

# Spring Valley Community Planning Group

County of San Diego

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

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

**6:00 P.M.**

**Attend meeting in-person at:**

**Spring Valley Teen Center: 838 Kempton St, Spring Valley, CA 91977**

There is no virtual portion of this meeting.

**Chairperson: Christopher Pierce; email: svcpg4@gmail.com**

### A. ROLL CALL – QUORUM

A. ROLL CALL			09 May 2023		
#	Name	Status	#	Name	Status
1	Tiffany Gonzalez	P	10	Chris Pearson	A
2	Lora Lowes	P	11	James "Jim" Custeau	A
3	Jesse Robles	P	12	Victoria Abrenica	P
4	Chris Pierce Chair	P	13	Edward Woodruff	A
5	Angelica Wallace	P	14	Heaven Morgan	P
6	John Eugenio	P	15	Tim Snyder Vice Chair	P
7	VACANT	V	P	Present	10
8	Scott Shaffer	A	A	Absent	4
9	Rod Gibbons	P	V	Vacancy	1
			TOTAL		15
			Custeau Arrived at 630pm		

**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.

- Representative from Senator Padilla's office spoke to the CPG about its current representation to the US Congress under Senate Area 18. The spokesperson discussed the 125/94 interchange
- Representation from Sara Jacob's office shared with the community that their office is available to the constituency.
- A resident near Canyon Park Apts / Veil Canyon? Cul de Sac. There are two issues: people coming out of CP apartments are not yielding. They would like a yield sign or something to mitigate the risk. There is a segment of the road that is not safe: Reference this [Google Maps link](#).
- A resident of Spring Valley made two statements: Valencia/Sweetwater, the right at Valencia is dangerous. 2nd issue: there has been an uptick of police harassment and would like something to change
- CPG Member Gonzalez shared that the County is beginning a one-time COVID 19 program

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

**1. Approval of Minutes:** 04/11/2023. Vote on this item.

**2. Presentation - Climate Action Plan:** Bruno Cavalieri, Land Use/Environmental Planner, Sustainability Planning Division. Questions from the public are encouraged.

- Representatives from the County presented an update to the CPG. The presentation reviewed the project components, including a general timeline
- LOWES asked if the project was for the whole County. The Reps stated that it was for the unincorporated community. The Program is committed to getting as much public input as possible. The Program presented the current state of the project.
- CUSTEAU wants to know how much CO2 is being emitted and how we are offsetting those. CUSTEAU reminded the CPG that he attended a County CPG Chair meeting
- MORGAN asked about how known developments are being accounted for. Reps for the program shared that the program is not capturing data at a granular level. The County is using this program to look at its unincorporated communities.
- The CAP is trying to balance the guidelines that it is given to reach NetZero emissions.
- The Rep shared that the program is trying to share with residents what mitigating greenhouse gas emissions looks like..ie, cleaner air, trees in the community, etc.
- Part of the program plans to acquire 7k-11k acres of land conservation
- MORGAN asked about how large scale initiatives will make it to the community. The Program Rep shared that there are multiple equity initiatives built into the program.
- ABRENICA raised concerns about how Spring Valley is not represented by the actions taken
- ROBLES asked about how the program is addressing emissions from fast food/air quality
- GONZALEZ asked about how rigid its recommendations are at this stage.
- ABRENICA asked about how the program
- GIBBONS asked how many acres are available for acquisition. Rep: ~730,000
- On solid waste:
  - The program wants to address zero waste
- On the energy sector:
  - Plan will electrify, shift to renewable energy use, develop policies and programs to
- CUSTEAU stated that the program cannot truly mitigate all emissions because it does not have a full inventory of those emissions.
- MORGAN asked about how the program will impact public transportation in Spring Valley.
- ABRENICA raised the point that SANDAG does not have a rapid transit system for Spring Valley in its 2050 program. There are many safety issues that make using public transit dangerous.
- On the Ag&Conservation Sector
  - A plan to acquire land, develop tree planting programs and to preserve agricultural lands
- PIERCE asked about the Bancroft community garden and how the community could collect its food scraps to compost there
- WALLACE asked about solar incentive programs for the unincorporated community? The Rep clarified that there are many state and federal incentives already available. WALLACE asked why the City made programs available to its residents before the County.
- On the Water & Wastewater Sector
- GIBBONS asked the Program Reps to review how the 125/94 water source is being accounted for

