

Valley Center Community Planning Group

Approved Minutes for a regular meeting held on **February 10, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. in the Valley Center Community Hall, 28246 Lilac Road, Valley Center, California 92082.
Delores Chavez Harmes, **Chair**; Kevin Smith, **Vice-Chair**; James Garritson, **Secretary**

A=Absent; **Ab**=Abstention; **DRB**=Valley Center Design Review Board; **N**=Nay; **P**=Present; **R**=Recused; **VCCPG**=Valley Center Community Planning Group; **VCPRD**=Valley Center Parks & Recreation District; **Y**=Yea

A. Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order at **7:00 p.m.** and a Quorum was established with **11 members present.**
- Ms. Feliciano was seated in the audience until she was invited to take her seat as an official VCCPG member at 7:11 p.m.

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| ● Lisa Adams - P | ● James Garritson - P | ● Kevin Smith - P |
| ● Jeana Boulos - P | ● Delores ChavezHarmes- P | ● Renee Wolf - P |
| ● William Del Pilar - P | ● Steve Hutchison - P | ● Vacant |
| ● Susan Fajardo - P | ● LaVonne Norwood - P | ● Vacant |
| ● Julia Feliciano - P | ● James Radden - A | ● Vacant |

B. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Garritson

C. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of January 13, 2020.

- **Motion: To approve the January 13, 2020 Minutes.**
- **Maker/Second:** Norwood/Boulos
- **Motion Carries 9-0-1 (Y-N-Ab).** Ms. Feliciano was not officially seated yet for this vote.

D. Public Communication/Open Forum

- Judy Gahagan shared her concerns about adding a roundabout or traffic light at Ridge Ranch Road.

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

1) Election Confirmation (Harmes): Email questioning validity of chair vote.

- Jon Vick, a past member of the VCCPG, sent an email to the former Chair Oliver Smith questioning the legitimacy of last month's vote.
- Chair Harmes received 8 votes and Steve Hutchinson received 4 votes. Even if two additional members would have attended the January meeting, Chair Harmes would have become chair.

2) Vice-Chair (Harmes): Vote on Kevin Smith for Vice-Chair (vote)

- Chair Chavez Harmes asked Kevin Smith if he would serve as the Vice-Chair of the VCCPG and he agreed to serve in this position.
- **Motion: To approve Kevin Smith as the Vice-Chair of the VCCPG.**
- **Maker/Second:** ChavezHarmes/Garritson
- **Motion Carries 9-0-1 (Y-N-Ab)** Feliciano was not officially seated yet for this vote.

3) Acknowledgement Seat #15 (Fajardo): Julia Feliciano approved by BOS January 14, 2020 for VCCPG Seat #15 (term ends 01/01/2021) (Vote)

- Ms. Feliciano was invited to join the Planning Group as an official member at 7:11 p.m. and was seated at this time.

4) Rite-Aid ABC License (Harmes): Discussion – PDS2019-ABC-19-002 - Appeal hearing Feb. 20, 2020 9am county offices bldg 5520. Ten page report will be submitted to the planning commission. David Cook with PDS received additional information from VCCPG Chair (in addition to VCCPG written appeal) as to why VCCPG submitted approval for a limited license. Mr. Cook was informed of numerous other retailers coming to Valley Center also requesting ABC licenses. This additional information will be submitted to Supervisors prior to the hearing date.

- The County is in touch with Chair Harmes and will continue to keep VCCPG updated.

5) Rite-Aid Lighting (Harmes): Discussion – PDS2020-ENFGEN-000136 - Complaint received from community to determine if Rite Aid is in violation of dark sky policy. Very bright lights at night from signage on buildings, not from parking lights or sconces. County code enforcement has opened a light trespass complaint and will investigate whether dark sky policy is being violated with night time lighting. Pala Vista lights may also be in violation of light policy. This combination creates a glow in that area and Pala Vista may also be investigated.

- There was a brief discussion about possible Rite Aid lights that violate the County dark sky policy. Mr. Smith will drive past Rite Aid tonight to view the building lighting, signage, and parking lights.

