

Valley Center Community Planning Group

Approved Minutes for a regular meeting held on **July 9, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. in the Valley Center Community Hall, 28246 Lilac Road, Valley Center, California 92082.
 Oliver Smith, **Chair**; Ann Quinley, **Vice-Chair**; James Garritson, **Secretary**

A=Absent; Ab=Abstention; BOS=Board of Supervisors; PDS=Department of Planning & Development Services; DPW=Department of Public Works; DRB=Valley Center Design Review Board; GP= County General Plan; N=Nay; P=Present; PC=County Planning Commission; R=Recused; SC=Subcommittee; TBD=To Be Determined; VCCPG=Valley Center Community Planning Group; VC= Valley Center; VCPRD=Valley Center Parks & Recreation District; Y=Yea

A. Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order at **7:05 p.m.** and a Quorum was established with **13 members present**.
- Jeana Boulos - P
- William Del Pilar - P
- Susan Fajardo - P
- James Garritson - P
- Dina Gharmalkar - P
- Steve Hutchison - P
- Susan Janisch - P
- Jennifer Lindley - P
- Kathy MacKenzie - P
- Vacant - P
- LaVonne Norwood - P
- Claire Plotner - A
- Ann Quinley - P
- Oliver Smith - P
- Jon Vick - P

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of June 11, 2018

- **Motion:** To approve the Minutes from the June 11, 2018 meeting.
- **Maker/Second:** MacKenzie/Quinley
- **Motion Carries 13-0-0 (Y-N-Ab).**

D. Public Communication/Open Forum Members of the public may address the Planning Group on any topic not on the agenda.

- The Chair shared information to the community about the present openings on the VCCPG, Design and Review Board, and the I-15 Corridor Board.
- Larry Glavinic (audience) shared information about decisions made about the County. He said the County, State, and the Federal governments are not doing anything about the developing new roads.

E. Action items (VCCPG advisory vote may be taken on the following items).

1) Presentation by Everett Hauser, AICP, PTP, Transportation Specialist, Planning and Development Services. The County of San Diego is developing an active transportation plan (ATP) for the unincorporated county. Active transportation plans identify goals, objectives ad actions to increase public health through safe and convenient Active transportation. The draft plan and supporting information are available on the website www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/advance/ActiveTransportationPlan.html. (Smith)

- A presentation about San Diego County's active transportation plan was presented by Eric Houser.
- There was an inventory of 760 miles of County roads and nearly half of these roads do not have sidewalks. He explains that there are Class I, II, III, and IV Classifications for bicycles.

Mobility improvements are made through Direct Dollars, Competitive Grants, and Private Development. Eric shared some examples of public and private improvements.

- Mr. Hutchison asked what is the classification of the Heritage Trail. He also asked about how the County makes a decision about proposals on the Master Plan.
- Ms. Norwood asked if all parks & schools were included in the inventory and the answer was yes.
- Mr. Garritson and Mr. Del Pilar asked questions about how this plan will be funded. Mr. Vick asked if the gas tax repeal could affect the plan.
- Pam Wiedenkeller (audience) has concerns about the lack of a bike pathway along Vesper Road and Star Valley Park. Eric asked the Planning Group and Community to email him with any recommendations. Pam wanted to know how the community of Valley Center can prioritize the implementation of sections of the plan.
- Minette Ozaki (audience) would like a classification change to a III or IV along Valley Center Road and Vesper Road.
- Electric bicycles are allowed on bike lanes if they do not exceed 20 mph.
- Mr. Vick asked if the County automatically adds a bike lane when it resurfaces a road. The County usually will add a 4-5 foot lane whenever road expansion takes place.
- Kevin Smith (audience) asked a general question about the right-of-ways located along Vesper Road. Eric explained some of the design level evaluations that the County will review.
- Joaquin Aganza (audience) would like an equestrian pathway located along Vesper Road.
- Robert Efird (County) asked the Community to please send any further suggestions to the County.

