

Spring Valley Community Planning Group

*** MEETING MINUTES ***

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL – QUORUM Vote is 12 Present (Gonzalez, Lowes, Pierce, Wallace, Eugenio, Shaffer, Gibbons, Pearson, Custeau, Gettmann, Woodruff, Snyder) 1 Absent (Robles), 2 Vacant. There is a quorum.

B. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – Opportunity for the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject matter within our jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda.

Eugenio spoke about illegal parking on Campo Road between Sweetwater Springs Blvd and Calavo Drive. These are semis parked for long periods as well as people camping in RVs. Law enforcement has been called, but nothing has been done. He suggested putting up signs that no overnight parking is allowed. Pierce said that the landlords have to be contacted to aid in removing vehicles. Custeau will speak with Eugenio about solutions.

C. ACTION ITEMS with designation as to whether there will be a vote or not on the item:

1. Approval of Minutes: 10/22/2024. Vote on this item.

Motion to approve by Pearson, second by Wallace. Vote is Yes 11 (Gonzalez, Lowes, Pierce, Wallace, Eugenio, Gibbons, Pearson, Custeau, Gettmann, Woodruff, Snyder), No 0, Abstain 1 (Shaffer), Absent 1 (Robles), Vacant 2. Motion passes.

2. 8915 Troy Street, APN 503-290-09-00, Request CPG to approve plan changes. Presenter: Robles. Vote on this item.

The decision is to have only the windows on the original plans, due to structural integrity and change the wood siding for stucco. There is a door on the north elevation that will be cancelled out. Lowes asked about cars parking in the sidewalk area. That area will now have landscaping and parking will be in back of the lot. Gonzalez asked what are the changes since the group last reviewed and denied? One door and one window have been removed. No new windows will be added. Wallace asked if we voted on this item or tabled it at the last meeting. Custeau is inclined not to support this project until the code compliance issue is resolved. Pierce said the door change justified our further review. Gettmann asked about the handicapped parking and access to the business doors. There are no elevated portions of the handicapped access path, but there could be railings, if required. There is a 3 feet concrete wall, with fencing on top, along the flood channel by the path. Gibbons asked if the county had stamped any of these plans. There were two separate permits, one for the residence, one for the business. The residence permit has been stamped and approved. The plan checker has reviewed his ADA path of travel. There was discussion about the history of this site and that it probably should go to an entire site plan. The group did approve the additional windows last year and those windows are now off the site plan. Gibbons asked about the expense so far; \$300,000. Shaffer brought up that we had approved the site plan waiver, so we could continue to see minor change requests coming to the group. Custeau feels that the changes since the approved waiver are now beyond the scope of the waiver. Motion to approve by Gonzalez, second by Eugenio. Lowes also agrees that a full site plan is needed as the changes are going beyond the approved waiver. Snyder got confirmation that this current change is from the county as a minor deviation request. Vote is 7 Yes (Gonzalez, Eugenio, Shaffer, Gibbons, Pearson, Gettmann, Snyder), 5 No (Lowes, Pierce, Wallace, Custeau, Woodruff), 1 Absent (Robles), 2 Vacant. Motion fails. In the comment on the request, we will show that a full site should be required. Wallace asked if the proponent lives in Spring Valley, he does not. Wallace does not like the way projects are being done here.

3. 645 Grand Ave, APN 584-410-50-00, PDS2022-STP-19-013M1. Request for minor deviation to change fencing type on approved site plan. Vote on this item.

The group had previously approved CMU walls around the entire property, but now the request is to have chain-link on the sides and back and keep the 8 foot tall CMU wall in front of the property. The group had approved the changes as a pre-intake review and the proponent has updated the plans. The county has not seen the update, so we are ahead of the process at this point. Our guidelines say to avoid using chain-link unless heavily screened by landscaping. The proponent has also supplied his landscaping plan. The wall change request is due to the prohibitive cost of a complete CMU wall surrounding the property. Motion to approve from Pearson, second from Gibbons. Vote is 11 Yes (Gonzalez, Pierce, Wallace, Eugenio, Shaffer, Gibbons, Pearson, Custeau, Gettmann, Woodruff, Snyder), 1 No (Lowes), 0 Abstain, 1

Absent (Robles), 2 Vacant. Motion passes.

4. Discussion: Smoke-Free Outdoor Public Places Policy and seek a letter of support from the group. Vote on this item.

Cynthia, with Say San Diego Social Advocates for Youth, was the presenter. She is the senior program manager in the addiction programs. This is a follow-up from her summer presentation regarding a smoke free outdoor public places ordinance for the unincorporated areas. Outdoor dining, parks, and transit stations are example areas that should be smoke-free, but our group said bus stops still have plenty of trash in butts. The no-smoking signs do work on stops that have them. Cynthia is here to ask for a letter of support for the proposed ordinance, has provided a sample letter, and can go into detail on the support she has. The letter supports closing the gaps in coverage. Eugenio spoke about the large amount of butts adjacent to the freeway offramps. Motion to approve by Shaffer, second by Custeau. Lowes asked that our motion and the outcome of the vote being added to the letter. Vote is 12 Yes (Gonzalez, Lowes, Pierce, Wallace, Eugenio, Shaffer, Gibbons, Pearson, Custeau, Gettmann, Woodruff, Snyder), 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Robles), 2 Vacant. Motion passes. Sending to our 2 supervisors and cc the others. Custeau can bring this support letter up at the APG meeting.

