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

Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 6:00 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:** 

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## A. ROLL CALL - QUORUM

Seat #	Group Member	Status
1	Tiffany Gonzalez	Α
2	Lora Lowes	Р
3	Jesse Robles	A
4	Chris Pierce	Р
5	Angelica Wallace	Р
6	John Eugenio	Р
7	VACANT	V
8	Scott Shaffer	Р
9	Rod Gibbons	Р
10	Chris Pearson	A
11	James Custeau	Р
12	Victoria Abrenica	Р
13	Edward Woodruff	Р
14	Heaven Morgan	Р
15	Tim Snyder	Р
Total: Present 11 / Absent 3 / Vacant 1		

[Status: P-Present / A-Absent / V-Vacant]

- **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.
- -Moana, Liason for Akilah Weber's Office discussed upcoming event
- -Victoria Abrenica requests for sidewalks to be installed along the east side of Kempton St. along with and ADA crosswalks to enhance safety in the area outside of our local library, rec and teen center and an elementary and middle school. Also requested crosswalk or other pedestrian safety enhancement to be made at Jamacha Rd. and Gillespie Dr.
- **C. ACTION ITEMS** with designation as to whether there will be vote or not on the item:
- 1. Approval of Minutes: 2/14/2023; 2/28/2023. Vote on these items.

Motion: To approve 2/14/23 meeting minutes Gibbons/Eugenio		
1	Tiffany Gonzalez	А
2	Lora Lowes	А
3	Jesse Robles	Α
4	Chris Pierce	Υ
5	Angelica Wallace	Υ
6	John Eugenio	Υ
7	VACANT	V
8	Scott Shaffer	Ab
9	Rod Gibbons	Υ
10	Chris Pearson	Α
11	James Custeau	Υ
12	Victoria Abrenica	Υ
13	Edward Woodruff	Υ
14	Heaven Morgan	Υ
15	Tim Snyder	Υ
PASS: 9Y / Ab1 / 4A / 1V		

Motion: To approve 2/28/23 meeting minutes Custeau/Eugenio		
1	Tiffany Gonzalez	Α
2	Lora Lowes	Α
3	Jesse Robles	А
4	Chris Pierce	Υ
5	Angelica Wallace	Υ
6	John Eugenio	Υ
7	VACANT	V
8	Scott Shaffer	Ab
9	Rod Gibbons	Υ
10	Chris Pearson	Α
11	James Custeau	Υ
12	Victoria Abrenica	Υ
13	Edward Woodruff	Υ
14	Heaven Morgan	Υ
15	Tim Snyder	Υ
PASS: 9Y / 1Ab / 4A / 1V		

## 2. Caltrans update on the new phased approach for the SR 125 / 94 Interchange Project.

- -Presenter: Michael Rubin-Project Manager
- Custeau notes that we previously requested 125 N aux lanes be added
- Shaffer asks if the water district is involved and suggests that we involve state legislations and water districts. Project manager says they will only be involved if it is necessary. Also asks if the project is unfunded. An affirmative "Yes" comes from Karen Jewel of Caltrans
- Moana, Liason for Webers office states they have not yet been briefed on this particular project since the area is fairly new to their district.
- Gibbons notes that water is precious and not to be wasted.
- Lowes questions who owns the road. Presenter states that the state does and SANDAG will only fund the project partially. Additional funding will be sought predominantly through grants.

- Karen Jewel (Caltrans Rep.) speaks on the possibility and cost of a pump station being constructed at the site. Notes that there is only 1 other similar pump station in the state and this is a large quantity of groundwater so a pump station could cost upwards of \$0.5 million per year, forever. Also notes there is a possibility that pumping the groundwater could negatively impact nearby wells.
- Woodruff questions if the groundwater study was completed during drought. The answer is yes, it was done in 2021
- Abrenica questions environmental impact negation. Will there be trees planted to offset the environmental impact of more cars? Karen Jewel states that landscaping is part of the design phase and they are open to suggestions during this phase but the projected project cost doesn't include additional funding for excess environmental impact negation by way of landscaping in particular.
- Morgan suggests public art on sound walls and bridge as it is lacking in the community and also notes this may be a way to receive grant funding as the state pushes for more public art.
- **3. 8868 Valencia Street, Site Plan, PDS2022-STP-22-027, APN 503-290-35-00.** Construction of 3 New Residential Buildings. Presenter is Robles, proponent is Joseph Werner. Vote on this item. \*Robles was absent, Pierce presented a PowerPoint presentation submitted by Robles.

Motion: To approve plan as briefed on 3/28 with an amendment to add an aesthetic facade to the overhang as discussed and assurance that the updated plans are stamped Shaffer/Gibbons		
1	Tiffany Gonzalez	А
2	Lora Lowes	N
3	Jesse Robles	А
4	Chris Pierce	Υ
5	Angelica Wallace	Ab
6	John Eugenio	Υ
7	VACANT	V
8	Scott Shaffer	Ab
9	Rod Gibbons	Υ
10	Chris Pearson	А
11	James Custeau	Υ

12	Victoria Abrenica	Υ
13	Edward Woodruff	N
14	Heaven Morgan	Υ
15	Tim Snyder	Υ
PASS: 8Y / 2N / 1Ab / 3A / 1V		

- -Presentation noted that the project was not fully scoped and the layout is not courtyard style. Proponent mentioned that it is a narrow lot and public group space is not required.
- -Prompt to table item or submit with guidelines.