2) Discussion and possible vote on PDS2018-ZAP-99-015W2 Crown Castle Minor Use Permit Modification. Crown Castle is proposing the following primary components:

Redesign one (1) existing 39' high antenna support structure (leaf covers over antennas and bark colored paint on the pole) Maintain existing equipment compound. This project is located at 28407 Gordon Hill Rd. (MacKenzie, Fajardo)

- Ms. MacKenzie recommended that the Planning Group vote for this project.
- **Motion: To approve the Crown Castle Minor Use Permit Modification PDS2018-ZAP-99-015W2.**
- **Maker/Second: MacKenzie/Boulos**
- **Motion Carries 13-0-0 (Y-N-Ab).**

3) Discussion and possible vote on PDS2017-TM-5087TE Orchard Run TM Extension and PDS2018-STP-05-055W1 Site Plan Modification (Vick)

- Kerry Garza is requesting an extension of the 1998 tentative map. The SVSC has been asked to review 3 items: a request for a 2-year extension of the tentative map; renewal of the Habitat Loss permit, and Site Plan modifications.
- Kerry shared that the time extension only applies to time. No other issues can be revised. He needs more time because of numerous delays with the affordable housing project.
- Kerry shared updates about the Orchard Run project and an upcoming presentation he will give to the community and Planning Group.
- Mr. Vick read a letter from Kerry Garza about the removal of eucalyptus trees due to County and State fire codes.
- **Motion: To approve the time extension for the maximum of two years for the Orchard Run project.**

- **Maker/Second:** Del Pilar/Mackenzie
- **Motion Carries 13-0-0 (Y-N-Ab).**

4) Discussion and possible vote on CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) List Items from Mobility Subcommittee (Hutchison) See Attachment.

- The Chair spoke about making revisions to the current priority list approved by the VCCPG.
- Mr. Gharmalkar explained that the County will do a study whenever a recommendation is made for a project, but they do not perform "studies". If the Planning Group does not specifically request a roundabout, the County will place traffic signals.
- Mr. Garritson and Mr. Del Pilar asked for clarification about what we are voting on tonight.
- Mr. Glavanic (audience) made a comment that the Planning Group needs to have a lot of data that will warrant the construction of roundabouts along VC Road at Mirar de Valle and Miller Road. Mr. Hutchison responded that the warrants are present and that this would be confirmed by DPW during their analysis.
- Chair Smith shared information about the safety agencies in Valley Center.
- Mr. Hutchison recommends having an evacuation plan that includes all possible road options.
- Lori Jacobs (audience) lives along Vesper Road and shared that 50 emails have been sent to the County about the construction of a pathway. Lori would like
- The Chair asked Mr. Gharmalkar what he recommends for the priority list.
- Mr. Hutchison would like to take a vote on the CIP priority list tonight. There was a lot of discussion about the wording of the June motion concerning roundabouts.
- **Motion: To take the CIP list back to the Mobility Subcommittee with the request to develop a clearly defined list.**
- **Maker/Second:** Gharmalkar/Norwood
- **Motion Carries (Y-N-Ab).**
- **13-0-0 (Y-N-Ab).**
- Jeana Boulos - Y
- William Del Pilar - Y
- Susan Fajardo - Y
- James Garritson - Y
- Dina Gharmalkar - Y
- Steve Hutchison - Y
- Susan Janisch - Y
- Jennifer Lindley - Y
- Kathy MacKenzie - Y
- LaVonne Norwood - Y
- Ann Quinley - Y
- Oliver Smith - Y
- Jon Vick - Y

5) Discussion only update on Planning Commission hearing on PSRs (Property Specific Requests) for Valley Center (Hutchison)

- Mr. Hutchison shared information about the rezoning of VC51, VC57, VC67 and VC7+. He said that there will be a hearing before the County about VC7+ in September. Mr. Hutchison also asked County staff about the bundling of projects.

F. Group Business

1) Meeting Updates: Next Regular Monthly VCCPG meeting: August 13, 2018

2) Introduction of candidates for seat #5 vacancy made available by the resignation of Ashly Mellor. (Fajardo)

- Eileen Heveron shared background about her service dog. She moved to Valley Center four months ago. She brings a fresh perspective because of this newness. She was heavily involved in private education, including National University. She has a lot of background in education consulting and management. She has worked with a variety of organizations and

people. She lives on two acres in the Hilltop Winery and plans on remaining in Valley Center.

- Delores Chavez Harmes shared background about herself. She lives in the Ranch, owns her own accounting business, and is involved in charitable work. She serves on numerous committees, including the One San Diego initiative. Delores helped re-organize the finances of the Valley Center Chamber of Commerce. She owned a general construction company back in the 80s.
- Chair Smith explained that all the VCCPG can do is make recommendations to the County. Land use is an emotional issue and this is a forum for the community to discuss the pros and cons. Planning Group members all have a variety of backgrounds. We cannot stop progress, but we can help guide it. We work with developers and are also willing to stand our ground about developments.

