

The Springs Municipal Advisory Council represents the people of the Springs in Sonoma Valley as the voice of the community to elected representatives. SMAC is committed to engage with all community members in meaningful and inclusive ways to promote the health and wellbeing of the Springs.

**Springs Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting
April 6, 2022**

1. Call to Order 6:31

Roll Call: Chair Iturri

Present: Lombard, Perot, Alcaraz, Reyes

Absent: none

Chair Iturri welcomed all. Meeting will end if hacked. Meeting recorded on Facebook Live, Sonoma TV providing tech program. Can be viewed on Springs MAC Facebook page, Supervisor Gorin's You Tube Channel & Facebook page, & on KSVY/SonomaTV.org.

Change to Agenda: Sonoma Skatepark Item #11 postponed. Public Comment will be received.

Karina Garcia - interpreting available

In zoom: to listen to the meeting in your preferred language go to the bottom right of your screen and click on the Interpretation logo. Select English or Spanish. You will automatically hear the language selected.

Present: Jordi Vidales, Interpreter

2. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 2022 Meeting

Councilmember Lombard moved to approve Minutes of March 2nd Meeting. Councilmember Perot Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Chair Iturri called for Public Comment, 3 minute limit.

(Limited to items not appearing on the agenda)

Public comment during the virtual meeting:

Members of the public will be recognized at the appropriate time for public comment. Those connected via Zoom must use the Raise Hand tool or dial *9 if called in. When indicated, members of the public will be allowed to speak, asked to unmute and make their comment. Depending on the number of commenters, the Chair may decide to set a time limit.

Karina welcomed callers in English & Spanish.

None.

Public Comment Closed

4. Community Event Announcements

Dana Bravo, w/ Sonoma Ecology Center. Announced events: Senderos Program, run by Sugarloaf State Park. Wildflower hikes: April 9th & 23rd – 10am-12 at Van Hoosier Wildflower Preserve, off Grove St. And Sunday, April 10, 9am-12 wildflower hike at Sugarloaf Park. Register

online. Sonoma Ecology Center Facebook or Sugarloaf Ridge State Park website. FREE events. Senderos@sonomaecologycenter.org Spanish language Naturalist Park program. Contact info 707 833 5712

Gary Johnson, Sonoma Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. announced:

- FREE Easter Egg Hunt APRIL 16th, at Dunbar School, Glen Ellen, 10am.
- April 24th, Open House, 11-2, Sonoma Valley, at Sonoma Valley Fire Station One - 630 Second St. West.

Karina, Charla Comunitaria Sonoma, April 14th via Facebook, 6-7pm. Sponsored by Supervisor Gorin. Discussion: ways to conserve energy & water. PGE, ZeroWaste Sonoma. Also, notice of Alerts in the Valley, April 30th, noon, more info pending.

Councilmember Perot, Saturday, April 16th, at Larson Park, compost giveaway 10am - 2pm. Bring own containers. Plant start giveaways from Seth & Garden Park. Also a Larson Park Creek clean up.

Chair Iturri, April 30th, music, cultural events, Ballet Folklorico, & other community organizations for Dia de los Ninos, at Hanna Boys Center, Springs MAC sponsoring

Chat: Karina translated/read question re Covid testing. "Why are some employers not accepting home Covid tests?" **Chair Iturri** recommended putting Chat/Covid test question into Items for Future Agendas; invite speaker who can provide answers/info. **Supervisor Gorin**, agreed. Recommended County Health Services for help. **Karina** translated discussion to Chat contact.

5. Chair Iturri Update (@12:14)

- Annual Report due. Submit Ad Hoc progress reports. Chair will provide by May 4th for MAC to review. Final to submit May 15th, for June 1st approval.
- Public Comment feedback. Concerns expressed re too short amount of time allowed & fluctuations. Chair tried different strategies, not always successful. Will work to keep to 3 minutes, will shorten if necessary. Thanked public for input. Another option is to send MAC an email message.
- Community Voice: read Springs MAC Mission Statement. Received a request for a standing Agenda Item for "Community Voice". Will experiment w/ this suggestion, add to end, important to make opportunities for community input.
- Cal Trans Letter: positive response, acknowledged Supervisor Gorin's support for better road safety; she will continue to meet w/ Cal Trans & TPW.
- Spelling Bee First Place winner, local, Evelyn Quintero, Sassarini School, 5th Grader, won county level. Will be rep for State level. Related to Karina.