- MORGAN reaffirmed GIBBONS' concerns about identifying the specific features of Spring Valley.
- The Reps clarified that the CAP Program has specific mandates but that it is taking meeting notes
- ABRENICA shared that there is definitely a demand for community education need
- PIERCE asked that the Project bring services to the community. PIERCE asked about purple pipe programs, or programs that use reclaimed water
- CUSTEAU reaffirmed the idea that purple pipe programs would be beneficial.
- On the Built Environment & Transportation Sector
  - The County will reduce its emissions-producing fleet to EVS
  - Use low-carbon and zero-emission vehicles
- SNYDER raised the point that by making CPGs revert to physical meetings increases Vehicle Miles Travelled
- Program Reps shared that the County is looking at ways to reduce CPG meeting requirements
- CUSTEAU shared that its not just CPG meetings, but also other County business
- SCHAFFER asked the reps to clarify on how it will enable residents to walk and exercise more. SCHAFFER also asked about timelines / deadlines
- REPS shared that there are multiple efforts to address this including striping, sidewalks, etc.
- GIBBONS reminded the audience that the CPG has previously submitted two requests for sidewalk improvements. GIBBONS shared that the CPG has been denied its requests—even under Safe Roads To School
- ROBLES thanked the Reps for their time and comprehensive answers to the CPGs questions
- ABRENICA raised the point that SV is a desert in many ways. There are some designated cool zones in the County that are not open on weekends. ABRENICA suggests that more resources be provided to SV cool zones to make them accessible.
- PIERCE raised his concerns about how Spring Valley was not represented accurately in the Clean Streets program. Fallbrook was recommended to receive more sidewalks and trees, where SV was not. The CPG asked specifically for those features and that was omitted.
- GONZALEZ asked about the methodologies used to collect the data for this project. GONZALEZ asked about the scope of the program. REPs answered that the methodologies will be published as part of the public review.
- FOR THE NEXT STEPS:
  - Reps shared the details for the timeline with details extending to Spring – Fall 2024. The public review period will be open for 3 months. There will be an interactive website once that period is open—as well as in person events.
  - ABRENICA asked that the public meetings

**3. Pre-intake Review: Chicken Sam's Signage - 10761 Jamacha Blvd, APN: 506-050-11-00.** Presenter is Gibbons, proponent is Cody Burke. Vote if necessary.

			MOTION	2ND	
ACTION ITEM			GIBBONS	ROBLES	
Name	Status	#	Name	Status	
Tiffany Gonzalez	Y	10	Chris Pearson	X	
Lora Lowes	A	11	James "Jim" Custeau	Y	
Jesse Robles	Y	12	Victoria Abrenica	Y	
Chris Pierce Chair	Y	13	Edward Woodruff	X	
Angelica Wallace	Y	14	Heaven Morgan	Y	
John Eugenio	Y	15	Tim Snyder Vice Chair	Y	
VACANT	X	Y	Yes	11	
Scott Shaffer	Y	N	No	0	
Rod Gibbons	Y	X	Absent / Vacant	3	
		A	Abstention	1	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	

**Pre Intake for Chicken Sams Signage: 11 votes in the affirmative, zero against, three absent, one abstention**

- The Proponent shared that he made changes to the plans before the meeting to make them compliant with the CPG guidelines.
- The CPG reviewed new signage and confirmed that the sign was in compliance and well below the maximum allowance.

**4. Kempton Road Improvements Letter:** Request group to approve and send letter to County Board of Supervisors. Presenter is Abrenica. Vote on this item.

- ROBLES thanked ABRENICA for the comprehensive powerpoint
- WALLACE recommended that CPG ask for more big poles that flash and alert drivers they are entering a school zone
- LOWES expressed the need for the CPG to understand the County's reluctance to add crosswalks because of the false sense of security
- A RESIDENT expressed to the CPG that it is very important this letter get sent out.
  - PRESIOCA especially needs to remain on the list
- PIERCE shared that he did not agree with the letter coming from the CPG because it contradicts the CIP plan and the recommendations made to the County by the CPG.
- ROBLES responded that the disagreed with the Chair's assessment, because this item was a separate action item than the CIP (which is on the agenda following this item). ROBLES clarified that the item at hand is a letter brought forward by ABRENICA and that the body should respect ABRENICA's role as an elected official.

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ACTION ITEM			ABRENICA	ROBLES	
Name	Status	#	Name	Status	
Tiffany Gonzalez	Y	10	Chris Pearson	X	
Lora Lowes	Y	11	James "Jim" Custeau	Y	
Jesse Robles	Y	12	Victoria Abrenica	Y	
Chris Pierce Chair	N	13	Edward Woodruff	X	
Angelica Wallace	A	14	Heaven Morgan	Y	
John Eugenio	Y	15	Tim Snyder Vice Chair	Y	
VACANT	X	Y	Yes	10	
Scott Shaffer	Y	N	No	1	
Rod Gibbons	Y	X	Absent / Vacant	3	
		A	Abstention	1	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	

Voting results for Abrenica Letter: 10 yes votes, one no vote, three absent, one abstention

## 5. Discussion - SVCPG Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Top 10 Lists :: Part One

This item was postponed

### D. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Announcements:

2. Reports: ☐ Chair ☐ CSA 128 ☐ TAC ☐ Highway cleanup ☐ Other 3. Assign Projects & Status pdates:

- The meeting ran over the 830 end time and
- SNYDER shared that the County is considering a rep role for the unincorporated community for SANDAG
- ROBLES shared that he would step down from his role as Board Secretary
- PIERCE shared that the County's Graffiti Program is up and running. PIERCE shared some stats regarding Spring Valley Day. PIERCE shared updates to the County's COVID grant programs as well the County 2 year budget plan
- ABRENICA shared that the skate park
- CUSTEAU shared that the TAC committee took no action within the planning area

4. Next meeting: May 23, 2023 (Location TBD)

### 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.