

Valley Center Community Planning Group

Approved Minutes for a Virtual Zoom meeting held on **May 10, 2021** at 7:00 p.m.

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. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87113356226?pwd=VGFCaDVqVnI1VnN0clBNSnE3VUFRUT09B;>

Meeting ID: 871 1335 6226; **Passcode:** VCCPG-May

B. Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order at **7:05 p.m.** and a Quorum was established with **10 members present**. Two additional members arrived later at the meeting. Dr. Matthews joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Ms. McCabe arrived at the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Hutchison left the meeting early due to technical problems.
- Lisa Adams - **P**
- Michelle Bothof - **P**
- Susan Fajardo - **P**
- Julia Feliciano - **P**
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- James Garritson - **P**
- Delores ChavezHarmes-**P**
- Steve Hutchison* - **P**
- Matt Matthews* - **P**
- Kathleen McCabe* - **P**
- LaVonne Norwood - **P**
- James Radden - **P**
- Dori Rattray- **P**
- Kevin Smith - **P**
- ~~Renee Wolf - A~~

Guests:

- David Ross
- Lawrence Schmidt
- Regina McKee
- Becky Rapp
- Brittany Biesterfield
- Kelly McKormick
- Justin Salter
- Judy Strang
- Peggy Walker
- William Del Pilar
- Kathleen Lippitt
- Barb Tupaj
- Mateo

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Garritson

D. Approval of Minutes: April 12, 2021

- **Motion: To approve the April 12, 2021 Minutes.**
- **Maker/Second:** Smith/Norwood
- **Motion Carries 10-0-0 (Y-N-Ab)**

E. Public Comments: Members of the public may address the Planning Group on any topic not on the agenda. [APPENDIX]

- Ms. Fajardo requested to reopen a project started in the autumn of 2017, naming a bridge after the late VC librarian, Sandy Puccio. Ms. Fajardo requests to have Bridge 5, located where Lake Wohlford Road crosses Escondido Creek, named in Sandy's honor. The Planning Group voted to approve this bridge renaming request at the time, but the paperwork was misplaced by the County.
- There was discussion about whether the Planning Group needed to have a vote on this issue. The Planning Group will take a possible vote on this item next month.

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

1) Chevron Lighting Violation (Harmes): Removed half of the LED's from each logo, since the lights cannot be dimmed. Does this satisfy the lighting problem?

- Chevron has reduced the number of bulbs internally illuminating the canopy sign. This still does not comply with VC signage requirements. Chair Harmes will reaffirm with Chevron that total compliance with DRB signage guidelines must be met by the VCCPG June 14 meeting.
- **Motion: To request that Chevron follows the Community Plan and Design Guidelines by removing all lighting from internally lit logos/signage.**
- **Maker/Second:** Hutchison/Norwood
- **Motion Carries 9-1-0 (Y-N-Ab)** Garritson votes nay.

2) Withdrawn Projects PDSPDS2015-GPA-15-003, PDS2015-REZ-15-004; PDS2015-TPM-21224; PDS2015-STP-15-006; PDS2015-ER-15-08-009. Lilac Plaza project located at 28214 Lilac Road, Valley Center has been withdrawn. The project has been inactive since 2017. PDS staff have updated the status in their records and will close out these files.

- There was no discussion about this action item.

3) General Plan Housing, Safety & Environmental Justice: Rescheduled to May 14, 2021

- There was no discussion about this action item.

4) Arco: Public comments closed and CEQA completed.

- Chair Harmes updated the group that no comments were submitted to the county regarding Arco and the environmental findings were adopted by the zoning administrator at the hearing. The site plan decision will be issued soon.

5) Dunckel PDS2021-TPM-21283 (Rattray): Split lot request. (Informational) [APPENDIX]

- Ms. Rattray provided background information about this project. She shared information about the Valley Center Municipal Water District and the possibility that the property might have water restrictions in future years. Mr. Smith explained that the water district can curtail the amount of water used during drought years. Ms. Rattray was in favor of the project. Ms. Norwood asked for further information about the septic system. Once the lot split is completed, another septic system would be installed.
- There was discussion about the large boulders on the property. Mr. Hutchison shared that the northern and central parts of California might have water cutbacks this year.
- Regina McKee (audience) asked for further information about the lot split. She was concerned that the 2-acre parcel could be split again. Chair Harmes clarified the boundaries of the property. Dunckel currently owns a 4.5 acre property that he would like to split into a 2.5 and a 2 acre property. Ms. Rattray has walked the property and shared that the property is in a rural location. This action item was tabled until the June 14 VCCPG meeting.

