

**Valley Center Community Planning Group  
Mobility Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

**Community Hall, Room 5,  
28246 Lilac Road, Valley Center  
Monday, August 14, 2017**

**Meeting started:**

*5:09 P.M.*

**Establish Quorum: 6/8**

**Present:** Joann Foxx, Steve Hutchinson, Claire Plotner, Don Richards,  
Will Rogers, Jon Vick

**Absent:** Deb Hoefler, Mike O'Connor

**Presiding Officer:**

*Claire Plotner*

**Minutes Recorded by:**

*Claire Plotner*

**Open Forum:**

*Jon Vick discussed Roundabouts. He will look for Active Transportation Grant.*

**Business:**

**Grant from American Society of Landscape Architects:**

*The San Diego American Society of Landscape Architects Reimbursable Grant for \$5,000 was discussed. Information for the \$5,000 grant was posted in three public places.*

*Jon Vick suggested a sign to welcome people to Valley Center at the entrance to town.*

*Claire Plotner suggested that the grant was a small percentage of the cost for a substantial project that might include right of way issues.*

*Will Rogers agreed. It was suggested that we look for additional funding.*

**Claire Plotner** stated that flyers were given to interested individuals who requested one. This was done while the flyers were being posted. One flyer was given to a person who wished to pass it on to a boy scout. The history museum was given one if they wished to augment their signs of "Highway to the Stars".

### **Vesper Road:**

**Joann Foxx** was pleased with the changes on Vesper Road. Joann stated that there were three issues that needed to be addressed:

1. Old signage for 55 miles per hour needs to be removed.

The signage was probably overlooked during the county's recent efforts.

2. When you come to Mac Tan the speed limit is 40 MPH.

Vesper is 55 and it makes no sense.

3. Vesper dead-ends at Sunset.

There should be a four way stop at that intersection.

**Joann Foxx** will talk about trail with Glynna.

**Joann Foxx** stated that the left turn lane was fantastic. She also stated that there are still concerns about the undulations and curves. Chief is still heavy on their minds.

**Claire Plotner** asked **Joann Foxx** to be a liaison with the Vesper Road community to get more in depth information exchanged. Joann accepted.

**Claire Plotner** suggested that Vesper Road could be made a circulation element road. This may in course increase speed. A traffic study will be done and the legal speed limit may change up or down due to California law.

**Don Richards** suggested that the trail could be constructed that would be large enough for cars to utilize. The reason is that the trail would be safe and it could be utilized as an additional traffic lane during an evacuation.

**Claire Plotner** made a recap of the issues and answers concerning Vesper Road:

1. Joann will talk to Glynna concerning the trail

2. Jon stated that once we have a plan from the trails committee then the park could be a possibility of funding.

3 Jon stated that a buy in from the residents is needed.

4. Jon stated that the trail could be used for jogging, horses.

5. Will Rogers stated that the road could made wide enough for safety, trees and landscaping and possible escape route. This could be an idea for private funding or landscape grants.

Check with county on the right of way issues.

**Jon Vic** Star Valley Park along Vesper Road to hook up with the Heritage Trail. Good idea now how to make it happen.

**No formal motion was made.** There was agreement that the county should be contacted in order to go over the concerns of the residents and what the best course of action would be concerning the current and pending issues with the road. The county could give options for a change in status of Vesper Road.

**Road connectivity, Evacuation and Fire concerns:** There was a Valley Center Fire Evacuation Study done in 2010 that was finalized in 2012. Road connectivity was studied and areas of hazard were identified but no action has resulted from the findings.

Many options with concerns were offered.

**Claire Plotner** suggested Mirar de la Valle, which has been discussed many times before. Problems include: It is a new road the last mile goes through Mountain Meadow. The Community Planning group that controls that area does not approve of the current design of the possible extension. An idea for a two-lane road instead was put forth. Two lanes may be less expensive, less intrusive and less disturbing of the environment.

**Will Rogers** suggested Wilkes Road. The concern was that it was a private Road.

**Steve Hutchison** suggested Betsworth. Betsworth is also gated and private.

**Jon Vic** suggested McNally Road. Claire Plotner stated that there is a farm at the end of the road that would be bisected by that evacuation route. The traffic could bring many problems including the introduction of pests, insects, fungus which could severely destroy their farming operation.

**Claire Plotner** stated that roads should go between parcels on already established right of ways. Owner co-operation should always be respected.

**Steve Hutchison** suggested contacting Mike Shore to discuss safety options.

### **Motions:**

No motions were made.

### **Adjourn:**

6:09 P.M.