6. County Update: Supervisor Susan Gorin (@16:47) Highlights

- Acknowledged MAC's work, & in particular Councilmember Perot's success w/ important Compost Giveaway program.
- Met w/ concerned community members about status of tennis courts, soccer & baseball fields, community gardens. Held a Community Meeting for master plan/update for

Larson & Maxwell Parks. Pickle Ball lessons being offered by community member to Flowery Elementary School; youth getting involved.

- Decision to start letter writing campaign to Board for improvements to Maxwell Farms, Regional Park, Larson Regional Park. Locals involved w/ US Tennis, Pickle Ball, Soccer Associations.
- Grant requests being bypassed; disappointing. Median income a little higher than what is considered for funding. Sonoma “not disadvantaged enough”. Continuing to explore grant requests. Karina, Hanna & Arielle preparing Board Budget Request for bike lanes, lighted crosswalks. Part of Cal Trans, TPW discussion.
- ARPA fund request [**American Rescue Plan Act** provides relief funds to state, local, and tribal governments that have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. These funds can be used by governments to respond to the public health and economic emergency, in addition to funding households, small businesses and schools. Google] Mental health collaborative in process, w/ Hanna Institute, Health Center, Boys/Girls Club. Seeing progress of nonprofits working together for greater impact; learned lessons during pandemic. Community struggling w/ mental health issues. **Councilmember Reyes** clarified it is Leslie Nicholson from RISK.
- Covid update. Good news, case rate dropped significantly. County wide offering booster shots, plus vaccinations. Getting mixed messages re new booster shot option.
- Informational update on Vacation Rentals; seems to be perpetually before Board. Caitlin Cornwall, Planning Commission/Sonoma Ecology Ctr, re mechanisms for enforcement, caps whether county wide or by area, etc. Weekly neighbor complaints, stressor on housing stock.
- Other issues pending: SDC, roads, traffic safety, etc.

Chair Iturri suggested moment of silence be held at end of meeting; invited Councilmember Reyes, County Health, Sonoma Health Clinic, to speak at future meeting on Covid, boosters, etc.

7. Council Action Items (@25:39)

a. Chair Iturri called for ***Vice Chair nominations and Vote***

Councilmember Lombard nominated Councilmember Perot. Councilmember Reyes Seconded. Vote. All in favor. Approved.

b. Chair Iturri announced a ***Meeting Schedule Change***

Sonoma City Council now also on first Wednesday. Conflict. SVCAC on 4th Wednesday.

Suggested 2nd Wednesday for Springs MAC.

Discussion. Would begin on May 11th. Chair called for a motion. **Councilmember Alcaraz**

Motioned to approve change to 2nd Wednesday. Councilmember Reyes Seconded. Vote, all in favor. Approved.

c. ***Adopt a Letter Writing Policy (@29:31)***



Creating a policy w/ community input.

Chair Iturri read Draft Letter

Draft

Springs Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) identifies a team of one to no more than three council members to work on a letter about a community issue, concern or opportunity to be sent on behalf of the whole MAC. Letters may also be written in support of current or pending efforts by county agencies and community organizations.

Identified team notifies County staff five business days to two weeks in advance of the next MAC meeting so the letter can be placed on the agenda.

Letter is submitted before the next MAC meeting and distributed with the agenda (72 hours prior) for that meeting for review by councilmembers.

Supervisor's office assists with identifying recipients and stakeholders at various agencies.

At the monthly meeting, councilmembers review the draft and recommend edits and changes. County staff edits the letter (minor grammatical), making changes supported by the council (straw votes held if needed).

Letters will be addressed to the appropriate recipient, Supervisor Gorin and/or Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and cc other agencies and elected officials (e.g. CALTRANS, Public Works etc...).

Council invites public comment and considers further edits following procedure above.

Council votes to support the letter in its final form.

If approved, letter is signed by MAC Chair and sent to recipients by Springs MAC, letter writing team, or Supervisor's office, as appropriate.

