

# Spring Valley Community Planning Group

County of San Diego

P.O. Box 1637, Spring Valley, CA 91979

\*\*\*FINAL MINUTES\*\*\*

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

## Attend meeting in-person at:

San Miguel Fire District Headquarters: 2850 Via Orange Way, Spring Valley, CA 91978

Use the headquarters entrance and proceed to the second floor boardroom There is no virtual portion of this meeting. An elevator is available

Chairperson: Christopher Pierce; email: [svcp4@gmail.com](mailto:svcp4@gmail.com)

### A. ROLL CALL – QUORUM

| SEAT | NAME                          | PRESENT/ABSENT | SEAT | NAME                | ABSENT   |
|------|-------------------------------|----------------|------|---------------------|----------|
| 1    | Tiffany Gonzalez<br>Secretary | P              | 9    | Rod Gibbons         | P        |
| 2    | Lora Lowes                    | P              | 10   | Chris Pearson       | P        |
| 3    | Jesse Robles                  | P              | 11   | James “Jim” Custeau | <b>A</b> |
| 4    | Chris Pierce                  | P              | 12   | Victoria Abrenica   | P        |
| 5    | Angelica Wallace              | P              | 13   | Edward Woodruff     | P        |
| 6    | John Eugenio                  | P              | 14   | Heaven Morgan       | P        |
| 7    | Scott Harris                  | P              | 15   | Tim Snyder          | P        |
| 8    | Scott Shaffer                 | <b>A</b>       |      |                     |          |

The meeting was called to order at 7PM.

**B. 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.

1. Chris Pearson: Ran Into Sen. Brian Jones At A Social Event And He Asked Jones About The 125/94 Interchange Project. Pearson Was Redirected To Staffers And Is Following Up. Re:Calavo Park - Rec'D Update That The Project May Be Completed In Phases Or Reduced.
2. Victoria Abrenica: 1) Kempton/Piedmont - There Should Be Sidewalks For Students In This Area As Well As Other Traffic Calming Efforts Considered 2) Jamacha Glen Apts - There Are Many Accidents Here And Cars Travelling Above The Speed Limit.

3. Cesar Castro - Spoke To Support The Need For Traffic Mitigation At Jamacha Glen Apts

C. ACTION ITEMS with designation as to whether there will be vote or not on the item:

1. Approval of Minutes: 1/24/2023. Vote on this item.

Motion by Abrenica, second by Harris to approve the minutes for the January 24, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with 9 members voting 'Yes', two absent, and four abstentions.

|         |                     |  |        | <i>(MOTION/SECOND)</i> |         |           |
|---------|---------------------|--|--------|------------------------|---------|-----------|
| ITEM #1 | APPROVAL OF MINUTES |  |        | ABRENICA/HARRIS        |         |           |
|         | #                   | Name                                   | Status | Y                      | Yes     |           |
|         | 1                   | Tiffany Gonzalez                       | X      | N                      | No      | 0         |
|         | 2                   | Lora Lowes                             | Y      | A                      | Absent  | 2         |
|         | 3                   | Jesse Robles<br><b>Secretary</b>       | X      | X                      | Abstain | 4         |
|         | 4                   | Chris Pierce                           | Y      | V                      | Vacant  | 0         |
|         | 5                   | Angelica Wallace                       | X      |                        |         | <b>15</b> |
|         | 6                   | John Eugenio                           | Y      |                        |         |           |
|         | 7                   | Scott Harris                           | Y      |                        |         |           |
|         | 8                   | Scott Shaffer                          | A      |                        |         |           |
|         | 9                   | Rod Gibbons                            | X      |                        |         |           |
|         | 10                  | Chris Pearson                          | Y      |                        |         |           |
|         | 11                  | James "Jim"<br>Custeau                 | A      |                        |         |           |
|         | 12                  | Victoria Abrenica<br><b>Vice-Chair</b> | Y      |                        |         |           |
|         | 13                  | Edward Woodruff                        | Y      |                        |         |           |
|         | 14                  | Heaven Morgan                          | Y      |                        |         |           |
|         | 15                  | Tim Snyder <b>Chair</b>                | Y      |                        |         |           |

**2. Discretionary Permit for Major Use Permit PDS2022-MUP-22-012, APN: 586-170-15-00, 8535 Paradise Valley Rd.**

CAL02872 | Construction of a 35' High mono eucalyptus tower. Presenter: Pearson, proponent: Harold Thomar Jr. Vote on this item.

1. Neighbor L.Randall expressed concerns about health risks associated with the technology. Randall lives in a townhome development that is proximal to the project. Randall expressed concerns about the lack of outreach to her development especially because of the close proximity. Randall said they felt like they were not being provided enough information about the project being proposed. The project proponent assured Randall that the project is in compliance with the county and FCC's requirements for this type of project.
2. J. Comeau: Wants To Know If The County Is In Possession Of FCC Study. Wants To Know How The County Verifies Information Provided To It. Does The County Require FCC Approval Of Individual Projects? The proponent answered that the FCC does not conduct a study or review of the project. There is a study conducted by a third-party that reviews the proposed plans and tests them against FCC standards, but the FCC itself does not perform plan-level review of projects.
3. A. Wallace: How does the county enforce FCC compliance? Can the Project be moved? County: The County relies on third party testing (as previously discussed) and is limited in the type of oversight it has over these projects. Also, the federal government regulates by statute how local governments can vote or regulate these types of projects.
4. C. Pearson shared resources from the American Cancer Association to address concerns raised by the public around the safety of these types of technologies.

