Valley Center Community Planning Group

Approved Minutes for a regular meeting held on **November 8, 2021** 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 13 members present. Susan Fajardo* arrived at 7:10 p.m.
- Lisa Adams P
- Michelle Bothof P
- Delores ChavezHarmes-P
- Susan Fajardo P*
- Julia Feliciano P
- James Garritson P
- Steve Hutchison P
- Matt Matthews P
- Kathleen McCabe A
- LaVonne Norwood P
- Iames Radden P
- Dori Rattray P
- Larry Schmidt P
- Kevin Smith P
- Renee Wolf P

- B. Pledge of Allegiance Chair Harmes
- C. Approval of October 11, 2021 Minutes
 - Motion: To approve the October 11, 2021 Minutes.
 - Maker/Second: Rattray/Bothof
 - Motion Carries 12-0-1 (Y-N-Ab). Mr. Smith abstained.

D. Public Comments: Members of the public may address the Planning Group on any topic not on the agenda.

 Becky Rapp (audience) spoke against marijuana dispensaries. Supervisor Jim Desmond voted against the County making any zoning changes for marijuana dispensaries.

1) SDG&E on Keys Creek Utility Undergrounding Project Updates

• Todd Vorhees and Matt Huber, representatives of SDG&E, shared that the company is still attempting to install a shoo-fly. They are still asking that any property owner affected by dewatering should file a claim with SDG&E. The SDG&E consultant, Doug shared his findings about how much water was taken out of the ground. He believes there were between 6.5 - 9.5 acre-feet of water removed. This is about 2.5 - 3 million gallons of water. The consultant stated that the aquifer in the Cole Road Road creek crossing area has been replenished. Mr. Schmidt asked a question about the effect of dewatering on the properties that sit on higher slopes. San Diego County has made the recommendation that SDG&E do additional studies with permission from nearby property owners.

2) Butterfield Trails Ranch Presentation

- Joaquin Aganza, President of Friends of Hellhole Canyon, provided background about the Butterfield Ranch property and presented a video. The property links to the Heritage Trail. Joaquin believes that Butterfield Trails Ranch provides accessibility for people of all ages. He hopes that the Planning Group will consider asking the County to consider purchasing this property for a community park.
- Ms. Rattray asked about the size of the property. It is 60 acres. Chair Harmes asked about
 who would purchase this property. San Diego County would need to appraise the property
 and purchase it.
- Mr. Garritson asked about the price of the property. The County will hire independent contractors to appraise the property.
- Ms. Adams asked about a tentative map that is on the property and what would happen to the current plans for the property if it did become a park.
- Wayne Hilbig purchased the property back in 1980. He was unable to develop the property due to the sewer moratorium for 25 years. The approved plans would split the property into 71 parcels. He is a conservationist at heart and would really like the community to consider this property for a potential park.
- Julie Picot is the president of Vaqueros and shared that her group is supportive of the idea of the County purchasing this property for a park, as the future plans for Star Valley Park remain unclear.
- Ms. Adams has concerns regarding the cost of the property at this time when property values are very high and that this proposed project should be placed on a priority list with the park board, as well as environmental concerns.
- Ms. Norwood asked the group to be placed on the December Agenda as a voting item.

3) Redistricting Presentation

- Stephanie Brown is 1 of 14 members of the Independent Redistricting Commission.

 Stephanie shared a presentation that explained how district boundaries are redrawn. There are five supervisorial districts and each district must have reasonably equal populations. A boundary must be contiguous, minimize division of cities, and be geographically compact.
- Redistricting maps must be complete by December 15, 2021. County of San Diego
 Redistricting provides the site http://drawyourcommunity.com for the community to Help
 shape San Diego County's future! Stephanie shared Adjusted Census Data for 2010 and
 2020. Chair Harmes recommended that the Planning Group and audience members share
 the importance of redistricting with everyone they know who lives in Valley Center. Review
 the map drafts that are posted on the County website.
- On Saturday, November 13, there is a public Zoom meeting at 11 a.m. Ms. Rattray is the chair of the Redistricting subcommittee.

4) Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax/SANDAG.

- Darren Gretner, Chief of Staff of Supervisor Jim Desmond, presented information about the Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax and plans SANDAG has to increase taxes. Adrienne Cisneros-Selekman, Community Relations Liaison was also present.
- SANDAG controls billions of dollars and is responsible for all road improvements. The weighted vote now trumps the other votes. Less than 3% of the population of San Diego County use public transit. Managed lanes are toll lanes and that is the current direction for all highway improvements made by SANDAG. The organization would like to eventually pass two additional ½-cent sales taxes. SANDAG also would like to place a \$1.65 tax on Uber and Lyft rides.
- SANDAG will hold a board meeting on December 10.
- David Ross (Valley Roadrunner) asked a question about how these taxes would be voted on by the people.
- Becky Rapp (audience) asked for further information about the weighted vote and how Chula Vista and San Diego have more weight due to population. These two cities' vote overrides all other cities and the unincorporated areas.

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

- 1) Village Station PDS2015-STP-15-025 (Rattray/Smith): Site design changes.
 - Businesses have applied for ABC license applications.

2) Chevron Lighting Violation (Harmes): Official violation filed with the County.

 A formal complaint was filed with the County. Chevron has decided not to turn on the signage lights. Brandi Contreras will share updates with the Planning Group.

3) PDS2021-ABC-21-005 Grocery Outlet: (Feliciano) Village Station application for ABC license.

 Grocery Outlet has applied for an ABC license. Ms. Feliciano shared an update about the application process. Ms. Rattray said there are three buildings that remain available.

G. Subcommittee Reports

1) Emergency Evacuation (Harmes):

• Chair Harmes provided a brief report.

2) Cannabis Subcommittee (Matthews)

 Dr. Matthews shared that the five existing dispensaries all have the right to expand. San Diego County is not granting permits to grow cannabis at the moment.

3) Parks & Rec (Norwood)

• No report.

4) Mobility (Adams)

• An email was sent out today with the updated priority list.

5) Tribal Liaison (Smith, Chair)

There was some concern about the light pollution from the Horizon Fuel Center and Pit
 Stop Market. The San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians have not gotten back with Mr. Smith.

6) Design Review Board (Smith/Adams)

• Ms. Harmes stated that the Fat Ivor's sign is out of compliance and the DRB has been notified.

7) Community Plan (Hutchison)

• No report.

8) Redistricting Subcommittee (Rattray)

- Motion: To appoint Dori Rattray to lead a Redistricting Subcommittee.
- Maker/Second:
- 11-1-1 (Y-N-Ab). Mr. Hutchison voted nay.
- A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 16th, 6:30 p.m., VC Community Center RM 5 to provide information about Redistricting.

9) Website (Wolf, Chair)

• No report.

10) Nominations (Harmes/Fajardo)

No report.

11) Trails Subcommittee (Norwood)

No report.

I. Adjournment

- Next regular meeting of VCCPG: **December 13, 2021 at 7 p.m.**
- The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.
- Minutes were approved on December 13, 2021.

James Garritson, Secretary