The letters themselves:

- *Should be one page; no more than two maximum.*
- *Should begin by stating the issue(s) and our role as the community's voice.*
- *Distill what we know about the community's opinions on the matter (e.g. "3 people provided public comments at the last MAC meeting. Two stated their concerns about the impacts of X, while one was in favor of it").*
- *Request action(s) or make recommendation(s), even if it's just to consider further study*
- *Inclusion of supporting materials beyond the page limit (written comments from the public, results of a survey etc.) is encouraged.*
- *Letters will be translated into Spanish for access to Spanish community members*

Chair Iturri called for Commissioners' Comment & Questions

Discussion

Supervisor Gorin inquired if there is a Provision in Bylaws that would limit MAC's ability to lobby/advocate & write letters w/ or through Supervisor's Office? Requested Karina check Bylaws.

Karina, this concern was taken into consideration; same letter writing policy adopted by North Sonoma Valley MAC - with addition of adding translation for Spanish access. Does not violate Bylaws re letter writing.

Supervisor Gorin will double check & review to assure best collaboration & effectiveness.

Councilmember Lombard, has Bylaws in hand, does not see a provision that would limit.

Supervisor Gorin, perhaps under Advocacy Section? Will confirm.

Chair Iturri, will also mention this concern to North Valley MAC.

Chair Iturri called for a motion to approve the Letter. Will respond as needed to Supervisor Gorin's inquiry re provision.

Councilmember Perot motioned to accept Letter Writing Policy. Councilmember Lombard Seconded. Vote. All in favor. Approved.

d. Approve Fire Safe Sonoma Letter of Support Funding Request (@37:40)

Councilmember Perot, Fire Safe Ad Hoc. Progress report. Lucas Patzek present, member of newly formed Springs Fire Safe Council, works professionally w/ FSC. Also help from Roberta w/ Fire Safe Sonoma. Sonoma Valley FSC will be unique due to size, normally a couple hundred parcels, will be 3,000. Springs a small city w/o legal status of a city. **Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)** money to assess for dangers; asking for additional due to unique size.

Lucas Patzek, w/ Fire Safe Council, confirmed Fiscal Sponsorship by Fire Safe Sonoma, a 501c3 nonprofit to run grants. County awarded Fire Safe Sonoma money to support four County Fire Safe Councils to do CWPPs and community engagement needed to make process happen; open to further funding e.g. Cal Fire Grants. Provide education, safety & emergency planning, equipment for Fire District, vegetation management, etc. Due to large size of Springs' area, original county contribution inadequate, need bilingual staff for Spanish speaking community. Requested \$10,000 to hire bilingual outreach person, for simultaneous translation in community meetings, for emergency planning, identify unknown problems, outreach & education in Spanish, translating for social media. Many committed volunteers, also need a professional bilingual support person.

Chair Iturri acknowledged former MAC member Ray Willett's contributions to the Fire Safe Council Ad Hoc project as well as Councilmember Perot.

LETTER

April 6, 2022

To: Grant Review Committee

Via email:

Re: Letter of support for Springs Fire Safe Council funding request

This letter is in support of the Springs Fire Safe Council (SFSC) application for grant funding through your organization. We believe the funding will provide a valuable benefit to our community.

The Springs Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) represents the best interests of the entire community while acting as a bridge for communication between the County of Sonoma, local residents and businesses on topics for the Springs Area. Our organization represents the unincorporated area in the Sonoma Valley between the communities of Agua Caliente to the north and the City of Sonoma to the south.

*The SFSC is an emerging fire safe council focused on creating a **Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)** for the unincorporated parts of Sonoma County referred to as the Springs (El Verano, Boyes Hot Springs, Fetters Hot Springs and Agua Caliente). Demographically, the area is about 40% Latino/Hispanic, and many people in our community are more comfortable speaking Spanish or only speak Spanish.*

SFSC partnered with Fire Safe Sonoma, who received grant money to help draft their CWPP. They are also acting as their fiscal sponsor for any grants received. We ask your funding support for SFSC with \$10,000 to hire a Bilingual part-time CWPP Coordinator to assist for one year. It is crucial that our entire community is part of the Fire Safe process and can access and understand the meetings and plans. For example, evacuation routes will be an essential part of the plan, and we need to make sure our whole community is on-board with the plan when it is go-time.

In addition, SFSC will seek opportunities with the Sonoma County Department of Emergency Management and the Listos CA program working to share information and advisement on ways to be prepared within the Sonoma Valley. Further, they will collaborate with the Springs Map Your Neighborhood program this MAC gladly helped launch in early 2021.