5. Letter: Request that San Diego County apply for Wildlife Corridor Crossing grant funds from the Federal and State governments at Jamacha Blvd & Pointe Parkway. Vote on this item.

Motion by Eugenio to approve the letter as written, second by Lowes. Gonzalez asked about the origin of the letter. It has been talked about for years, originally a tunnel concept by Pointe Parkway, but now a bridge is considered, wide enough originally for a trail and for golf carts when the golf course was in the works. The bridge would link Dictionary Hill Open Space with the land around the reservoir. Vote is 12 Yes (Gonzalez, Lowes, Pierce, Wallace, Eugenio, Shaffer, Gibbons, Pearson, Custeau, Gettmann, Woodruff, Snyder), 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent (Robles), 2 Vacant. Motion passes. Custeau asked if we are locked into the specific location for the bridge, but it does seem to be the logical location. The elevations at that point are from when SR125 was considered coming through that area and would allow overpasses.

6. Discussion: CSA 128's PLDO Priority List for submission to the County. No vote on this item.

Our group has not received feedback on our list and the PLDO account was drained to fund Calavo Park. There is a plan to upgrade the play area of Lamar Park and the wood chips may be replaced with rubberized surface. Community gardens are still going into the parks, so do we need the gardens on our wish list? Custeau suggested we focus on the reservoir, loop trails and northside facilities. Lowes commented on the lack of use of the dog area at Lamar Park. General comment was that a community pool is too expensive and there is no plan to use the high school pools. Pierce still supports the possibility of a pool. There will be no people contact with Sweetwater Reservoir without state approval due to water quality issues. Gettmann spoke about the solar project to power enhanced treatment systems. The community center now has an indoor pickle ball court as well as in the plans for Calavo. Snyder mentioned that the list is prioritized, so why not make #4 and #10 now 1 and 2 and shift everything else down. The pickleball courts and community gardens can be stricken. Removing community gardens and keeping the planting of native trees per consensus. Pierce said we do not need to make a final decision now and he can invite CSA128 to a meeting to discuss it. Custeau said that, in the past, a review of the list also meant comparing costs to available funds. The PLDO resolution was updated 4 or 5 years ago and our group's ability to review expenditures may have changed. Pirce displayed the list of uses for PLDO funds and what is not included. Our group does not have a rep on CSA128. Pearson had resubmitted an application over a year ago to Supervisor Vargas' office.

D. GROUP BUSINESS

1. Announcements:

No announcements.

2. Reports:

Chair: the supervisors passed our letter, about the need to replace trees that are removed, to the Sustainability department which will take action on the letter and get back to us.

CSA 128: no report

TAC: nothing on Spring Valley in their recent meeting. Pierce noticed that Kenwood is doing a speed study. Also at the

proposed Calavo Park entrance, maybe to do with traffic amounts.

□ Highway cleanup: last month at the Sweetwater Springs ramp. Also, there is a lot of trash at the Avocado park and ride. Next clean-up is Sunday, November 24th at Avocado Blvd on the freeway's south side.

□ APG: they had safety corridor trips on SR67 and SR94 for wildfire evacuation considerations. On SR94, reviewed from Rancho San Diego to Tecate regarding number of residences; about 8900 people. Also horse trailers, etc. need to be considered for evacuation. The APG wants SANDAG to raise the level of concern, meaning funding, for widening the roads. There is a loss of trust in SANDAG due to mismanagement. The board is not happy with corporate SANDAG. An example is the issue with tolls. Another subject is to raise awareness of the delay in the SR94 – SR125 interchange project due to the discovery of the high water table. Next meeting is Jan 4, 2025. Pierce has reached out to Caltrans to present at a meeting regarding the SR94 – SR125 interchange and the SR94 - Jamacha Blvd turn lane back-up issues. Community member Cunningham spoke on the history of that intersection and the reason behind the single right turn lane.

□ Other: the AT&T cell tower on Paradise Valley Road has appealed our decision and we will again review this project. This is next to the rock quarry. Custeau mentioned that, unless conditions have changed, we are not allowed a second vote on a project. Gettmann said you can get changes to the towers when they come back for review. The change is that the proposed tower has been moved 11.5 feet to the east. The group did not consider the repositioning significant enough to warrant another review. Andrew Lawson, newest group member, introduced himself and he will join the group at the first meeting in January 2025. Snyder asked if there was an update from the nomination committee. Not much response to Woodruff's call for nominations. Snyder is still willing to do the meeting minutes transcriptions but would no longer be a member. Pierce is willing to serve again as Chair, if no one else is nominated. Vice Chair would be assigning projects and Gettmann expressed interest in the role. Custeau is willing to be group secretary.

3. Next scheduled SVCPG meeting: November 26, 2024, but will likely be cancelled due to the holiday that week. The first meeting in December would 12-10-24.

E. ADJOURNMENT at 7:35pm

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

We strive to protect personally identifiable information, by collecting only information necessary to deliver our services. All information collected becomes public record, subject to inspection and copying by the public, unless an exemption in law exists. In the event of conflict, governing the County's disclosure of records, the County ordinance or other law will control. You can review any personal information collected about you. You may recommend changes to your personal information, which you believe is in error, by submitting a written request that shows, credibly, the error. If you believe your personal information is being used for purposes other than those intended, you may contact us. In all cases, we will take reasonable steps to verify your identity, before granting access or making corrections.

Purpose of Planning and Sponsor Groups

Advise the County on Discretionary projects as well as on planning and land use matters that are proposed within their respective community planning or sponsor group area.