6) Tent Cities in County Ag Areas: CA Dept Food & Agriculture is working with Ca Office of Emergency Services on finding and renting/leasing on a long-term basis any private, followed ag land to build a tent city in the county for illegal immigrants coming across the border.(Information)

- Chair Harmes provided information from our County Supervisor Desmond about this item.
- Currently, border patrol rounds up individuals illegally entering the country and delivers them to a processing site. Some go back to their own countries, some stay; but the Federal government is not inspecting or testing this group for COVID-19. This is referred to as EWI or entry without inspection. Those that stay are who are overrunning the intake facilities.
- CA Dept. of Weights & Measures reached out to land owners asking if they would be willing to rent/lease their property out for tent cities to house illegal immigrants. Once these individuals are tested, over 17% are positive for COVID-19 and other diseases.
- Ms. Rattray shared that she moved from Orange County and there were numerous problems with drugs, trash, and human waste when the city of Orange allowed homeless people to create tent cities along the riverbed.
- Mr. Hutchison made some comments seemingly in favor of tent cities. Ms. Feliciano wanted to know if immigrants were being vaccinated by the federal government. Chair Harmes shared that although this action is not moving forward as of today, the Planning Group should be aware of this potential community problem.
- Ms. Adams shared that it is important that we make our feelings known about this issue. Dr. Matthews was concerned about some of the wording of some long-term lease proposals that came from emails he had received from the County or State.

G. Subcommittee Reports

1) Emergency Evacuation (Harmes, Chair)

- The County will hold another fire safety symposium at Bates Nut Farm on June 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. A Wildfire Safety Public Power Shut Off meeting was held on April 27. An update on the third fire station to be built on Cole Grade Rd was given, which included information on two temporary trailers and an aluminum cover for engines and equipment.
- Judy Strang (audience) asked about the additional roads that the County was supposed to provide after approving new housing communities. Mr. Garritson made comments about the recent accident on Saturday, May 8 that closed part of Valley Center Road. He believes that the County is not doing enough to build new roads or expand older roads. The County continues to receive more property tax revenue, but does little to create new roads within Valley Center.
- Ms. Adams explained the difference between an accident and fire situation. Ms. McKee (audience) commented that she has not seen the County do much to solve traffic problems in Valley Center.

2) Cannabis Subcommittee: (Matt Matthews, Chair)

- Dr. Matthews is working to add community members to this committee. He would like to establish a subcommittee with broad backgrounds. He held a meeting with Jim Desmond and there was interest in working with other Planning Groups.
- Judi Strang (audience) stated that she has no interest in having marijuana dispensaries in Valley Center. She shared that the voice of money is playing a much larger role than the voice of the people.
- Kathleen Lippitt shared concerns about the cost-benefit analysis of marijuana dispensaries. She believes that marijuana businesses are the only beneficiaries of dispensaries. She will forward more information to the Planning Group.
- Becky Rapp (audience) lives very close to Valley Center and shared some of her many concerns about this ordinance. Supervisor Fletcher is the primary supervisor who would like to place dispensaries in the rural locations in San Diego County. Becky has four sons and shared that a student was vaping in front of his peers in a Zoom class session. She urged the Planning Group to voice concerns to County Supervisors.
- Kelly McKormick (audience) would like the Planning Group to voice their concerns to the County Supervisors. Kelly understands that the cost of allowing marijuana dispensaries costs much more than the revenue they bring into a community.
- Peggy Walker (audience) commented that she is very much against this ordinance. She objected to Nathan Fletcher's position. Marijuana has caused major problems to pediatric health in the state of Colorado.
- Ms. Norwood asked Dr. Matthews when this subcommittee would meet. She shared that the Planning Group must take immediate actions against these potential problems. Dr. Matthews shared that Supervisor Desmond believes that rural communities have between 1-2 years before a decision is made.