I. Adjournment

- **The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.**
- **Minutes were approved on August 13, 2018.**

James Garritson, Secretary

Appendix VCCPG July 9, 2018 Minutes

Attachment 1

Discussion and Possible Vote on Revisions to the CIP List (Gharmalkar) CIP Mark Perrett, CIP Section Program Manager, stated that San Diego County CIP list does not consider new roads in their funding. In addition, priority on community's CIP list, local enthusiasm, road classification as well as expense goes into the choosing of various projects among other criteria.

In addition, Richard Chin in Public Works Transportation called a member of the subcommittee. "After a lengthy discussion he said the Valley Center Community Planning Group needs to submit a formal request for the Community Evacuation Roads projects to be funded similar to the CIP listing for roads within the system. (A separate list from what we have been sending in)."

Motion: Remove Priority numbers 1 and 2 from the September 2017 CIP list as the work is in progress and successfully funded. Motion by: Michael O'Connor Second by Dorothy Kennedy Vote: 6 Ayes/ 0 Abstain/ 0 Nos

Motion: Remove Priority 6 and 8 form the September 2017 CIP List because they are part of an evacuation route system. Place these roads in a separate CIP list for evacuation roads. Motion by: Dorothy Kennedy Second by: Larry Glavanic 6 Ayes/ 0 Abstain/ 0 Nos

Motion: Move New Roads to a different list: Road 19 and Road 14. Motion: Larry Glavanic Second: Michael O'Connor 6 Ayes/ 0 Abstain/ 0 Nos

Attachment 2

Here is the e-mail from Kerry Garza:

Oliver and others,

I want to address your comments below regarding eucalyptus trees, the TM extension, and the Habitat Loss Permit for the Orchard Run project.

As we discussed last year with our first request for a TM extension, (which was approved administratively) the County has made it clear that the only topic available for discussion is time. The project has all the discretionary approvals already and they are not being modified. The County would just like the CPG formal response to the Time Extension as last year. There should be no other issues tied to it. I would appreciate your approval tonight so that the County can continue their process in a timely manner.

The Eucalyptus trees are required to be removed per our fire plans, as in all new projects, because they are so flammable. They are considered an invasive species and fire hazard. We are not allowed to plant Eucalyptus trees on any new project and each jurisdiction throughout the state generally requires them to be removed. We removed the trees outside of the breeding season to avoid any impacts to nesting birds. Having heard the concerns of your group and other citizens for many years now about fire danger, we felt it was best for the VC community to remove those fire threats before something bad happened. As you can see, we are in another fire season with losses already in the County. We do not want to contribute to the risk in Valley Center.

Habitat Loss Permits only address endangered species and on Orchard Run that is limited to a small area of Coastal Sage Scrub (CSS). The EIR addressed this back in the 90's and the project has an approved HLP that we are updating. It has nothing to do with the Eucalyptus trees or anything else existing on the site. We have not impacted the CSS area at this point. The CSS mitigation was finalized by Mr. Belanich many years ago and there will be no changes to that mitigation or impact. I believe your collective groups do not need to make a recommendation vote on the HLP, the County was just informing the group about the update.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting tonight.

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Attachment 3

Dorothy Kennedy Email
July 9, 2018

Jon Vick pulled a fast one on both the Valley Center Community Planning Group and the Mobility Subcommittee.

1) In May, 2018 the Mobility Subcommittee approved his motion that read:
“Move to recommend the implementation of the recommended option for traffic control on Valley Center Road at the major intersections of Miller Road and at Mirar de Valle, and other intersections, to include a study of control options, be added as priority #1 on the DPW CIP list, with the understanding that DPW will consider multiple options and functional designs that will maximize safety and enhance traffic throughput, including roundabouts and synchronized traffic lights, and that will accommodate emergency response and evacuations.”

Note that this was a request to put the STUDY of traffic controls onto the CIP list as priority #1, bumping down all the older necessary projects.

2) On June 7, 2018 the Roadrunner ran a big front page summary of all that was to be on the June 11 VCCPG agenda. The headlines read:
“PLANNING GROUP TO TAKE UP ROUNDABOUTS MONDAY” Now where did the Roadrunner get that information?
And there was a large contingent in the audience in favor of roundabouts.

The motion Mr. Vick had read into the minutes in June was NOT what the Mobility Subcommittee approved. “Moved to recommend the design and construction of modern roundabouts at Valley Center Road and (1) Mirar de Valle and (2) Miller Roads” as CIP Priority 1 & 2.”

Quite a bit of difference.

3) On July 5th the Mobility Subcommittee revisited the May motion and decided to revise it based on the “overwhelming wishes of the community for roundabouts”. “After all, we have lots of room for roundabouts”. Not on Valley Center Road though. And sixty people do not make a majority and cannot be considered a final majority.

Dorothy Kennedy