

Valley Center Community Planning Group

Approved Minutes for a regular meeting held on **November 13, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. in the Valley Center Community Hall, 28246 Lilac Road, Valley Center, California 92082.

Oliver Smith, **Chair**; Ashly Mellor, **Vice-Chair**; James Garritson, **Secretary**

A=Absent; **Ab**=Abstention; **BOS**=Board of Supervisors; **PDS**=Department of Planning & Development Services; **DPW**=Department of Public Works; **DRB**=Valley Center Design Review Board; **GP**= County General Plan; **N**=Nay; **P**=Present; **PC**=County Planning Commission; **R**=Recused; **SC**=Subcommittee; **TBD**=To Be Determined; **VCCPG**=Valley Center Community Planning Group; **VC**= Valley Center; **VCPRD**=Valley Center Parks & Recreation District; **Y**=Yea

A. Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order at **7:02 p.m.** and a Quorum was established with **14 members present**. Ms. Quinley arrived at 7:09 p.m. Ms. Plotner arrived at 7:25 p.m. Ms. Boulos left the meeting at 8:23 p.m.
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| ● Jeana Boulos - P | ● Steve Hutchison - P | ● Claire Plotner - A |
| ● William Del Pilar - P | ● Susan Janisch - P | ● Ann Quinley - A |
| ● Susan Fajardo - P | ● Kathy MacKenzie - P | ● Oliver Smith - P |
| ● James Garritson - P | ● Ashly Mellor - P | ● Jon Vick - P |
| ● Dina Gharmalkar - P | ● LaVonne Norwood - P | |

B. Pledge of Allegiance - LaVonne Norwood

C. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meetings of October 9, 2017

- **Motion: Approval of the October 9, 2017 VCCPG Minutes.**
- **Maker/Second:** Mackenzie/Norwood
- **Motion Carries 12-0-0 (Y-N-Ab).**

D. Public Communication/Open Forum

- Robbie Duin speaks about the Vons shopping center. He has concerns about drainage issues because of a wall that will surround his property. Chair Smith explains to Robbie that he can speak to the County about this shopping center. Mr. Vick says that he will get Robbie's email address and send him information about any upcoming meetings dealing with the Vons shopping center.
- Mr. Vick congratulates David Ross and the Valley Center Roadrunner for winning October awards.

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

1) VCCPG vote to approve or deny attached letter for CDBG road improvement request by Chair that had to be submitted prior to this meeting. (Smith)

- Chair Smith explains the letter he wrote (**see attachment**) and sent to the County on October 19, 2017. The County did confirm that Villa Sierra Road is not a public road and therefore cannot grant any money or assistance.
- **Motion: Approval of the October 9, 2017 VCCPG Minutes.**
- **Maker/Second:** Quinley/Janisch
- **Motion Carries 13-0-0 (Y-N-Ab).**

2) Discussion Item – attached email to Robert Fuller from Chair regarding Valley Center concerns with Giro di San Diego bicycle race on 22 Oct. 2017. (Smith)

- Chair Smith explains the letter he wrote about this bicycle race. He has concerns that Valley Center residents were not given enough notification of this event. Part of the race went through Woods Valley during the October activities that take place at Bate's Nut Farm.
- The County says that they are working on a three-tier system. Under this system, there would be huge, medium, and small permits.
- Ms. Norwood said a friend contacted her with concerns about this event. Her friend nearly hit one of the cyclists and shares concerns about cyclists respect for moving vehicles.

3) Discussion and possible recommendation vote on Honorary Bridge Naming for Valley Center Bridges. Please see attached documentation. (Smith)

- There are 80 Honorary Bridges that Valley Center can name. The County Supervisors must approve the naming of any honorary bridge. Ms. Fajardo would like a bridge named after Sandy Puccio, a friend and library of the Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve. She passes around a petition in support of Ms. Puccio.

4) Discussion of Highway to the Stars signage rollout and mini ceremony scheduled November 18th after drive up to Palomar Observatory. (Smith)

- Chair Smith explains the story of how Earl Brown was able to .
- The Chair says that the County did originally place the Highway to the Stars signage . The County placed five signs along Valley Center Road, but they have one condition. Valley Center must replace any sign that is taken or destroyed.
- There will be a ceremony at Palomar Observatory that will occur around noon on November 18. The Chair will ask the County to send a copy of the native artwork for this sign.