3) Parks & Rec (Norwood, Chair) There were no reports shared.

4) Mobility (Adams, Chair) There were no updates this month.

5) Tribal Liaison (Smith, Chair)

- Mr. Smith is now communicating with Bo Mazzetti, Chairman Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians.

6) Design Review Board (Smith/Adams)

- There were no updates this month.

7) Community Plan (Hutchinson, Chair) There were no updates this month.

8) Website (Wolf, Chair) There were no updates this month.

9) Nominations (Fajardo, Chair)

- Ms. Fajardo provided information about **Lawrence Schmidt** and **Judith Silverman**, two candidates who have filled out applications to take over the currently vacant Seat 9.
- Judy Silverman shared that her biggest concern was dealing with evacuation routes. She also would like to see a senior center built in Valley Center. A number of transportation options will not drive up the grade into Valley Center to pick up seniors and drive them to appointments in Escondido or elsewhere. It seems that the County has more concentration

on making money, but little interest in providing benefits to those that currently live in the community.

- Ms. Adams asked if Judy would have an interest in joining monthly subcommittee meetings. Judy would attend meetings if she knew when they took place.
- Ms. Norwood will invite Judy to join the Parks & Rec subcommittee.
- Mr. Smith and Chair Harmes had a discussion about the timeline to install a new Planning Group member. In the past, it often took three months before a nominated candidate was approved by County Supervisors.
- **Motion: To suspend the three meeting requirements and take a vote tonight.**
- **Maker/Second:** Adams/Garritson
- **Motion Carries 11-1-0 (Y-N-Ab)** Mr. Smith voted nay.

- Lawrence Schmidt shared his background working in the residential and commercial solar industry. Chair Harmes asked Mr. Schmidt about what he sees as the biggest challenges in the community. Mr. Schmidt loves hiking, fishing, and the outdoors. He feels that there is a healthy balance between growth and maintaining the current rural community aspect of Valley Center. He has lived here since 2012 and sees some of the changes that have taken place. Mr. Smith and Ms. Adams asked if Mr. Schmidt had the time available to dedicate to the Planning Group and subcommittee meetings. Ms. Fajardo also asked if Mr. Schmidt understands the necessary time commitments. Mr. Lawrence shared that he is willing to provide time and his job provides him the ability to customize his own work schedule.
- Chair Harmes shared information about the completion of the applications..
- Ms. Feliciano and Ms. Fajardo would like to see Judy join a subcommittee. Ms. Norwood will invite Judy to attend a Park & Rec subcommittee meeting.
- **Motion: To confirm the nomination of Lawrence Schmidt to take over Seat 9 of the VCCPG.**
- **Maker/Second:** Garritson/Adams
- **Motion Carries 12-0-0 (Y-N-Ab)**
- Chair Harmes invited Lawrence Schmidt back to the meeting and informed him that he was officially nominated to take over Seat 9. She will forward this information to the County.
- Chair Harmes informed Judy Silverman that the Planning Group is looking forward to having her join the Parks & Rec subcommittee and the emergency evacuation subcommittee.

