

### Valley Center Community Planning Group

**Approved Minutes** for a regular meeting held on **December 12, 2022** 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

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#### A. Roll Call

- The Meeting was called to order at **7:05 p.m.** and a Quorum was established with **8 members present.**
- ~~Lisa Adams~~ - **A**                                      ● Julia Feliciano - **P**                                      ● ~~LaVonne Norwood~~ - **A**
- ~~Michelle Bothof~~ - **A**                                      ● James Garritson - **P**                                      ● Dori Rattray - **P**
- Delores ChavezHarmes-**P**                                      ● Steve Hutchison - **P**                                      ● ~~Roya Sabeti~~ - **A**
- ~~Vlad Ciupitu~~ - **A**                                      ● ~~Matt Matthews~~ - **A**                                      ● Larry Schmidt - **P**
- Susan Fajardo - **P**                                      ● ~~Kathleen McCabe~~ - **A**                                      ● Kevin Smith - **P**

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance - Chair Harmes

#### C. Approval of October 10, 2022 Minutes:

- **Motion: To approve the VCCPG October 10, 2022 Minutes.**
- **Maker/Second: Smith/Feliciano**
- **Motion Carries 8-0-0 (Y-N-Ab).**

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

- Joaquin Aganza shared information about three senior centers he visited. One Senior Center is located in east Oceanside. It has multigenerational housing nearby. There are large multipurpose rooms in the complex. It has a commercial kitchen. The center was much larger than the needs of Valley Center, but it provided a good blueprint for a potential intergenerational center within this community. Mr. Aganza also toured the Jacobs Center in the UTC area. Both locations have huge outdoor aquatic centers for community use. The Jacobs Center was developed for the Jewish community, but is also available to the entire community.
- The Encinitas Center is located near a middle school. It provides a large area for basketball courts. The directors of all three centers have years of experience and can provide a lot of advice to our community. Young people make use of the basketball courts. The commercial kitchen is used quite a bit because any event that serves food makes use of these facilities. The theater is not used very often. The Encinitas Center is 39,000 square feet.
- Joaquin does not see the need for a theater at a Valley Center intergenerational center. Joe Gavin is very knowledgeable about senior centers and helped organize all of the tours.

- Mr. Schmidt asked about some of the features that Joaquin would recommend for the Valley Center community. He would recommend that the County build very large rooms that can be divided into smaller rooms.
- Ms. Fajardo asked a question about some of the classes that are offered at senior centers. There was discussion about all of the activities that are offered. One meal was provided for seniors every day at the Oceanside Center.
- Chair Harmes asked a question to members about a developer building a senior center versus having the County build one at Butterfield Trails Ranch or Star Valley Park. There was discussion about the construction of a public or private center.
- Joaquin shared that he would like the community to consider placing an intergenerational center at the Valley Center Community Hall and Park. Ms. Rattray shared information about an intergenerational center that is located in the city of Orange.

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

##### **1. SANDAG: Community Planning & Sponsor Groups request unincorporated area representation. [APPENDIX]**

- Chair Harmes shared information about how SANDAG imposes requirements on the unincorporated regions. There are currently two Supervisors who provide some form of representation for the unincorporated regions. Community Planning Groups would like to have Planning Group Chairs have a full voting voice. Mr. Hutchison shared his concerns about the inequity of the present system that gives more voice to larger cities.
- There are 19 local governments that have a representative for SANDAG, but unincorporated areas that amount to 500,000 people do not have any voice.
- **Planning Group and Sponsor Group Proposal:** “The Valley Center Community Planning Group supports a selection of a “San Diego County Unincorporated Communities” Advisory Board Member and their Alternate to come from among one of the 28 elected Community Planning Groups Chairs and appointed Community Sponsor Groups Chairs. These 28 Community Planning and Sponsor Group Chairs would select a representative and alternate every 2 years beginning with January of 2023.”

##### **2. Virtual Meeting Requirements: AB 361 County required teleconferenced meeting requirements.**

- **Motion: To approve Virtual and Teleconferenced Meetings for the first quarter of 2023.**
- **Maker/Second:** Smith/Garritson
- **Motion Carries 8-0-0 (Y-N-Ab)**
- Chair Harmes shared information about the requirements to hold virtual meetings. The Planning Group needs to make a motion to hold this type of meeting in future months.

##### **3. Valley Center Road Concept Plan: Focus group update. [APPENDIX]**

- Ms. Feliciano shared her thoughts about the meeting and felt it was a successful meeting.