6) Valley Center Community Plan Update (Hutchinson): Discussion and Review - Public meeting held Jan. 29, 2020 at Valley Center Primary School. Meeting discussed goals and policies as well as suggestions from the community for moving forward and coordinating with the county to finalize the Valley Center Community Plan.

- Mr. Hutchinson shared background about the San Diego County Valley Center Community Plan Update. He made the recommendation that all members should review this website: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/CommunityGroups/vccpu/>
- The matrices are provided as PDF versions on this San Diego County website.
- There is a County event at the Maxine Theater on February 22 at 9 a.m. Kevin Johnston will send updated information to Chair Harmes that will then be shared with the Planning Group and community.

7) Tuscany Hill (Harmes): Informational – PDS2019-ENFGEN-001045 - Per county compliance officer, Brandy Contreras, Tuscany Hill is currently not in violation. Owner is undecided on the best use of property at this time and contemplating options.

- Chair Harmes provided a brief update that Tuscany Hill is no longer in violation of any County codes.

8) Ridge Ranch Traffic Light (Harmes): Informational - Presentation to County Traffic Advisory Committee by Ridge Ranch community on Jan. 24, 2020.

- There were four members of the Ridge Ranch community at this meeting. Chair Harmes shared some of the comments that were made at this meeting. Assemblywoman Marie Waldron also attended this meeting and she also lives in the Ridge Ranch community.
- Traffic engineers work for San Diego County and not the State of California.

9) Emergency Evacuation Update (Harmes): Informational – Public information for local publications requested with emphasis on emergency evacuation routes.

- Chair Harmes shared an update on emergency evacuation routes.
- Ms. Adams shared that the fire department does not want people outside of Valley Center to bring in horse trailers when there is an active fire because it causes further traffic delays. Horse trailers are difficult to turn around.

10) Green Storage (Radden): Informational - PDS2020-STP-03-026WI/PDS2020ER-03-08-029A Discretionary Permit Application/Environmental Review CEQA. Lot merger and Greens Storage building expansion of adjacent business on south parcel.

- Mr. Radden was unable to make the meeting tonight. Chair Harmes shared a brief update about this permit.

F. Group Business

1) VCCPG Open Seats (Fajardo):

- A. **Seat #3 Susan Janisch (term ends 01/01/2021)**
- B. **Seat #4 Dina Gharmalkar (term ends 01/01/2023)**
- C. **Seat #11 Oliver Smith (term ends 01/01/2021)**

2) Open Seat Applications (Fajardo):

- Ms. Fajardo introduced all three candidates. The candidates were all interviewed and then asked to leave the audience during the Planning Group discussion.
- Ms. Feliciano recommended that all three candidates should consider creating new email addresses if they are seated as members of the VCCPG.
- There was a discussion about which member would take **Seat #4**, which ends **01/01/2023**.
- My. Del Pilar recommended that the seat should go to **Kathleen McCabe** because she has previously applied for an open seat.
- Ms. Boulos shared background about Matt Matthews and the contributions that he and his family have made within the Valley Center community.
- **Motion: Move Matt Matthews from Seat #11 to Seat #4.**
- **Maker/Second:** Hutchinson/Adams
- **Motion Carries 8-3-0 (Y-N-Ab)**
- Lisa Adams - Y
- Jeana Boulos - Y
- William Del Pilar - N
- Susan Fajardo - Y
- Julia Feliciano - Y
- James Garritson - N
- Delores ChavezHarmes-Y
- Steve Hutchison - Y
- LaVonne Norwood - Y
- Kevin Smith - Y
- Renee Wolf - Y

c. Joseph Martinez Seat #3 (vacated by Susan Janisch)

- Joseph introduced himself and shared background about his email address. He is a current member of the Valley Center Cemetery District. Mr. Hutchinson asked Joey to share

thoughts about the Valley Center Community Plan. He did read the 94 page document a few times and hopes that some information is moved to an appendix because of numerous statements that are redundant.

- Ms. Harmes reviewed the process of how the nomination and confirmation process works.
- **Joseph Martinez** was unanimously approved by the VCCPG for **Seat #3**.