5) Discussion only on recent activity regarding Williams Riviera Ranch Estates residential properties behind the North Village commercial area. (Quinley)

- Ninety-acres of the Weston property was sold. Herb Shaffer still has a financial interest in the property. Jim Chagala shares information about a flyer soliciting leases and the possibility to purchase shares in this property. Williams Riviera Ranch Estates is a name that might not remain.

6) Discussion and possible recommendation vote on PDS2017-TM-5087TE Orchard Run Time Extension. Planning and Development Services is preparing to take the project to the Planning Commission as an informational item in the next few month and was requesting any comments or concerns from the CPG to be provided before that time. PDS received the PDS 534 form showing that the VCCPG discussed Orchard Run and had no objections but it did not include a vote. Pursuant to Board Policy I-1 the group shall complete its review, write its recommendation, and forward it to the Department of Planning & Development Services pursuant to Form #534 so that the recommendation can be included in transmittal of the project correspondence/staff report to the project applicant and the applicable hearing body or officer. Please see attached documentation. (Vick)

- Chair Smith explains background about this project. The Board of Supervisors voted in favor of this project and they are the ultimate authority in any decision. Mr. Gharmalkar
- Mr. Vick says that Orchard Run is in escrow. VCCPG did vote on two motions dealing with this project at the June 2017 meeting. Kerry Garza shares an illustrative site plan for Orchard Plan and says that 48 of the affordable units are in Unit 3, which is the B region.

- Kerry says that this project did have a lot of discussion in 2010 and had a number of extensions. The tentative map for a section of the project is expiring and the SD County PDS has requested that the VCCPG take a definitive vote on the time extension request. Kerry is in escrow for this project and that should close this month. This project would be built simultaneously with the Park Circle project. There are a few updates that Kerry has made that include adding garages and making the affordable housing units into townhomes instead of manufactured housing. Park Circle and Orchard Run will now have trail connectivity. A pedestrian bridge will connect both developments. Ms. Boulos asks about what the County deems affordable housing. Kerry explains that half of the homes are for low income and the other half are moderate income families. It is very difficult to reach the affordable housing conditions. Mr. Hutchison asks if there is any new information about Road 19. Kerry says that everything is the same.
- Ms. Fajardo asks about the phases in which these homes will be built. Kerry is the master builder and says that there will be four builders. Ms. Mellor asks about what projects Kerry has built in San Diego County. Kerry will share some of the projects he has built with any member that asks.
- Mr. Del Pilar thanks Kerry Garza for all of the work he does sharing information with the VCCPG about his projects.
- **Motion: Approve the two-year time extension for Orchard Run.**
- **Maker/Second:** Vick/Del Pilar
- **Motion Carries 11-3-0 Roll Call Vote (Y-N-Ab).**
- Jeana Boulos - Y
- William Del Pilar - Y
- Susan Fajardo - N
- James Garritson - Y
- Dina Gharmalkar - Y
- Steve Hutchison - N
- Susan Janisch - Y
- Kathy MacKenzie - Y
- Ashly Mellor - Y
- LaVonne Norwood - Y
- Claire Plotner - Y
- Ann Quinley - Y
- Oliver Smith - N
- Jon Vick - Y

7) Discussion only of the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Application. The Project seeks to formalize a corridor access management strategy for Valley Center Road from Woods Valley Road to Cole Grade Road. This area encompasses two planned “village” developments projected by the County General Plan and Valley Center Community Plan. The access management strategy will focus on intersection control, safe ingress and egress from minor stress, and evaluate transportation operations from a safety perspective of all road users, including people walking, biking, on horseback, and driving. Please see attached documentation. (Smith)

- Mr. Vick explains the corridor study and the grant for \$300,000. Chair Smith says that the County has the responsibility of making sure everything is done up to government standards. He says that there are 650 potential homes that will affect traffic. The Chair says that nearly 40% of all traffic on Valley Center Road are from people who do not live in Valley Center. Ms. Janisch asks for clarification about roundabout diagram.
- Larry Glavnic shares a proposal that would create a half mile tunnel under Calle De Vista. Mr. Garritson asks Larry to share information about the cost of his proposal. He says it is very expensive, but it would save money when looking at all of the costs of road expansion, roundabouts, and environmental studies.