- Mr. Schmidt shared that the meeting was beneficial, but he does not see the benefit of having nearly 36,000 vehicles travel through roundabouts. He shared information from this **Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan ANALYSIS REPORT ROADWAY SEGMENT page 48 of DCCP Report PDF**
- <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/advance/VCRoadStudy/DCCP-report.pdf>
- Ms. Fajardo shared positive thoughts about the meeting. She still has a lot of concerns about how fast people drive through town.
- Mr. Hutchison felt that the focus group was balanced. There is still a big controversy about building roundabouts on Valley Center Road.
- Ms. Rattray shared her experience at the meeting. The County mentioned a roundabout at Lilac Road and two locations. She shared that some traffic calming measures need to be implemented immediately. The County needs to build a traffic light at Mirar De Valle. She does not believe that three roundabouts in Valley Center are a good fit for the community.
- There was discussion about why some individuals continue to push roundabouts in the community when numerous people are in favor of traffic signals.
- Mr. Hutchison shared that federal, states, and counties are in favor of roundabouts because of safety concerns. Mr. Schmidt shared some of his concerns about building roundabouts.
- Chair Harmes would like the community to consider making a section of Valley Center Road a business district to reduce traffic speeds. There was discussion about public safety. Mr. Garritson would like the County to add additional lanes on Valley Center Road between Cole Grade Road and Lake Wohlford Road.

## **F. Subcommittee Reports**

### **1) Emergency Evacuation (Harmes):**

- Chief Chip Duncan from Rincon Fire will meet with the Planning Group in January.

### **2) Cannabis Subcommittee (Mathews):**

- No report.

### **3) Parks & Rec/Trails (Norwood): Sr. Center Tour 12/6/22**

- No report.

### **4) Mobility (Adams): Meeting 11/30/2022 & Traffic Advisory Meeting 12/09/22**

- No report.

### **5) Tribal Liaison (Chair) Meeting w/ Chairmen**

- Chair Harmes will attend a Southern California Tribal Council meeting in February.

### **6) Design Review Board (Smith/Adams)**

- No report.

### **7) Community Plan (Hutchinson): Meeting 11/30/2022**

- No report.

### **8) Revitalization Subcommittee (Rattray):**

- Ms. Rattray would like to invite members to begin formalizing plans to address graffiti and other community concerns.

**9) CAN/411 (Fajardo)**

- No report.

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

- Saturday, January 14, 2023 – 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Vista Library, 700 Eucalyptus Ave., Vista, CA 92084
- Saturday, February 11, 2023 – 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Lakeside Community Center, 9841 Vine St., Lakeside, CA 92040
- Members need to RSVP to attend one of the in-person meetings.

**I. Adjournment**

- Next regular meeting of VCCPG: **January 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**
- **The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**
- **Minutes were approved on January 9, 2023**

**James Garritson, Secretary**

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**Appendix VCCPG December 12, 2022 Minutes**

**VCCPG Letter to SANDAG Board of Directors**



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Chair, SANDAG Board of Directors  
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Dear Chair Blakespear,

SANDAG's Board is composed of representatives from each of the region's 19 local governments and additionally empowers and recognizes the contributions and needs of advisory representation.

These members hold unchecked and unequal power over the planning and funding of the unincorporated communities without providing a balanced voice for a population of approximately 500,000 residents - which comprises the second largest community in the County.

The unincorporated communities cannot lead nor effectively participate in their own future without a seat at this table of regional power.

Currently, two San Diego County Supervisors represent County interests on the SANDAG Board. In theory this is where the unincorporated communities find their representation; however, County Supervisors also represent their urban and suburban populations.

The assumption that unincorporated communities are represented through this structure and do not need "additional" representation is flawed as all SANDAG Board members and Advisory Board members are within the County of San Diego and, therefore, are already provided such a dual overlay of jurisdictions and representation. The exception is the two Advisory Board Members from Imperial County and Mexico.

The Valley Center Community Planning Group supports the unincorporated, and predominantly rural, communities of San Diego County - be recognized and admitted as an Advisory Member on the SANDAG Board of Directors. The new "San Diego County Unincorporated Communities" Advisory Board Member would represent the unique needs of our geographically disadvantaged populations including their health, safety, housing and work opportunities, the concerns of the agricultural industry, the development of the agritourism industry, the growth of the outdoor recreational industry, and the protection of our vast Open Space Preserves which are a County treasure.