Kathleen McCabe #11 [Changed from Seat #4] (vacated by Dina Gharmalkar)

- Ms. Fajardo introduced Kathleen. She has worked for 15 years in the telecommunications sector. She has a background in journalism and is willing to review, edit, and write documents for the Planning Group.
- **Kathleen McCabe** was unanimously approved by the VCCPG for **Seat #11**.

c. Matt Matthews, DVM #4 [Changed from Seat #11] (vacated by Oliver Smith)

- Ms. Fajardo introduced Matt and his background working within the horse community. He shared that he has always had an interest in Valley Center affairs. He has practiced veterinarian medicine in Valley Center for 33 years.
- He has concerns about the competition that some bigger stores might bring into the community. Mr. Del Pilar asked for more information about the subcommittee he has chaired.
- **Matt Matthews, DVM** was unanimously approved by the VCCPG for **Seat #4**.

3) Reminder:

- Annual Form 700** are due thirty days from being seated and annually by April 1st. These must be filed with ROV. An ink signature is required. FPPC issued penalties/fines last year \$10/day.
- Ethics training** is completed the first year and every two years by Dec. 31st .
- County training** is done annually by March 31st .
- Next regular meeting of VCCPG is on **March 9, 2020**.

4) Review of Planning Group Members Renewal Dates (Harmes)

- Chair Harmes reviewed the term expiration date for each member of the Planning Group.

5) Mobility Chair (Harmes): Nominate & vote on Mobility Subcommittee Chair. (vote)

- The Planning Group unanimously approved **Lisa Adams** to serve as the chair of the Mobility Subcommittee.

6) Parliamentarian (Harmes): Nominate & vote for parliamentarian. (vote)

- Mr. Smith will consider acting as the Parliamentarian of the VCCPG, but suggested that we wait until the March meeting for further discussion, as this will allow the three new members to consider taking on this position.

7) Agenda (Harmes): Preliminary and final agendas.

- There was discussion about revisions made to the Agenda. Mr. Hutchinson requested that email addresses be added back to the Agenda.
- **Motion: To add email addresses back to the Agenda under the Name of each member of the group.**
- **Maker/Second:** Hutchinson/Norwood

- **Motion Carries 10-1-0 (Y-N-Ab). Chair Harmes votes nay.**
- Ms. Boulos would like to continue publishing the Preliminary Meeting Agenda two weeks prior to the monthly meeting. Chair Harmes will consider this, but noted that many Planning Groups do not publish preliminary agendas and they are not required by the County.

G. Subcommittee Reports

- 1) Community Plan Update** (Steve Hutchinson, Chair)
 - a) Pam Wiedenkeller and Renee Wolfe both were nominated and unanimously approved to serve on this subcommittee. Michael Karp and Andy Washburn were both removed from this subcommittee.
- 2) Emergency Evacuation** (Delores Chavez Harmes, Chair) New sub members: Sgt. John Delocht, James Gordan, Fire Marshall Jim Davidson
 - a) All members were unanimously approved to serve on this subcommittee.
- 3) Mobility** (Lisa Adams was confirmed as the Chair of this subcommittee during the meeting tonight)
- 4) Villages** (William Del Pilar, Chair) New sub members: (vote)
 - a) Mr. Del Pilar requested that these people join this newly formed subcommittee:
 - b) Delores Harmes Chavez, Jeana Boulos, Dorothy Kennedy, Claire Collins, Will Rogers, Eric Jockinsen, Oscar Cifuentes, Kathy MacKenzie, and Henk Bothof.
- 5) Parks & Rec** (LaVonne Norwood, Chair)
- 6) Tribal Liaison** (Jeana Boulos, Chair)
- 7) Nominations** (Susan Fajardo, Chair)
- 8) Member Training** (Delores Chavez Harmes, Chair)
- 9) Website** (Renee Wolf, Chair)

I. Adjournment

- **The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.**
- **Minutes were approved at the March 9, 2020 meeting.**

James Garritson, Secretary