F. Group Business

- Chair Smith says that he received a resignation email from Valley Center Community Planning Group member Mary Gaines (Seat #13, term expires January 1, 2021) on

Thursday Nov 9, 2017. The planning group is proceeding to advertise and screen applications per Board Policy I-1 and the VCCPG Standing Rules.

- Ms. Fajardo notified David Ross about putting a notice of this vacancy in the Valley Center Roadrunner. She has asked that all applications be sent no later than December 4, 2017. The January 2018 meeting would be the earliest that the VCCPG could vote for a new member. It would then take another one or two months before the Board of Supervisors would
- We need to also look for a new member for the I-15

I. Adjournment

- **The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.**
- **Minutes were approved on December 11, 2017.**

James Garritson, Secretary

Appendix VCCPG November 13, 2017 Minutes

- **There are seven pages of attachments beginning on the next page.**

E. 1) CDBG Road Improvement Request Letter

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT BLOCK GRANT

Dear Sir;

Per your informational email on 9/18/2017 regarding CDBG applications, you asked for the community planning groups to reach out to local residents to see if they had an appropriate application. For the short term, the Valley Center Community Planning Group supports local resident Dorothy Kennedy's request:

\$5,000 to bring Villa Sierra Road near 15260 in Valley Center, CA 92082 back to a safe drivable condition while we await further action by the County in completing Corridor 11 of the Community Evacuation Route Study which included Villa Sierra Road.

Whether or not the County gets around to making the area safe in case of fire, the repair to the road is an emergency fix that needs to be done now, before the rain, to keep it at least intact as our only exit to safety.

Please let me know if this road repair would be considered an "eligible project".

If you have further questions, I can be reached at (760) 703-1455.

Respectfully,

Oliver Smith, Chair
Valley Center Community Planning Group

cc: Caylin Frank, Supervisor Horn's Office

E. 2) Concerns with Giro di San Diego Bicycle Race Email

From: Smith, Oliver
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 2:29 PM
To: 'Robert.Fuller@sdcounty.ca.gov'
Subject: Impact of Giro di San Diego Bicycle race on Valley Center

Special Event Permit Coordinator Robert Fuller
DPW / Transportation Division, Special Event Permits
County of San Diego,
5510 Overland Ave., Ste 410, Rm 470 (MS0334),
San Diego, CA 92123

Sir,

I am emailing you today as the Chair of the Valley Center Community Planning Group, a Director of the Valley Center Fire Protection District, and most importantly a Valley Center resident, to express concerns regarding the Giro di San Diego bike race that occurred yesterday through Valley Center:

- 1) Bates Nut Farm, a major business in Valley Center has had their primary Pumpkin Patch event during October weekends every year going back several decades, with weekends closer to Halloween being the heavy visitor days. There is significant heavy traffic from outside Valley Center in and out of Bates Nut Farm this time of year on Woods Valley Rd between Lake Wohlford Rd and Valley Center Rd. Bates was given only a few weeks notice of the race and apparently no opportunity for effective input to minimize their customer's delay and frustration.
- 2) The Valley Center Fire Protection District was given only a few weeks notice of the race and apparently no opportunity for effective input. According to VCFPD Chief Joe Napier, fortunately there were no significant incidents during the race period of time.
- 3) The Valley Center Community Planning Group was given 2 weeks notice without the opportunity to comment and minimal time to at least spread the word farther into the community and media.
- 4) I personally observed 4 and 5 wide bicycles moving on Valley Center Rd where there is a designated bike path that allows single/dual file bicycles, resulting in significant incursions into the vehicle travel lanes. I see these as totally unacceptable actions by the racers that unnecessarily risk safety and impact the ability of Valley Center residents to get around.
- 5) The bottom of Valley Center Rd hill into Escondido is undergoing road construction that results in having only two narrow lanes of traffic. As the race began at Kit Carson Park in Escondido, I would have expected that Escondido DPW would have been consulted early on in the planning process, the applicant been made fully aware of the road construction that was a common element in all of the race routes, and would have implemented mitigation to minimize impacts on vehicles and racers. However, I personally observed no mitigation having been implemented in the construction area.

