

Spring Valley Community Planning Group

County of San Diego

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

***** MEETING MINUTES*****

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

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

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

A. Roll Call

Tiffany Gonzalez, present, left during the meeting

Lora Lowes, absent

Jesse Robles, present

Chris Pierce, present

Angelica Wallace, excused absence

John Eugenio present

Seat seven is vacant

Scott Schaefer excused absence

Rod Gibbons excused absence

Chris Pearson present

James Custeau present

seat 12 is vacant

Ed Woodruff present

Heaven Morgan arrived late

Tim Snyder, present

We have a quorum. 8/0/0/5/2 Morgan arrive before Gonzalez left, so quorum was sustained.

B. Public Communications.

Update from Assemblymember Weber's office just recently had turkey giveaway and healthcare fair. 1000 turkeys and about 4000 lbs of produce. Secondly, our recognitions going to our senior of the year, Chris Heiserman.

Snyder wanted to remind the public that we have two vacancies on this group.

C. Action Items.

1. Approval of the November 14th meeting minutes. Pearson/Custeau

Tiffany Gonzalez, yes

Lora Lowes, absent

Jesse Robles yes

Chris Pierce, yes

Angelica Wallace, absent

John Eugenio yes

Seat seven is vacant

Scott Schaefer absent

Rod Gibbons absent

Chris Pearson yes

James Custeau yes

seat 12 is vacant

Ed Woodruff yes

Heaven Morgan absent

Tim Snyder, yes

Approved 8/0/0/5/2

2. Informational Item, Spring Valley Trails and Calavo Park update from San Diego County Parks and Recreation.

Sean Hill, Region Manager for Parks and Recreation for the County of San Diego. Oversee operations and maintenance for parks in the greater Spring Valley area. Lizzy Bendrick, Trails Program Manager. Focus on regional trails. Brief overview of the CTMP, approved and adopted by the county board supervisors back in 2005 and it came from the public need to develop trails. While the CTMP was being developed, community groups including CPGs helped develop things like trail name, trail length. Future trails, ideally cover public land, semi public land and private land. Prioritize PTO funds through your CPG for trails. Damon Davis, PDS land use transportation specialist, During development, able to procure right of way or improvements for transportation. Received the grant for half \$1,000,000 from the state of California from Caltrans to work with SANDAG to develop a regional mitigation. The pathways and trails will be part of that strategy. Calavo Park was covered with the previous senior, so a new manager will be taking it through construction. Update on Calavo Park, Design Environmental is going to complete this fall which is now. So they are almost at the finish line and then expect to go out to bid in the winter. Hopefully January can start construction and expect that to be about a year. So they should have a new park here, winter 2024. Overview of Sweetwater Loop Trail on the reservoir, working on section 7, then 8, 9, and 10 in the planning stages. Construction in January and should be completed by summer. And then at that point we should be able to formally move in sections five through seven. The parks budget is going to have comprehensive update in 2028, we're looking at 7-8 years after that. Question came up about completion of access to Dictionary Hill Trails. Why haven't those things been worked on and

completed? Question on seeing another staging area at that end of the reservoir, little parking to reach the trails. Question on the need for a transition/animal access tunnel under Jamacha Blvd. They had not considered this and will look into. Question on Calavo Park. Now expected to start construction in January. Question on access to trail properties around the reservoir. Final question on Quarry Road Bridge, it would be nice to have a crosswalk for pedestrians to safely cross there.

3. 8915 Troy St. APN, 503-292-0900 B waiver request for exemption from site plan permit processing.

Presenters or Shaffer and Snyder. The site designer, Chris, represented the property owner. The existing layout was compared to the new proposal. Demo the front bedroom of the house on the west edge of the property. Proposed landscaping was reviewed. Access the back of the property by a lane between the buildings and have the parking in the rear of the existing retail spaces. By doing this, they'll put some landscaping in front of the existing retail offices. A lot of businesses around the area park in front where sidewalks should be. So by adding some landscaping, they're hoping that that's going to be avoided. The actual parking space for the retail spaces will be in the rear. The previous elevations that they supplied to us a month or so ago, still stand as part of the improvement? Yes, if this is approved tonight, that would be part of the improvement. Whoever chooses to actually rent for retail, they're going to come back for the signage because there is a pretty bad sign and it's falling apart, so they know that it has to go.

Included tonight is improved fencing, making sure no parking out front, some landscaping, that's my opinion, not as significant as a site plan. You were originally submitted to the county and got them to submit the waiver request, correct? So this is actually the original plan. So that's what brought us here because the county did not want to take a pass on this. So based on the last thing that we had was kind of meet somewhere between a waiver and a site plan. SVCPG is always kind of stuck in the middle, but, at least, we gave him direction. So the past projects too is trying to get as close as they can to the Spring Valley Community Design Review guidelines and I feel like that's kind of what we've been working as a checklist. Question from resident live near the area. If you could fix the property, that would be nice. So we're kind of compromising here to get this site fixed. The designer expressed concern about the time and cost to improve any property in the area. He has not added a concrete sidewalk, but there is an asphalt one now.

Yes, existing signage will be removed and wrought iron fencing,, no barbed wire. Asked that they consider an attractive closure for the dumpsters, trash will be behind the retail buildings. There was a dumpster there before when the last owner was there. Motion that we approve this B waiver.

Tiffany Gonzalez, absent

Lora Lowes, absent

Jesse Robles yes

Chris Pierce, yes

Angelica Wallace, absent

John Eugenio yes

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Scott Schaefer absent

Rod Gibbons absent

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4. O'Reilly Auto Parts, APN 584-511-16-00, 933 Sweetwater Road, commercial signage minor deviation request. Proponent is Peter Lapsiwala of Permits and More and the presenter is Gibbons. Tabled because the presenter and proponent are not here.

5. Letter: Request to Gov. Newsom for 94 / 125 Interchange Project to be included in the State Budget. We haven't officially written the letter, but will keep it very quick and simple. Getting letters out to the state government is critical because of the budgeting schedule. Motion is to keep the letter short and simple and copy every elected or appointed. Discussion emphasized that this interchange is a dangerous bottleneck.

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Lora Lowes, absent

Jesse Robles yes

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D. Group Business.

Announcements? Mount Miguel High school football team won the San Diego Section Title, last done in 1960. Winter Festival is December 14th.

CSA 128 No longer a rep from SVCPG on CSA128. Pierce usually attendees, is there anyone would like to be a backup to attend CSA 128? Think they're the first Tuesday. Morgan will attend.

TAC update. Tech. Nothing to report. Tyler and Central comes up on their next meeting. Custeau will be at the meeting next Friday.

Highway Cleanup. Next cleanup is December 2nd.

Congresswoman Jacobs did release her statement for bilateral ceasefires in Gaza. The house is back in session, which is great. Working on closing the stop gaps and passing the entire budget. She was here over the weekend. She was at the Kensington Holiday Tree Lighting. Hiring for a new community rep, background in the community health care and housing as well.

The Chambers holiday party was moved to December 14th at starting at 5:00 PM.

Mikayle from Supervisor Vargas' office wanted an update. Get up to speed on the Quarry Rd. Bridge. We've been pushing really hard to get that project moving along. It's in the final stages, believe environmental review and it should be coming to the Board of Supervisors for approval very soon.

We have no new projects.

CPSG training coming up. If you've already attended in person, you can just do the online part. But you're welcome to attend in person if you want to get that good refresher and refresh.

This meeting is adjourned at 7:59.