Valley Center Community Planning Group

Approved Minutes for a regular meeting held on **Month DD, 2024** at 7:00 p.m. in the Valley Center Community Hall, 28246 Lilac Road, Valley Center, California 92082. Delores Chavez Harmes, **Chair** | Dori Rattray, **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

Zoom Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86753880304?pwd=cHVia3ZlZ0FFekhjaFRyUlc3MXIwUT09

A. Roll Call

- The Meeting was called to order at **7:00 p.m.** and a Quorum was established with **13 members present**. Mr. Schmidt attended the meeting via Zoom. Ms. Norwood, Ms. Fajardo, and Dr. Matthews arrived shortly after the roll call was taken.
- Lisa Adams P
- Susan Fajardo P*
- Chris Barber P
- Michael Farrier P
- Michelle Bothof **P**
- Julia Feliciano P
 James Garritson P
- Delores ChavezHarmes-**P**
- Vlad Ciupitu P
- Steve Hutchison P

- Matt Matthews **P***
- LaVonne Norwood **P***
- Dori Rattray P
- Larry Schmidt P*
- Kevin Smith P

B. Pledge of Allegiance - Chair ChavezHarmes

C. Approval of February 12, 2024 and March 11, 2024 Minutes

- Motion: To approve the February 12, 2024 and March 11, 2024 Minutes.
- Maker/Second: Smith/Farrier
- Motion Carries 12-0-0 (Y-N-Ab).

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

1. Transfer of Liberty Bell Plaza to San Pasqual: Michael Contreras, Pres. San Pasqual EDC

- Michael Contreras shared that San Pasqual has purchased Liberty Bell Plaza and will follow the original plans that were approved by the County.
- Jon Vick submitted a Speaker Slip for public comment. Chair Harmes asked about the incomplete form. Mr. Vick left the meeting soon after the first public comments were made.
- Kathleen Lippitt shared information about Social Equity and Cannabis. Concerns were also shared about claims that were made against people of European heritage.

2. Transient Habitation Activities: Gene Apicella

• Gene Apicella has lived in Valley Center for twenty years. He shared his concerns about short-term rentals. He read information about Title II of the Civil Rights Act (Public Accommodations). Gene shared that transient habitations and resorts are allowed only by

the County. In California's high-risk fire country, Airbnb offers guests no warning or escape plan.

- Chair Harmes asked if there was an action that the Planning Group can take to address the concerns of Gene Apicella.
- Chair Harmes will share the information that was presented by Gene with the County.
- Ms. Norwood asked a few questions related to short-term rentals. There was discussion about traveling nurses using short-term rentals.

3. PDS Objective Design Standards: Luis Duran, Planner III Long Range Planning

- Luis Duran shared a presentation via Zoom. He shared information about newly passed legislation and the purposes and goals of these Objective Design Standards (ODS). The legislation includes SB 167: Housing Accountability Act, AB 2011: Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022, SB 330: Housing Crisis Act of 2019, and SB 35: Affordable Housing.
- Luis provided examples of the language of Objective Design Standards. Some of the general eligibility requirements for streamlined projects are Urban areas, at least 75% of the parcel must be surrounded by existing urban uses. Wetlands, hazardous waste sites, and flood plains are not included.
- ODS does NOT eliminate the design review process for discretionary projects. It does not change any zoning, including single-family zoning. Streamlining is not available for most of Valley Center. Streamlining is available at Castle Creek Country Club.
- The County will share this presentation with Planning Groups.
- Mr. Smith asked about the revisions that were recently made by the County and Planning Group to update Design and Review Guidelines. The County is looking to change words such as "shall" and "should." It will clarify the standards that already exist. It will update the Checklist. Chair Harmes asked the County to send out any revisions and she will share the updated guidelines with Planning Group members.

4. Options for Streamlining Affordable and Attainable Housing: Enrique Flores, Advanced Planning

- Enrique Flores shared a presentation via Zoom. These programs included Small Lot Subdivisions, Senior and Assisted Living Housing, and County By-Right. Project types are attached or detached, duplex, triplex, rowhomes, and common driveways.
- Small Lot Draft Program Options utilize existing state law for guidance on small lot subdivision development. It will establish a County small lot subdivision program. It will create objective design standards to support small lot development.
- Information about Senior and assisted living draft program options would include overlay zones, affordable housing density bonus programs, universal design and visitability density bonus programs, and support housing on County-owned land.
- Ms. Norwood asked a question related to multi-family parcels. Luis stated that there are not a lot of multi-family parcels zoned in Valley Center. Mr. Hutchison shared concerns about

senior housing in Valley Center because it currently lacks a number of medical emergency facilities.

- There are currently no sites available for By-Right Development in Valley Center. The • County supports development on RHNA sites and to extend the program to 100% Affordable Housing Projects. Mr. Garritson asked a question related to the purpose of the presentation when most of these programs do not apply to Valley Center.
- Chair Harmes shared that it appears that none of these options fit the character of Valley Center and would like that shared with the County Supervisors.