At a minimum, involving the Valley Center Fire Protection District much earlier in the race planning process is essential to minimizing the impact on Valley Center residents, Valley Center businesses, Valley Center roads, and Valley Center safety service impacts. For instance, VCFPD could have informed you well ahead of time of the impact of running one of the race routes down Woods Valley Rd where Bates Nut Farm is located. In that case, requests to move the race to November and/or changing the race route away from Woods Valley Rd would have had an opportunity to be seriously considered, if not fully implemented.

These comments also apply to the periodic professional bike race that goes through Valley Center. In that race, there are also significant concerns regarding spectators along the route and the trash and other debris they have previously demonstrated they leave behind.

Please advise as to how you intend to address these serious concerns.

Regards,

Oliver Smith
Valley Center resident
Chair, Valley Center Community Planning Group
Director, Valley Center Fire Protection District

E. 3) Honorary Bridge Naming for Valley Center Bridges

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Honorary Bridge Naming	F-53	1 of 2
<p><u>Purpose</u> To establish criteria and procedures to guide the honorary naming of bridges within the Department of Public Works (DPW) County Maintained Roads. Honorary naming of County bridges requires Board of Supervisors approval, by resolution, and adopted with a majority vote.</p> <p><u>Background</u> The County owns, and maintains bridges for public use. Constituents within the County have expressed interest in naming bridges to honor individuals from their unincorporated community. While Board Policy F-46 establishes the Board of Supervisors as the responsible authority for naming "County buildings and other County facilities", specific authority does not exist for the naming of bridges within the County's jurisdiction. An Honorary Bridge Naming policy would provide an opportunity for constituents to honor an individual or entity and celebrate their community's unique history. Any request to name a bridge shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.</p> <p><u>Definitions</u> "Bridge" means a structure including supports erected over a depression or an obstruction, such as water, highway, or railway, and having a passageway for carrying vehicular traffic, and having an opening measured along the center of the roadway of more than 20 feet between under copings of abutments or spring lines of arches, or extreme ends of openings for multiple boxes. These types of above ground bridges are defined and listed in the Federal National Bridge Inventory (NBI). Only these types of bridges supporting a County maintained roadway may be considered for naming.</p> <p><u>Policy</u> It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:</p> <p>Subject to the criteria below, County bridges shall only be named after an individual or entity pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The person or entity being honored must have provided extraordinary public service or some exemplary contribution to the public good and should have a connection to the unincorporated community where the bridge is located. 2. The requester must be a constituent of the unincorporated community where the bridge is located, and the proposal must identify the requested name. 		

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<p>3. The proposal shall name the specific above-ground National Bridge Inventory listed bridge and be supported by a petition signed by at least 100 residents from the unincorporated community where the bridge is located.</p> <p>4. The proposal must then be placed on the agenda and presented by the requester to the local Community Planning/Sponsor Group (where applicable) for consideration and recommendation. If there is no Community Planning/Sponsor Group that represents the location of the bridge, this step is not required.</p> <p>5. Following consideration by the local Community Planning/Sponsor Group, the proposal for the Honorary Bridge Naming shall be presented by the requester to the County Board Supervisor, where the bridge is located, for approval.</p> <p>6. The affected County Board Supervisor may docket a letter recommending the designation to the Board of Supervisors</p> <p>7. Upon direction by the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Public Works shall be responsible to install and maintain the Honorary Bridge Naming signs on each end of the bridge. The Honorary Bridge Naming signs shall meet the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards for a white on green guide sign.</p> <p>Sunset Date This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-2023.</p> <p>Board Action XX/XX/XX (X)</p> <p>CAO Reference 1. Department of Public Works</p>		

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Naming of County Park and Recreation Amenities	F-52	3 of 3
<p>All park Amenities eligible for naming rights shall be determined by the DPR Director or designee. If a naming right opportunity includes signage, a detailed proposal of the signage, including design, layout, verbiage and cost will need to be provided, in writing, for review and approval by the DPR Director or designee. DPR can specify sign size, sign type, and font of any naming rights signage or displays. DPR reserves the right to terminate any naming right agreements not in accordance with this Board Policy.</p> <p>Sunset Date This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-18.</p> <p>Board Action 01/29/14 (2)</p> <p>CAO Reference</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department of Parks and Recreation 		

E. 6) Orchard Run Time Extension

Orchard Run: current issue...