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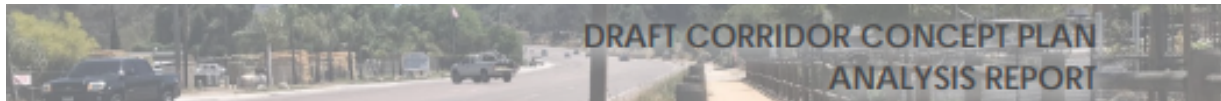
SANDAG's "Commitment to Equity" is on the line. This new "San Diego County Unincorporated Communities" Advisory Board Member requires a seat at the table of regional power.

The Valley Center Community Planning Group looks forward to working with SANDAG to complete the inclusion of our unincorporated community in the regional planning process.

Respectfully,

Delores Chavez Harmes, Chair  
Valley Center Community Planning Group

## Valley Center Road Corridor Concept Plan ANALYSIS REPORT ROADWAY SEGMENT page 48 of DCCP Report PDF



### ROADWAY SEGMENT ANALYSIS

Improvements proposed as part of the Draft Corridor Concept Plan can primarily be constructed within the existing right-of-way. The existing curb-to-curb width of Valley Center Road will not be changed with the exception the additional right-of-way that would be obtained to construct the roundabouts. Adding a raised median to the roadway segments that are currently constructed with a striped center median, would support the anticipated future capacity needs of the corridor. The addition of the raised median would change the “as constructed” classification from Boulevard with Intermittent Turn Lanes (2.4B) to Boulevard with Raised Median (4.2A), with an increased capacity from 27,000 vehicles per day to 30,000 vehicles per day. **Table 4** summarizes the roadway segment level of service for existing and future forecast year 2035 without and with the improvements proposed in the Draft Corridor Concept Plan.

**Table 4: Roadway Segment LOS Summary**

Roadway	Segment	No. Lanes	Median Type	Roadway Classification <sup>1</sup>	LOS E Capacity	Existing		Future Year 2035	
						ADT	LOS	ADT	LOS
<b>Existing Roadway Classification</b>									
Valley Center Road	Woods Valley Road to Mirar de Valle Road	4	Undivided	Boulevard - 4.2B (w/ intermittent turn lanes)	28,000	24,550	D	34,500	F
	Mirar De Valle Road to Sunday Drive	4	Divided	Boulevard - 4.2B (w/ intermittent turn lanes)	28,000	24,412	D	35,000	F
	Sunday Drive to Lilac Road	4	Divided	Boulevard - 4.2B (w/ intermittent turn lanes)	28,000	24,384	D	34,300	F
	Lilac Road to Canyon Road	4	Divided	Major Road - 4.1A (w/ raised median)	37,000	26,069	C	33,300	D
	Canyon Road to Miller Road	4	Divided	Major Road - 4.1A (w/ raised median)	37,000	25,883	C	33,300	D
	Miller Road to Indian Creek Road	4	Divided	Boulevard - 4.2A (w/ raised median)	30,000	25,013	D	31,300	F
	Indian Creek Road to Cole Grade Road	4	Divided	Boulevard - 4.2A (w/ raised median)	30,000	25,064	D	30,800	F
<b>With Draft Corridor Concept Plan</b>									
Valley Center Road	Woods Valley Road to Mirar de Valle Road	4	Undivided	Boulevard - 4.2A (w/ raised median)	30,000	24,550	D	34,500	F
	Mirar De Valle Road to Sunday Drive	4	Divided	Boulevard - 4.2A (w/ raised median)	30,000	24,412	D	35,000	F
	Sunday Drive to Lilac Road	4	Divided	Boulevard - 4.2A (w/ raised median)	30,000	24,384	D	34,300	F
	Lilac Road to Canyon Road	4	Divided	Major Road - 4.1A (w/ raised median)	37,000	26,069	C	33,300	D
	Canyon Road to Miller Road	4	Divided	Major Road - 4.1A (w/ raised median)	37,000	25,883	C	33,300	D
	Miller Road to Indian Creek Road	4	Divided	Boulevard - 4.2A (w/ raised median)	30,000	25,013	D	31,300	F
	Indian Creek Road to Cole Grade Road	4	Divided	Boulevard - 4.2A (w/ raised median)	30,000	25,064	D	30,800	F

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Based on San Diego County General Plan, Valley Center Mobility Element Network Appendix. The Woods Valley Road to Mirar De Valle Road segment and the Sunday Drive to Lilac Road segment are currently built as Boulevard with intermittent turn lanes (4.2B), but the Draft Corridor Concept Plan would bring these segments in line with the current Mobility Element Network planned classification of Boulevard with raised median (4.2A).

ADT = Average Daily Traffic

LOS = Level of Service