

Valley Center Community Planning Group

Approved Minutes for a regular meeting held on **November 14, 2022** at 7:01 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

- The Meeting was called to order at **7:00 p.m.** and a Quorum was established with **14 members present**. Dr. Matthews* arrived at 7:40 p.m.

● Lisa Adams - P	● Julia Feliciano - P	● LaVonne Norwood - P
● Michelle Bothof - P	● James Garritson - P	● Dori Rattray - P
● Delores ChavezHarmes-P	● Steve Hutchison - P	● Roya Sabeti - P
● Vlad Ciupitu - P	● Matt Matthews - P*	● Larry Schmidt - P
● Susan Fajardo - P	● Kathleen McCabe - P	● Kevin Smith - P

B. Pledge of Allegiance - Chair Harmes

C. Approval of Minutes: October 10, 2022

- **The Planning Group will vote on the October 10, 2022 Minutes at the December 12, 2022 meeting.**

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

- Ms. Norwood asked a question about what is the meaning of the Correspondence item related to Illegal Dumping Advisement to the County.
- A question was about when the Vons shopping center will be built. Chair Harmes shared that she has heard about a possible issue related to the cost of installing a traffic light.

1. SDG&E – Kevin O’Beirne with Keys Creek Undergrounding Update

- Kevin O’Beirne shared that SDG&E will continue to keep the community informed about the scope of the project and timelines that they will follow.

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

1) Vacate Unaccepted Irrevocable Offer of Dedication South Mountain Meadow Road – VAC2018-0242 APN 186-140-69 & 186-140-70: (Harmes) Summarily vacate IOD for public highway purposes for a portion of what is known as SC990. 2. Document recorded on March 24, 1980. County DPW has determined the area is no longer needed for present or future public uses as there is no foreseeable private development that would be conditioned to construct within this easement and this request does not involve a General Plan Mobility Element roadway. (Vote)

- **Motion: To approve the Irrevocable Offer of Dedication South Mountain Meadow Road – VAC2018-0242 APN 186-140-69 & 186-140-70.**
- **Maker/Second:** Smith/Hutchison
- **Motion Carries 14-0-0 (Y-N-Ab)**

- Chair Harmes introduced Richard Chin, a Department of Public Works manager. He handed out maps that illustrated the road alignments. If the County intended to use these proposed roads, they would go through existing homes. The parcel owner agreed to give the County 14 feet in land in exchange for the removal of this public highway proposal. There was discussion about the future use of these easements for sidewalks, trails, and bicycle lanes. Ms. Norwood asked a question regarding Pedestrian and Horse trails easement being on both vacations before the group. First giving easement for trails, then declining the easements. Mr. Chin stated that trails would be added more than likely.

2) Proposed Vacation of Embankment Slope and Drainage Easements Rights - Mirar de Valle Tract No. 5087-1 & 5087-2: (Harmes) Request to vacate the embankment slope and drainage easement rights that were granted as part of County Tract Map No. 5087-1 and 50872. The road improvements have been constructed and DPW has determined these additional rights are no longer necessary. The owner/developer wants to clear title to these rights in order to place another small easement for utility purpose adjacent to the future road right-of-way offered on these maps where these additional slope/drainage rights.

(Vote)

- **Motion: To approve the Proposed Vacation of Embankment Slope and Drainage Easements Rights - Mirar de Valle Tract No. 5087-1 & 5087-2.**
- **Maker/Second:** Hutchison/Garritson
- **Motion Carries 14-0-0 (Y-N-Ab)**

- Chair Harmes once again introduced Richard Chin, a manager from the Department of Public Works.

3) Valley Center Road Concept Plan: Plan forward. (Update)

- Chair Harmes discussed that the County will create focus groups that they will form going forward to discuss the future plans for the corridor. A number of stakeholders from the Planning Group and members from the community will meet to discuss plans going forward. Ms. Fajardo asked about reasons for keeping the focus groups so small. The County wants to keep the Road Concept Meetings manageable by limiting the numbers of the general community and having only three Planning Members attend.
- Mr. Smith and Ms. Adams shared that they liked the operation of the focus group. Ms. Rattray liked the synergy of the meeting. The County asked questions about safety and a discussion about how long the focus group members had lived in the community.

- There was discussion about the center lane that was used by some people as a passing lane instead of the intended purpose as a median.

G. Subcommittee Reports

1) Emergency Evacuation (Harmes):

- Chair Harmes shared that a reporter met with Chair Harmes and Chief Napier about evacuation routes. Information was provided in the report on the progress Valley Center has made to improve evacuation routes and add additional routes. The piece aired on October 21, 2022. Chair Harmes contacted the office of Supervisor Jim Desmond and had a discussion about the extension of Mirar De Valle to Deer Springs Road.
- There was discussion about creating an emergency gate on one property and connecting to a road in Escondido. Supervisor Desmond is looking into this plan. Chief Napier and Chief Morrison from the Deer Springs Fire District will continue to work together on fire excavation routes.

2) Cannabis Subcommittee (Mathews):

- It appears that Measure 8 did pass, which means that the County will have the ability to tax cannabis. The pharmaceutical industry is currently under the jurisdiction of the FDA.
- Mr. Ciupitu shared that he had heard that some gas stations are now selling cannabis.