A CWPP makes us a more resilient community by identifying current risk factors, deciding how to abate those risks, and creating a plan for the community in case a fire does occur. The community engagement, education, and outreach necessary to make this an inclusive and successful process is above and beyond the average CWPP. For comparison, the Grove Street FSC completed their CWPP in late 2020. Since then, they have reduced fuel along Grove Street, completed a practice evacuation, and installed a fire danger sign. The Grove Street FSC is composed of 366 parcels. The Springs FSC will involve over 3600 parcels. The Springs Fire Safe Council seeks to do many of the same activities on a much larger scale with a community that is heavily Spanish speaking.

We strongly support this proposal and urge you to select it for funding.

Sincerely,

Maite Iturri

Chairperson

Springs MAC

CC: Susan Gorin, Sonoma County First District Supervisor, Fire Safe Sonoma, Sonoma Valley Fire, Chief Steve Akre, CalFire

Chair Iturri called for Councilmembers’ Comments or changes.

Councilmember Lombard, supports letter & idea. 4th paragraph muddled. New sentence: *Fire Safe Sonoma is a county wide organization & has received grant money to assist local Fire Safe Councils in drafting their own CWPP.*

Councilmember Reyes, omit last sentence, redundant. Add “other local vulnerable, marginalized communities.” Also, include American Sign Language; interpreter for nonverbal. Also older populations.

Chair Iturri clarified this letter specifically asking for a Spanish translator; consider additional populations in future.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment

None

Chair Iturri called for a motion. Councilmember Lombard Motioned to accept Letter as amended, Councilmember Alcaraz Seconded. Vote. All in favor. Approved.

8. SVCAC Liaison Seat Discussion and Vote (@52:25)

Arielle Kubu-Jones, First District Director for Supervisor Gorin; facilitates SVCAC

a. SVCAC Overview & b. SMAC Bylaw Revision (Bilingual)

Shared Power Point



SVCAC

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How MACs fit into county landscape w/ Supervisors; First District – Supervisor Gorin

Springs MAC First Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council added: then North Sonoma Valley MAC. Other Districts have MACs.

SVCAC was created as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) between the City of Sonoma and Sonoma County in 1993, needed more local oversight of land use projects. Purpose: to provide feedback from residents to Commission which then makes advisory recommendations to Planning Commission. E.g. when a Planning Commission decision is appealed, by applicant or project opponents. BoS make final decision in a Project Appeal. Recommendations from SVCAC significant to PC.

- Land use items in unincorporated areas, and City of Sonoma
- One of the first CACs/MACs in the County
- Staffed by the First District office
- Materials distributed by City of Sonoma staff and hosted on City of Sonoma website
- Advisory to the Planning Commission/BZA at the County, or City of Sonoma Planning Commission.

Makeup of SVCAC:

11 voting members, 8 nonvoting members, 19 members total, 6 members for Quorum
County Appointed Members: El Verano West (3 seats)
Springs East (2 seats)
At Large Alternate (1 seat)
Ex Officio and Ex Officio Alternate (non voting, Planning Commissioner)
Emeritus (non voting, former SVCAC chair)

City Appointed Members: City of Sonoma (3 seats)
City of Sonoma Alternate (1 seat)
City of Sonoma Ex-Officio and Ex-Officio Alternate (non voting, City Councilmembers)
City of Sonoma Emeritus (non-voting)

Map of Valley

What Projects does SVCAC Hear?

- Land use projects in the unincorporated areas, and the City of Sonoma. Recent examples: Victory Station/Amazon, Robledo Winery Expansion, Glentucky Family Farms (Benziger Cannabis Cultivation), Siesta Affordable Housing
- County/City ordinances dealing with Land Use items. Recent examples: Winery Events Guidelines (drafted SV Area guidelines), SDC Specific Plan (upcoming)
- Residential projects with broader potential implications

b. SMAC Bylaw Revision

Eliminate SVCAC Seat or keep SVCAC Seat and allow SVCAC to select back up members who may attend SMAC if primary is unavailable. As well as clarify whether SVCAC primary/backups need to live within the SMAC boundaries, or represent one of the two Springs Planning Regions on the SVCAC roster (El Verano West or Springs East)

Residency requirement needs to be clarified; not specified in Bylaws.

Communication between 2 Commissions important. SVCAC thinks it can provide back up (alternate).

Chair Iturri called for Commissioners' Questions or Comments (@1:06:21)

Karina clarified options: 1. Keep the Seat as-is w/ one rep from SVCAC. 2. Allow SVCAC to have two secondary members who alternate attending Springs MAC meetings 3. Remove the Seat.