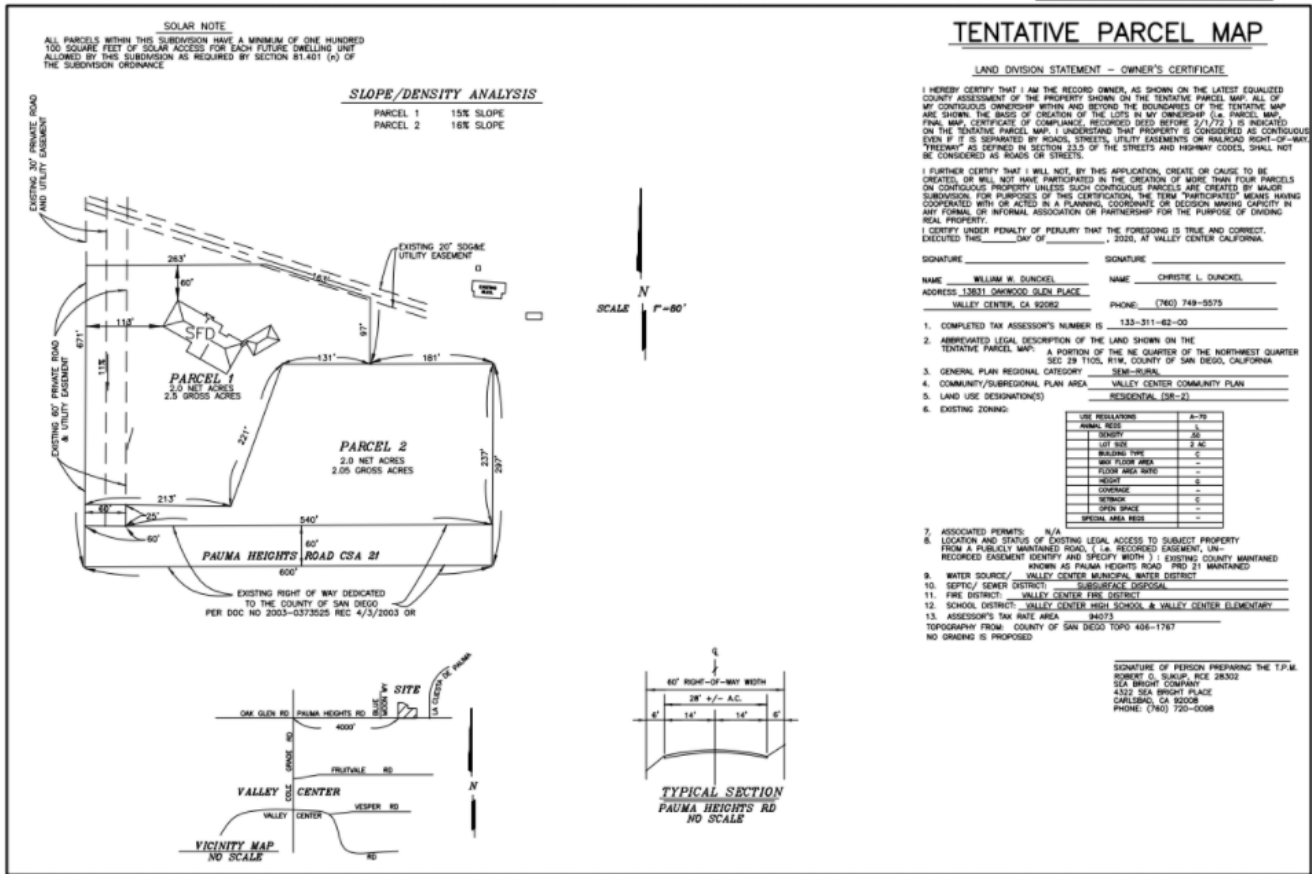
10) Trails Subcommittee: (Norwood, Chair) There were no updates this month.

I. Adjournment

- Next regular meeting of VCCPG: **June 14, 2021 at 7 p.m.**
- **The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**
- **Minutes were approved on June 14, 2021.**

James Garritson, Secretary

Appendix VCCPG May 10, 2021 Minutes



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In October of 2017, there was an article in the VC Roadrunner about the honorary naming of bridges after individuals or entities in our community. I don't know if any of you remember that at that time I proposed naming a bridge after Sandy Puccio, our librarian who had recently lost her life to cancer.

I collected signatures and submitted this information to the County and for some reason, it all seemed to get lost somehow.

I have recently been in touch with Supervisor Desmond's office. The first step is to get approval from our PG, and so I am asking again, that the VCC PG approve of a bridge in our community be named in honor of Sandy Puccio.

The County has supplied me with a list of 39 possibilities and out of these, her husband Joaquin Aganza has selected one that is meaningful to his memories of Sandy.

Once I get your approval I will continue forward with this project and keep the PG informed.

Thank you.