3) Parks & Rec/Trails (Norwood): Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Vote

[APPENDIX]

- **Motion: To send the Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Project Priority List for the 2022-2023 priorities.**
- **Maker/Second:** Norwood/McCabe
- **Motion Carries 15-0-0 (Y-N-Ab)**
- The Community Planning Group prepared an extensive priority list. Bill Trock would like to add a basketball court located behind the pool at Adams Park.
- Chair Harmes shared the importance of creating a system of parks. The community can have both Butterfield Trails Ranch and Star Valley Park with multi-use centers. More pickleball courts are requested within the community. It is very important that the Vaqueros work with the community to have trails that are friendly to equestrians, cyclists, walkers, and runners.
- Recreation Programming could include swim lessons, senior programs, snake training, childcare, community gardening or gardens, and aqua-aerobics. Safety or crime prevention programs would benefit the community. Before and after school programs.
- meal on wheels programs. Music and art programs would provide a great benefit to the community. There was discussion about this type of program between Ms. Norwood and Mr. Schmidt.
- Line dancing, square dancing, and other dance classes were proposed.
- Mr. Smith requested that we review the previous 2021 list. Star Valley Park as well as previous PLDO requests are still a work in progress.

- Dr. Matthews asked a question about the gas line easements that were discussed months ago. Mr. Hutchison shared that a lot of these easements cut directly through the properties.

4) Mobility (Adams):

- No update.

5) Tribal Liaison (Chair)

- Chair Harmes

6) Design Review Board (Smith/Adams)

- No meeting.

7) Community Plan (Hutchison)

- No update. Mr. Hutchison is waiting for updates from the County.

8) Revitalization Subcommittee (Ratray):

- The Revitalization meeting was held in October with Supervisor Desmond. The meeting was a great opportunity to speak directly with the community supervisor. Ms. Ratray shared that graffiti might become a bigger problem in the community as more gas stations and other businesses are built in Valley Center. The graffiti plan is to have a private contractor who will remove public and private graffiti. There is a Get It Done app where community members can post information.
- Ms. Ratray shared contact information about Reporting Graffiti and removing trash when it is illegally dumped. Mr. Schmidt shared that homes under construction within Park Circle have had copper wire stolen and circuit breakers stolen. Chair Harmes shared that there has been discussion in the community to form a community neighborhood watch. Crime has continued to increase in Valley Center.
- Valley Center Oil recently had \$40,000 of gasoline stolen. Portino's restaurant was broken into on October 11, 2022. There is a huge crime wave going on in this community.
- There was discussion about County animal services. Dr. Matthews shared that the County is overwhelmed with calls about animal welfare. The community needs to make repeated calls to the County when they see menacing animals.
- There was a lot of discussion about whether the animal issue should be a part of the revitalization subcommittee.
- Ms. Fajardo would like to have animal spaying and neutering services provided in Valley Center. Chair Harmes will add this item to the PLDO Priority List.

9) CAN/411 (Fajardo)

- No update.

10) Board (Harmes/Fajardo): 2023 CPSG training dates

- Planning Group training is held once again in December. Training dates are Saturday, December 10 from 8:30 am - 1 p.m. Dee mentioned a total of 3 CPSG training sessions. Perhaps you could add "There are two additional dates scheduled in early 2023."

Next regular meeting of VCCPG: December 12, 2022 7pm

I. Adjournment

- Next regular meeting of VCCPG: **December 12, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Valley Center Community Hall**
- **The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**
- **Minutes were approved on February 13, 2023.**

James Garritson, Secretary

Appendix VCCPG November 14, 2022 Minutes

Valley Center Local Park Planning Area And Valley Center Community Planning Group Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Project Priority List:

VALLEY CENTER LOCAL PARK PLANNING AREA AND VALLEY CENTER COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP PRIORITY LISTS

PARK LANDS DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PLDO) PROJECT PRIORITY LIST:

PLDO Eligible Recreational Use examples include but are not limited to sport fields and courts, playgrounds, picnic areas, community gardens, and recreation buildings.

FY2022-23 Valley Center Community Planning Group (CPG) PLDO Project Priority List (List in order of priority)
Add multi-use center (Intergenerational Ctr) to Starr Valley Park and complete development plans.
Aquire more parkland to create a system of parks: 1. Butterfield Trails Ranch with a multi-use center 2. Circle R/West Lilac area.
Connecting trail/path to Daley Ranch from Jack Creek Trail off Mirar de Valle.
Keys Creek Preserve open for use. Currently chain fenced.
Addition of pickle ball courts to current park system and add additional basketball courts and skate parks.
Additional trails for equestrian, bicycle and pedestrian use at Rancho Lilac and Sunshine Trail along Vesper Rd. to Starr Valley Park.
Previous FY2021-22 Valley Center CPG PLDO Project Priority List (Listed in order of priority)
NONE RECEIVED

RECREATION PROGRAMMING PRIORITY LIST:

Recreation programming examples include but are not limited to afterschool programs, sport leagues, and fitness classes.

FY2022-23 Valley Center CPG Recreation Programming Priority List (List in order of priority)
Childcare held at park sites
Senior programs i.e Fall Prevention
Snake Training for people and dogs
Previous FY2021-22 Valley Center CPG Recreation Programming List (Listed in order of priority)
NONE RECEIVED

Please email to Stephanie.Kopplin@sdcounty.ca.gov and Jen.Spencer@sdcounty.ca.gov by **November 30, 2022.**