From: Radcliffe-Meyers, Lori [mailto:Lori.Radcliffe-Meyers@sdcounty.ca.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Smith, Oliver
Cc: Mills, Benjamin
Subject: PDS2017-TM-5087TE

Good Morning Oliver,

I wanted to get in-touch with you regarding the Orchard Run Time Extension. We are preparing to take the project to Planning Commission as an informational item in the next couple of months and wanted to see if the CPG had any concerns or comments you would like to provide prior to the Planning Commission hearing.

I received the PDS 534 form that shows the group discussed and had no objections to the project, but it did not include a vote,

Pursuant to Board Policy I-1 the group shall complete its review, write its recommendation, and forward it to the Department of Planning & Development Services pursuant to Form #534 so that the recommendation can be included in transmittal of the project correspondence/staff report to the project applicant and the applicable hearing body or officer,

Please let me know if you have any questions and I thank you for your time on this.

Lori V. Radcliffe-Meyers
Land Use/ Environmental Planner

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Orchard Run: a little history...

From SD County Scoping Letter, dated May 18, 2017: "The project is a Tentative Map Time Extension for the previously approved Tentative map 5087RPL which was approved by the BOS on June 17, 1998. The project consists of a phased residential development with a total of 300 dwelling units on 118 acres. There are no proposed changes to lot lines or conditions as a part of this Tentative map Time Extension",

"A Time Extension request is classified as a new discretionary action. Current requirements apply..." "...a staff initiated Project Issue Resolution (PIR) meeting will be scheduled if ...the following criteria is met: Identified major project issues remain unresolved",

Draft motion for VCCPG/June 12, 2017
From the Joint DRB/SVSC meeting/June 5th, 2017

Orchard Run: The proponent of the Orchard Run Specific Plan, through its agent-in-escrow (Touchstone Communities), is requesting a 2-year extension on the Tentative Map for Phase 3 of the project (affordable housing).

Whereas the DRB has objected for more than a decade to the project's site design, due to excessive grading, 8-10 feet high sound walls, densest housing located far from the Town Center with no walking access, poor connectivity with adjacent properties, no Road 19, and its failure to comply with Valley Center's vision for Village development, and;

Whereas, according to SD County DPS, Phases 1 and 2 of the TM have already been finalized and are not subject to VCCPG or DRB review or changes, and

Whereas Touchstone Communities is preparing a presentation to illustrate to the VC community how the Orchard Run project will blend in with Park Circle after they complete updates to comply with state laws, and updates to the project design so it will connect with the Park Circle project and make a "great" community",

Draft Motion: The SVSC, with 5/5 DRB support and upon the advice and recommendation of Rich Rudolf and Lael Montgomery, who previously reviewed these plans for the DRB and VCCPG, recommends that the VCCPG take "No action" on the request for a 2-year extension until after Mr. Garza has made his presentation on the changes and updates Touchstone is proposing for the Orchard Run project, including the addition of Road 19,

Cost to build NEW – Tunnel Road Segment – 3 miles

item	1 New Road Segment Cost \$Million
ROW acquisition homes 4	2
ROW easements 10 lots	1
County overhead	1
Tunnel 1 kilometer @ \$5,000/meter * at two 15' tunnels	5
Paved 2 lane road= 3 miles x 2 lanes x\$2 million/lane	12
Roundabouts QTY 2 + signage	1
Total Cost	\$21
Easy scalable, just drill another tunnel	yes
Approval-time – environmental impacts	2 years

Some studies say the rock boring costs using a Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) range from \$2,000-\$3,000/meter (FHWA, tunnel), these machines were developed in the late 1900 century.

This is a 5 meter diameter tunnel. –OLD PLAN

Cost to build 4 New Road Segments – 6 miles

item	4 New Road Segments Cost \$Million
ROW acquisition homes 8	4
ROW easements 30 lots	4
County overhead	4
Tunnel 1 kilometer	0
Paved 2 lane road= 6 miles x 2 lanes x \$2 million/lane	24
Roundabout QTY 2 + signage	0
Total Cost	\$37
Easy scalable	no
Approval-time – environmental impacts	4 years