ID	Roadway	Crossing	Location	Vicinity	Sup Dist
74	Sloane Canyon Rd	Sweetwater River	0.3 mi s/o Dehesa Rd	Dehesa	2
37	Riverside Dr	Sweetwater River	1.6 mi n/o SR79	Descanso	2
18	Japatul Rd	Sweetwater River	1.8 miles e/o Tavern Rd	Loveland Reservoir	2
81	Viejas Boulevard	Sweetwater River	200' s/o River Dr	Descanso	2
17	Wildwood Glen Ln	Sweetwater River	500' w/o SR79	Descanso	2
21	Dehesa Rd	Sweetwater River N Fork	2.8 mi w/o Tavern Rd	Dehesa	2
19	Japatul Rd	Taylor Creek	2.3 mi e/o Tavern Rd	Cleveland National Forest	2
9	Alpine Blvd	Viejas Creek	0.5 mi e/o Alpine Blvd-Willows Rd	Alpine	2
3	Willows Rd	Viejas Creek	0.9 mi e/o Alpine/ Willows I-8 Exit	The Willows	2
53	Oleander Ave	Agua Hedionda Creek	100' e/o Mimosa Ave s/o SR78	Vista	5
60	Camino San Bernardo OC	Camino Del Norte	0.5 mi s/o Rancho Bernardo Rd	Rancho Bernardo/4S Ranch	5
62	Guejito Rd	Escondido Creek	0.1 mile s/o Lake Wohlford Rd	Lake Wohlford	5
61	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	Escondido Creek	0.3 mi e/o Rancho Santa Fe Rd/ Manchester Ave	Rancho Santa Fe	5
70	El Camino Del Norte	Escondido Creek	0.5 mi s/o RSF Rd	RSF	5
5	Lake Wohlford Rd	Escondido Creek	2 mi e/o Valley Center Rd	Lake Wohlford	5
59	College St	Fallbrook Creek West	0.06 mile west of Main Ave	Fallbrook	5
44	Beech St	Fallbrook Creek West	0.2 mi e/o Mission Rd	Fallbrook	5
27	Gopher Canyon Rd	Gopher Canyon Creek S Fork	225' e/o Spa Havens Way (Gated)	Bonsall	5
24	Pankey Rd (North)	Horse Ranch Creek	0.1 mi n/o SR76	Pala Mesa Village	5
25	Pankey Rd (South)	Horse Ranch Creek	0.2 mi s/o SR76	Pala Mesa Village	5
20	Duffin Rd (East)	Keys Canyon Creek	Between Old Hwy 395 and Lake Circle Dr	Pala Mesa	5
84	Valley Center Road	Keys Canyon Creek S Fork	0.46 miles n/o Lilac Road	Valley Center	5
32	Lilac Rd	Keys Canyon S Fork	0.7 mi n/o Old Castle Rd	Escondido- North of	5
51	Old Highway 395	Keys Creek	0.7 mi s/o SR76	Pala Mesa	5
23	West Lilac Rd	Keys Creek S Fork	0.15 mile w/o Lilac Rd	North Escondido	5
42	Gird Rd	Live Oak Canyon Creek	2 mi n/o SR76	Fallbrook	5
85	Carmel Valley Road	Lusardi Creek	0.05 mile w/o Dove Canyon Road	4S Ranch	5
2	Old River Rd	Moosa Canyon Creek	0.3 mi s/o Camino del Rey	Bonsall	5
26	Old Castle Rd	Moosa Canyon Creek	1.14 mile east of Champagne Blvd	North Escondido	5
54	Camino Del Rey	Moosa Canyon Creek	2.1 mi e/o West Lilac Rd	Bonsall	5
45	Mono Rd	Potrero Creek	0.4 mi s/o Fallbrook St	Fallbrook	5
4	Willow Glen Rd	Rainbow Creek	1.4 mi n/o Mission Rd	Fallbrook	5
47	First St	Rainbow Creek N Fork	0.1 mi w/o Huffstatter St	Rainbow	5
83	Rancho Bernardo Road	San Dieguito River Trib.-S fork	0.02 mile n/o Camino Del Norte	Rancho Bernardo	5
48	Via De Santa Fe	San Digueto River	0.7 mi s/o Via De La Valle	Fairbanks Ranch	5
55	Camino Del Rey	San Luis Rey Downs Golf Course	100' w/o West Lilac Rd	Bonsall	5
63	East Grade Rd	San Luis Rey River	0.1 mi n/o SR76	Lake Honshaw	5
68	Lilac Rd	San Luis Rey River	0.1 mi s/o SR76	Pala	5
71	Shearer Crossing	San Luis Rey River	0.18 mi s/o Pankey Road	Pala	5