Motion: To table the project until a scoping letter is available

### Custeau/Abrenica

5 Yes: Pierce, Wallace, Custeau, Abrenica, Woodruff 5 No: Lowes, Eugenio, Shaffer, Gibbons, Snyder

1 Abstention: Morgan

3 Absent: Gonzalez, Robles, Pearson

1 Vacant [FAIL]

- Updated plans unavailable digitally due to technical difficulties. Proponent had hard copy of updated plans on hand showing requested improvements to add architectural relief and a trash enclosure as discussed previously.
- Wallace wanted to be sure that the updated plans would be submitted to the county for approval since they had not yet been submitted. Proponent wanted to get approval from SVCPG prior to submitting new plans.
- Shaffer noted this is a discretionary permit
- Public comment made that the trash location could be unpleasant to tenants.
- Pierce requested a facade to make the overhang more aesthetically pleasing. Proponent agreed that was something they could easily fulfill by way of lattice or similar material to fill the gap between the bottom of the overhang and the top of the garbage enclosure.
- 4. Request for installation of stop controls (stop signs) on Eubank Ln, NB approaching Jacoby Rd, Javelin Wy, NB, approaching Jacoby Rd and Gremlin Wy, SB, approaching Jacoby Rd. The Group is asked to send a letter of support for this request to SD County DPW-Traffic Engineering. Presenter: Custeau; Proponent: Kevin Mays Newman. Vote on this item.

**Motion:** To approve request for installation of stop controls as presented on Eubank Ln, NB

approaching Jacoby Rd, Javelin Wy, NB, approaching Jacoby Rd and Gremlin Wy, SB, approaching Jacoby Rd.  Custeau/Shaffer		
1	Tiffany Gonzalez	А
2	Lora Lowes	Υ
3	Jesse Robles	А
4	Chris Pierce	Υ
5	Angelica Wallace	Υ
6	John Eugenio	Υ
7	VACANT	V
8	Scott Shaffer	Υ
9	Rod Gibbons	Υ
10	Chris Pearson	А
11	James Custeau	Υ
12	Victoria Abrenica	Υ
13	Edward Woodruff	Υ
14	Heaven Morgan	Υ
15	Tim Snyder	Υ
PASS: 11Y / 3A / 1V		

# **5. 2615 Sweetwater Springs Blvd, APN: 505-231-12-00. B-Designator Waiver Request: Wetzel's Pretzels.** Presenter is Synder, proponent is Erik Gastelum. Vote on this item.

Motion: To approve as presented Snyder/Morgan		
1	Tiffany Gonzalez	Α
2	Lora Lowes	Υ

<sup>-</sup> Public comment made by resident of the area that stop is implied but not practiced

3	Jesse Robles	А
4	Chris Pierce	Υ
5	Angelica Wallace	Υ
6	John Eugenio	Υ
7	VACANT	V
8	Scott Shaffer	Υ
9	Rod Gibbons	Υ
10	Chris Pearson	А
11	James Custeau	Υ
12	Victoria Abrenica	Υ
13	Edward Woodruff	Υ
14	Heaven Morgan	Υ
15	Tim Snyder	Υ
PASS: 11Y / 3A / 1V		

# **6.** Letter in support of unincorporated county representation on the SANDAG advisory board. Presenter is Snyder. Vote on this item.

Motion: To approve and submit letter with necessary grammatical corrections and a friendly amendment that any voting resident of unincorporated San Diego can apply Snyder/Custeau		
1	Tiffany Gonzalez	Α
2	Lora Lowes	Υ
3	Jesse Robles	Α
4	Chris Pierce	Ab
5	Angelica Wallace	Υ
6	John Eugenio	Υ

7	VACANT	V
8	Scott Shaffer	N
9	Rod Gibbons	Υ
10	Chris Pearson	А
11	James Custeau	Υ
12	Victoria Abrenica	N
13	Edward Woodruff	Υ
14	Heaven Morgan	Υ
15	Tim Snyder	Υ
PASS: 8Y / 2N / 1Ab / 3A / 1V		

- Abrenica noted that there were grammatical errors and also stated concerns that offering the position strictly to planning group members restricts representation by a member of the unincorporated general public
- Shaffer questioned purpose and necessity
- Eugenio noted that SANDAG board is not elected by way of vote but rather appointed and vote is heavily weighted
- Snyder acknowledged concerns and explained this would be additional representation from unincorporated and ideally unincorporated residents, by way of community planning group communications, could have more of a voice on the SANDAG board

### **D. GROUP BUSINESS**

- 1. Announcements:
- 2. Reports
- -Chair: Reminder to make sure that all trainings are completed. Goodbye and Thanks sent from Harris. Eble is recovering. CIP List needs to be updated. Requests that we brainstorm improvements to add to CIP List for a discussion projected in May. Lowes noted that assistance with code enforcement from Supervisors could be beneficial.
- -CSA 128: No Update
- -TAC: Next Meeting in April
- -Highway cleanup: Sweetwater Spring Cleanup Recap. Dumping on Calavo Dr. and Avocado Blvd. is an issue. Next cleanup in April
- -Other
- 3. Assign Projects: Captain Sam's Sign Gibbons
- 4. Next meeting: April 11, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

#### E. ADJOURNMENT - 8:31 P.M.

#### **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

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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.