runs off into the nearby creek but with this project, the water will be captured, treated, and released at a lower rate, similar to if the substation were not there.

2. Pre-Intake Interview, 8725 Broadway, APN 499-250-44-00. Commercial strip mall facing Broadway is redoing the signs on 9 businesses. Presenter is Robles, proponents are Ed Younan, sign designer, and Mark Ramer, property Manager.

Robles shared information from pre-intake assessment on a multi-sign project for a plaza on Broadway street. Signs will be wall signs with channel style letters that are individually and internally illuminated with LEDs. Proponents and presenter will work on getting the individual sign schematics for the planning group.

3. Vote to Sign Letter of Support for Spring Valley Community Alliance TCC Grant. Proponents are Pierce and Snyder.

Mr. Sanabria asked for the group's support of the SVCA and the proposed grant. There were questions and concerns about what the grant will be for and how it will be executed

by a community group without technical expertise on some of the claimed potential projects that could be covered by the grant.

Abrenica spoke against recommending approval of the letter of support. She spoke about questions regarding the intent of the group behind the letter and grant. Other members spoke in agreement about concerns regarding what the intent of the group is. Pierce spoke representing the SVCA and what positive work the group does in Spring Valley.

Shaffer said this appears to be a first for the board to be presented with a request like this by a non-profit/community organization and isn't sure of the policies or rules regarding what our place as a planning group is to support something like this. Lowes agreed with this concern. Custeau also agreed and said that our group might more appropriately be able to express generic support of improvements to Spring Valley through grant funding, without being specific to the non-profit group.

Snyder remarked that watering down the letter to more general terms might not be as impactful or serve the purpose of the request. Gonzalez mentioned that she would not be comfortable voting in support at this time due to not having enough information, the request being beyond the scope of our planning group's purpose, and for potential blurring of roles of planning members who serve on outside community groups.

Robles asked if any county representatives could speak to this letter. He mentioned that the group typically shies away from letters like this as it is not our role, and usually letters we do support may be from high schools.

Chair Snyder tabled the item.

E. Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Approve the minutes of June 14, 2022 meeting

M/S: (Eble/Shaffer)

Vote: Aye (14); No (0); Abstain (0); Absent (1-Pearson); Vacant (0)

Motion: Passes

F. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Announcements.

- a. Pierce updated about a box he saw in the ground at the cell phone tower project that was busted open and a tripping hazard and it was addressed.
- b. Abrenica spoke about upcoming composting classes at the Teen Center.

2. Reports:

- a. Chair: Spoke about upcoming elections in the fall for even numbered seats on the planning group. Custeau mentioned that going down to the Registrar's Office to fill out the needed forms is beneficial as the offices will help you. Board of Supervisors will have an agenda item of tree planting.
- b. CSA 128: No meetings as of last report.
- c. TAC: Custeau said there are no updates.

- d. Highway Cleanup: Eugenio still waiting on encroachment permits.
- 3. Assign projects: No new projects yet. Upcoming pre-intake assessment and representative from office of code compliance coming to discuss their processes.
- 4. Next meeting: July 12, 2022

G. ADJOURNMENT: 9:20 PM

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