

DRAFT Minutes of the Agenda
VCCPG South Village Subcommittee
Joint meeting with VCCPG Mobility S/C
February 6, 2018

The joint meeting of the South Village Subcommittee and the Mobility Subcommittee was held in the Valley Center Library, Community Room, 29200 Cole Grade Road on January 6, 2018. The meeting started at approximately 6:35 P.M.

- 1. Establish Quorums: SVSC: __ /9**
M S/C: __ 4/8

Present at establishment of quorum were:

- 1. Joann Foxx**
- 2. Michael O' Conner**
- 3. Claire Plotner**
- 4. Jon Vick**
- 5. Will Rogers arrived after quorum was established in roll call but was present for all voting of Mobility Subcommittee except minutes.**

- 2. Guests:**

Wayne Hilbig, proponent for Butterfield Trails

Jeanne Boulas,

Josie Fox, San Diego Zoological Plant Conservation Tree Specialist from San Diego Zoo

- 3. Open Forum** – any subject not on the agenda (max. 3 minutes).

Jeanne Boulas, Chair of Tribal Liaison Subcommittee, spoke of the new additions to the Valley View Casino. A discussion of concerns due to the signage, traffic impacts, and lighting were discussed.

- 4. Review and approval of Minutes** Mobility S/C Minutes for 11/9/2017

Mobility Subcommittee did not have a quorum at this time; therefore, the minutes from November 9, 2017 Mobility Subcommittee meeting were not finalized and approved.

- 5. Butterfield Trails Ranch Time Extension:**

Wayne Hilbig, proponent for Butterfield Trails Ranch time extension, presented information on the project and answered questions.

A. Jon Vick presented a handout with the following language:

Discussion and possible vote on a request for a 6-year time extension on the Tentative Map and Major Use Permit, both of which expire in May 2018. Scoping Letter dated January 8, 2018 has been received and distributed to S/C Members on January 13, 2018. After the previous DRB and S. Village S/C approvals it was disclosed that this project will require the removal of 190 linear feet of landscaped median on VC Road at Sunday Drive

to accommodate left turns out of this project. The loss of any of our landscaped median is detrimental to the VC community character and reduces the aesthetics and traffic calming on VC Road

At the Feb. 5, 2018 DRB meeting the proponent provided documentation that he plans to replace all but 14 lineal feet of the landscaped median that will be removed. The existing planted median is 323 feet in length. The revised planted area will be 309 feet in length, replacing almost all of the median that is to be removed. Based on this DRB conditionally recommended approval of the requested time extension.

Motion:

On the condition that the proponent revises the landscaped median to no less than 309 feet of planted area south of Sunday Drive, the Village and Mobility S/C recommend approval of the 6-year time extension requested.

A discussion ensued. It was established during the discussion that much of the 190 linear feet of the median to be removed was curb with no landscape. The current landscaped portion is 323 feet and the projected landscaped portion of the median is 309 feet with a projected loss of 14 feet of landscape. The remainder of the removed median will be curb. In addition, the landscaped portion will be moved to accommodate the left turn lane.

Maker: Jon Vick

Second: Claire Plotner

Mobility S/C: 5-0-0 Motion passes unanimously

South Village: 9-0-0 Motion passes unanimously

6. **Update on CalTrans Sustainable Transportation Grant** application for traffic study and recommendations to calm traffic on Valley Center Road in S. and N. Villages (Vick)
Not addressed due to time constraints.

7. **Lighting along Heritage Trail** (Plotner)

Claire Plotner stated that Oliver Smith was in contact with the county in order to address this issue properly.

8. **Review and vote on Cole Grade Road Draft EIR** (Plotner)

MOTION regarding Type D Special Trail on Cole Grade Road

Whereas it is understood that the cost of the entire pathway is included in the Cole Grade Road improvement budget;

Whereas the Type D Special Pathway was specific in the original plan with regards to materials, aesthetics and structure;

Whereas there is local citizen concern regarding keeping the pathway exactly as specified as a Type D Special Pathway with a twelve-foot trail tread;

Whereas there are safety issues and concerns about the cross rails;

Whereas rope can present other, possibly unknown, safety issues such as poor visibility in a fog and at night;

The Mobility Subcommittee of the Valley Center Community Planning Board requests that the county investigate all safety concerns and attempt to keep the trail and fence as originally specified.

The county should look into other materials that have a shape of a rail but provide a better safety structure.

Note to motion:

“Until the Community Trails Master Plan (CTMP), Valley Center Community Road Standards, and any other applicable county documents making the “Type D Special” the applicable Standard for pathway railings in Valley Center, are properly amended to alter the split rail post and rail design, that Standard should be followed by the county. If staff desires an alternative design which does not match Valley Center’s Heritage Trail, the Valley Center Community Planning Group (VCCPG) and the public should first have the opportunity in a public hearing to see and make recommendations on any proposed amendments to the existing Standard.”

Motion: Claire Plotner

Second: Will Rogers

Mobility Subcommittee vote: Ayes 5 Nos 0 Abstain 0

9. Motion regarding Replacement of Oak Trees on Cole Grade Road

According to the DEIR the Cole Grade Road improvement project will destroy 177 oak trees of 5" or larger (some as large as 36") in the Cool Valley/Keyes Creek area. These oak trees are of great value to Valley Center residents and the destruction of such a large number of oaks will have a detrimental impact on VC’s community character. The replacement of these oaks with new trees grown from acorns, the County’s current plan, is not acceptable mitigation for the loss of this ancient grove – some of the trees (i.e. the 5 trees with 36” trunks) are 100-200 years old. The County's road improvement budget for oak tree mitigation is \$600K to \$1 million for the life of the project. The Mobility S/C thus makes the following motion:

Motion: Each of the 177 oaks will be replaced with an oak in a 60" box*, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 per tree (\$354,000), including delivery to the site. Replacement oaks will be provided by a local nursery that specializes in raising large boxed oak trees, and by an independent, certified arborist with a successful track record. Each oak that has a trunk of 12" or larger (44 trees) will be replaced by 2 oaks in 60" boxes which will be obtained at a wholesale price not to exceed \$2000 each (\$88,000). The balance of the oak trees to

be removed (those with less than 5" trunks) will be replaced with locally grown oaks in 24" boxes at a 2 to 1 ratio.

*These oaks are 13-16 feet tall and measure 4" to 7" one-foot above the ground

Maker: Vick

Second: Mike O'Connor

Mobility S/C vote: 5/0/0

10. Motion concerning The Removal of Dead Trees from the Public Right of Way (Plotner/Vick)

Concern for the clear demarcation of the trees was discussed.

Motion:

Approval to cut down dead trees by the Department of Public Works in the public right of way. The dead trees will be identified and marked by a certified arborist.

Motion: Jon Vick

Second: Will Rogers

Mobility S/C Vote: Yes 5 /Abstain0/ Nos 0

11. Vesper Road Traffic Calming and Trail update (Plotner)

County sent document with listing of Valley Center projects and priorities. The document was dated 2014. Claire Plotner will investigate this concern.

12. Road signage (Plotner)

The Tribal Subcommittee addressed the issue of signage and road congestion

13. Betsworth Road

Sue Janish brought up the concerns about safety at Betsworth.

Adjourn 7:57 P.M.

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