5. Cole Grade Rd & Tyler Rd: Danielle Faelschle

Danielle Faelschle shared concerns about potholes along Tyler Road. Mr. Smith shared that the County sends out a priority list. Danielle hopes that the County will look into fixing the poor condition of our roads throughout Valley Center. Mr. Garritson shared that the Golden State has become the Crumbling State, as it is not taking care of its responsibilities of road maintenance.

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

1. Bike & Pedestrian Crossings: (Norwood) - Review communication from Murali Pasumarthi, Traffic Engineering Manager, and action taken related to bike lanes on both sides of Old Castle Road between Costalota Rd. & Cedar Trail Rd. connecting to existing bike facilities. Traffic safety improvement by replacing & upgrading the existing pedestrian countdown signal heads and push-button crosswalks on Cole Grade Rd. & Pauma Heights Rd & Cole Grade Rd. and Valley Center School Rd.

- Motion: Move to approve the bike and pedestrian crossings on both sides of Old Castle Road between Costalota Road & Cedar Trail Road & upgrading the existing pedestrian countdown signal heads and push button crosswalks on Cole Grade Road & Pauma Heights Road & Cole Grade Road and Valley Center School Road.
- Maker/Second: Harmes/Feliciano •
- Motion Carries 12-0-0 (Y-N-Ab). Three members did not vote via email. ۲
- Lisa Adams Y •
- Susan Fajardo -•
- Chris Barber Y • •
- Michael Farrier Y • • Julia Feliciano - Y
- Michelle Bothof Y
- Delores ChavezHarmes-Y •
 - James Garritson Y
- Vlad Ciupitu Y •
- - Steve Hutchison -
- There was discussion about the electronic vote that took place due to a mistake. Ms. Ms. • Norwood shared that she had contacted the County Planner numerous times by email and phone prior to the March 11 meeting. She did not get a response. VCCPG took no action on this item at the March meeting. The County Planner reached out to the chair the next day, Tuesday, March 12, for a vote confirmation. Chair Harmes shared that the Planning Group

- Matt Matthews Y
- LaVonne Norwood Y
- Dori Rattray Y
- Larry Schmidt -
- Kevin Smith Y •

did not vote due to the fact the planner did not respond soon enough for the board member to provide enough details for the Planning Group. Murali Pasumarthi, County Traffic Engineer Manager, called and emailed the Chair, asking members to take an electronic vote so that the item could be voted on by the BOS the following day. After Murali answered the questions from the VCCPG board, a motion was made to pass the item electronically.

2. Tree Removal & Clearing Skyline onto Paradise Mtn.: Public works and traffic division have assessed the need for clearing five trees (looking at southside Paradise Mountain Rd. west of Skyline Country Club driveway) and trimming vegetation back 10ft. (Vote)

- Motion: To approve the tree removal and clearing skyline onto Paradise Mountain.
- Maker/Second: Smith/Adams
- Motion Carries 15-0-0 (Y-N-Ab)

F. Subcommittee Reports:

1) Emergency Evacuation (Harmes):

• Chair Harmes met with Escondido, city manager & fire & police chiefs to further discuss the opportunity of an evacuation corridor through property owned by Escondido. This would assist with the current problem of fire insurance and trapped escapes as well as easement access to wildlands. A new app will be launched and available to the public called Genasys which is an innovative, easy to use app that opens up important communication channels for critical emergency information, alerts, etc.

2) Cannabis Subcommittee (Mathews):

• Dr. Matthews does not believe that cannabis will ever be prescribed to animals. The Social Equity policy has been accepted.

3) Parks & Rec/Trails (Norwood):

- When the County purchased Butterfield Trails Ranch, it included EDUs.
- The VC Trails Assoc. would like to get on the shirt tails of the Emergency Evac when they go for a road on Mira De Valle for an evacuation route. Farce Ln, off Mirar De Valle would be a great staging location for a trail into Daley Ranch.
- There was a meeting of local stakeholders about Intergenerational location, the location of the lot on the corner of Lilac & VC Road would be a perfect location. The lot across the street that the VC Water District owns is also for sale & that, too, would be a great location.

4) CPU (Ciupitu):

• The last meeting was canceled by Kevin Johnston, PDS. The County is currently working on a final public review of the CPU.

5) Mobility (Adams):

• A brief statement was made about mobility.

6) Revitalization Subcommittee (Rattray):

• Ms. Rattray shared that there are a lot of signs around Valley Center that do not follow the signage ordinance. Dr. Matthews shared that he has used the County app to report signs

that are illegally located on public easements. There is squatting occurring in the community.

Related Reports

1) Design Review Board (Smith/Adams):

- Ms. Adams shared information about the signage ordinance.
- 2) Tribal Liaison (Harmes):
 - A brief update was provided.
- 3) Association of Planning Groups (Hutchison):
 - Mr. Hutchison will attend a meeting.

4) Website (Garritson):

• The link to <u>http://vccpg.com</u> is now updated on the County website.

5) Nominations & Board (Fajardo/Bothof):

• No update.

6) Chamber/VCBA (Fajardo):

• No update.

G. Adjournment

- Next regular meeting of VCCPG: June 10, 2024 at 7 p.m.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.
- Minutes were approved on July 8, 2024.

James Garritson, Secretary