The motion failed with 6 members voting yes, 6 voting 'no', 2 absent and 1 abstention.

| ITEM #2 | ATT NEW CELL TOWER BUILD |  |        |   | EUGENIO/HARRIS |           |
|---------|--------------------------|--|--------|---|----------------|-----------|
|         | #                        | Name                                   | Status | Y | Yes            | 6         |
|         | 1                        | Tiffany Gonzalez                       | Y      | N | No             | 6         |
|         | 2                        | Lora Lowes                             | N      | A | Absent         | 2         |
|         | 3                        | Jesse Robles<br><b>Secretary</b>       | N      | X | Abstain        | 1         |
|         | 4                        | Chris Pierce                           | Y      | V | Vacant         | 0         |
|         | 5                        | Angelica Wallace                       | N      |   |                | <b>15</b> |
|         | 6                        | John Eugenio                           | X      |   |                |           |
|         | 7                        | Scott Harris                           | Y      |   |                |           |
|         | 8                        | Scott Shaffer                          | A      |   |                |           |
|         | 9                        | Rod Gibbons                            | Y      |   |                |           |
|         | 10                       | Chris Pearson                          | Y      |   |                |           |
|         | 11                       | James "Jim" Custeau                    | A      |   |                |           |
|         | 12                       | Victoria Abrenica<br><b>Vice-Chair</b> | N      |   |                |           |
|         | 13                       | Edward Woodruff                        | N      |   |                |           |
|         | 14                       | Heaven Morgan                          | N      |   |                |           |
|         | 15                       | Tim Snyder<br><b>Chair</b>             | Y      |   |                |           |

**3. Pre-intake Review: 741 Grand Ave, APN: 584-360-08-00.** Presenter: Snyder, proponent: Matt Lowen. Vote if necessary.

The group reviewed the plans suggested the proponent:

- Finish the building's facade and wrought iron gate
- Incorporate trees / landscaping

No action or motion was made on this item..

**4. Discuss / Propose Adjusting SVCPG Meeting Date and / or Start Time.** Vote on this item.

The group discussed the benefits and drawbacks of changing the meeting times and dates of the CPG’s stated meetings. Some members thought it should be just one meeting a month (4th Thursday at 6) because other groups are also meeting just once a month. Some members did not like the idea of limiting the amount of meetings stated in the group’s by-laws and thought it should be kept open in case there is a need for a second meeting. The group agreed that meetings could be earlier than 7pm to ensure meetings are accessible to families. Consensus formed around keeping meetings to two a month and allowing the Chair to make the executive decision on whether or not a second meeting needs to be held. Consensus also formed around moving the start time to 6pm with an end time of 8:30pm and a hard stop of 9pm. The motion (Gonzales/Lowes) passed with 10 members voting yes, 3 voting no and 2 members absent.

|         |                               |  |        | <i>(MOTION/SECOND)</i> |                |    |
|---------|-------------------------------|--|--------|------------------------|----------------|----|
| ITEM #4 | <u>CHANGE OF MEETING TIME</u> |  |        |                        | GONZALES/LOWES |    |
|         | #                             | Name                                   | Status | Y                      | Yes            | 10 |
|         | 1                             | Tiffany Gonzalez                       | Y      | N                      | No             | 3  |
|         | 2                             | Lora Lowes                             | Y      | A                      | Absent         | 2  |
|         | 3                             | Jesse Robles<br><b>Secretary</b>       | Y      | X                      | Abstain        | 0  |
|         | 4                             | Chris Pierce                           | Y      | V                      | Vacant         | 0  |
|         | 5                             | Angelica Wallace                       | N      |                        |                | 15 |
|         | 6                             | John Eugenio                           | N      |                        |                |    |
|         | 7                             | Scott Harris                           | Y      |                        |                |    |
|         | 8                             | Scott Shaffer                          | A      |                        |                |    |
|         | 9                             | Rod Gibbons                            | N      |                        |                |    |
|         | 10                            | Chris Pearson                          | Y      |                        |                |    |
|         | 11                            | James “Jim” Custeau                    | A      |                        |                |    |
|         | 12                            | Victoria Abrenica<br><b>Vice-Chair</b> | Y      |                        |                |    |
|         | 13                            | Edward Woodruff                        | Y      |                        |                |    |
|         | 14                            | Heaven Morgan                          | Y      |                        |                |    |
|         | 15                            | Tim Snyder<br><b>Chair</b>             | Y      |                        |                |    |

## 5. Updates on outstanding Projects

No new projects.

## D. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Announcements:

2. Reports:

Chair  CSA 128  TAC  Highway cleanup  Other 3. Assign Projects: None

4. Next meeting: February 28, 2023

## E. ADJOURNMENT

### PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

We strive to protect personally identifiable information, by collecting only information necessary to deliver our services. All information collected becomes public record, subject to inspection and copying by the public, unless an exemption in law exists. In the event of conflict, governing the County's disclosure of records, the County ordinance or other law will control. You can review any personal information collected about you. You may recommend changes to your personal information, which you believe is in error, by submitting a written request that shows, credibly, the error. If you believe your personal information is being used for purposes other than those intended, you may contact us. In all cases, we will take reasonable steps to verify your identity, before granting access or making corrections. **Purpose of Planning and Sponsor Groups**

Advise the County on Discretionary projects as well as on planning and land use matters that are proposed within their respective community planning or sponsor group area.