Councilmember Perot, which location has openings on SVCAC? She would be interested.

District Director Kubu Jones, 4 year terms. Two positions expiring in May, one in North Valley, reappointing. Vacancy in South Valley, interviewing. Vacancy in City of Sonoma. 2 members, 1 vacancy, Alternate is vacant. No Emeritus.

Councilmember Perot, options limited; SVCAC come to Springs MAC? Yes.

Councilmember Lombard, would SVCAC be a non-voting member of Springs MAC?

District Director Kubu-Jones, unsure. Previously Ryan Lely did both. Has been vacant since he left. Yes, SVCAC member would be regular member of Springs MAC.

Councilmember Lombard, if rep changes, should seat be permanent?

District Director Kubu-Jones, that's a policy call for Springs MAC. SVCAC Bylaws do not include Springs MAC since that Commission was created prior in 1993.

Councilmember Perot, is SVCAC interested in this position?

District Director Kubu Jones, not about interest; issue of Joint Powers Authority, reauthorized through 2024.

Supervisor Gorin, this is unnecessarily complicated; both SVCAC & MACs are volunteer organizations which spend much time on review & preparation. When meeting nights were back to back, the overlap was problematic. Changed & improved. Suggested SVCAC rep do a regular report, not be a MAC member, involved in other items.

District Director Kubu-Jones, that would eliminate the seat. Could have a Standing Agenda Item; invite them. SVCAC would also want MAC to report to them.

Supervisor Gorin, 1. Would like another MAC member. 2. Wants interchange between SVCAC & Springs MAC re proposed developments. Suggested option of creating another seat for SVCAC, to provide communication between two bodies. Report could be written or verbal.

Chair Iturri, interest in rep being from Springs. If non-voting, could be anyone, rotate.

DD Kubu-Jones, needs to be defined. County Counsel clarified SVCAC Bylaws need to apply specifically. Chair Iturri, defined by geographical location not by name? DD Kubu-Jones, yes. Chair Iturri, has to be from Springs. DD Kubu-Jones, it's an ambiguity in Bylaws. Unsure of SVCAC members' home locations.

Karina, clarified, when interested parties apply to SVCAC, told they could be liaison for MAC if they live in Springs MAC boundaries. Currently 3 or 4 eligible candidates, informed of this. After Ryan Lely left, Karina provided update report from Permit Sonoma. Two meetings ago, suggestion made for an SVCAC rep to present. Can wait to vote tonight or choose someone from MAC to do a five minute update.

DD Kubu-Jones, due to long terms of SVCAC members, unsure if all candidates informed.

Supervisor Gorin, clarified this issue not part of job description; candidate could volunteer to be liaison. Acknowledged volunteers considerable time contributions.

Councilmember Perot, suggested creating a unilateral job description. Volunteered to go & observe. Important to have variety of opinions – age, income, etc.

Supervisor Gorin, vacancies frequent, due to resignations. Yes, could appoint At Large position.

Councilmember Perot, accepted offer.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment

None. Closed.

Chair Iturri inquired re a motion. Uncomfortable eliminating seat; need a solution. Accepted Councilmember Perot's offer to attend SVCAC meeting to provide dialog, if necessary in Public Comment. Prefer that rotating SVCAC member is from Springs. Or Supervisor Gorin can appoint Councilmember Perot.

Supervisor Gorin, appointing members now, one in Springs - Rebecca Hermosillo. There is a term expiring. Perhaps Hermosillo would be MAC liaison.

DD Kubu-Jones, yes, two will continue; can ask Rebecca. Clarified MAC needs to fill all its seats, wants to retain this liaison seat; could change in future.

Chair Iturri & Supervisor Gorin, suggested moving MAC Reports Agenda Item to earlier position on SVCAC agenda - so Councilmember Perot or rep can attend more easily.

Chair Iturri suggested move forward w/ Councilmember Perot appointment.

Break 8:00 – 8:10

9. Ad Hoc Updates (@1:30:08)

a. Emergency Preparedness-MYN

Dana Bravo, inventoried Conex container at Alta Mira. Created spread sheet w/ list w/ wants & needs for supplies. Emerg Alert practice in Springs in zone son 62, son S2, son 685, son 6E1. A large area, into Glen Ellen. Call in/write in to So Co Emerg website to register phone number to get alert message. Goal to get feedback on how Alert works, including Spanish translation.

Practice Alert only goes to people who sign up. Dep of Emerg selects phone numbers from various sources but key is So Co Alert. **Can register a home/land line phone or cell.**

Councilmember Lombard, expecting posters to be provided for food distribution.

Meeting 4/7 to pick up printed materials from county. Karina liaison. Will print out pdfs as needed for outreach.

Chair Iturri, Food for All Facebook page available for community outreach/distribution.

b. Fire Safe Council

Councilmember Perot, first community meeting, May 21st tentative date, 10am-12 at new el Verano multipurpose bldg/room. Fire Safe Sonoma hosting, presenting Community Protection Plan (CPP), seeking community input. A challenge to get whole community. Will be live Spanish translation, food. Invited ideas how to bring in many attendees. More info pending.

c. Community Outreach

Jesus Alcaraz, change of meeting will give him opportunity to update flyer, repost.

Invited help from MAC for outreach/distribution. Flyer needs improvement.

Councilmember Reyes, Dis de los Ninos. Springs MAC sponsoring/attending. Chair Iturri, Food for All also tabling there.

Councilmember Perot, report on Compost Giveaway event, Larson Park, March 20th, big success, gave away all, over 20 cubic yards. High quality compost from Zero Waste. Seth gave out over 1,500 plant starts. Another compost giveaway, April 16, 10am - 2pm, plus Creek clean up.



Compost Giveaway
Day PPT bilingual.pdf

Karina reminded Councilmembers whenever at a public event to not discuss any MAC topics or agenda items w/ each other or public due to Brown Act.

d. Arts in the Springs

Chair Iturri, researching bike racks to be installed, on Hwy 12, bus stops, could be decorated. Supervisor Gorin, contact Brian Albee, Director of Son County Transit. Yes, there's funding. Benches possible.

Karina clarified position & terms of all Ad Hoc. Terms are for one year, then end. Community involvement can continue via local organizations. Dana Bravo's report today as a volunteer; no longer on Ad Hoc. Time to review. Community Ad Hoc: Arts in Springs, Community Outreach.



Adhoc Roster
Springs MAC 2022.pd

10. Permit Sonoma, Ross Markey, Supervising Planner (@1:44:18)

ross.markey@sonoma-county.org 565 2543

Power Point



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a. Brief update on SDC

- EIR Scoping period closed 3/25
- Staff received a number of comments reiterating the impacts that the **NOP** had identified as impact areas for analysis -many of which are comments that have been consistently raised throughout this process.
- Specific Plan policy development
- Staff completed 2 virtual workshops to receive public input on Specific Plan policies.
- Staff completed 2 Spanish language focus groups, in partnership with la Luz Center and St. Leo's Catholic Church, to receive input on the Specific Plan policies.
- 2 additional outreach meetings are scheduled within the next few weeks; 1 Spanish language focus group and 1 additional
- *Miro* open until tonight 4/6 (interactive tool to receive feedback)
https://www.sdcspecificplan.com/s/Participant-Guide_revised-032822.pdf

b. Springs Specific Plan EIR scoping

- Permit Sonoma to publish draft EIR tentatively in April 2022 to complement the existing draft Specific Plan published Aug 2018.
- 60-day public comment period starting with the release
- Planning Commission public hearing to receive comments on the draft EIR tentatively in May 2022
- Prior to the release, staff will be informing stakeholders of the EIR and Specific Plan.
- A youth-focused walking tour of the Springs area with Teen Services the week of April 18.
- Advanced notice to the Plan's Community Advisory Team and existing stakeholders such as the Springs MAC

SDC Specific Plan, Brian Oh, brian.oh@sonoma-county.org, 707-565-1931

**Miro participant guide and links to Miro: https://www.sdcspecificplan.com/s/Participant-Guide_revised-032822.pdf
Springs Specific Plan, Doug Bush, Doug.bush@sonoma-county.org, 707-565-5276**

Chair Iturri called for Councilmembers' Comments

Councilmember Perot, inquired if there is consideration/integration of other projects on Hwy 12 in Springs Specific Plan, i.e. Mattson's development projects?

Supervisor Gorin, Springs' Plan is for zoning. i.e. residential, commercial, density, height, potential parks - e.g. plaza. Not by developer or project specific.

Markey, Specific Plan includes zoning & land use, policies for infrastructure, circulation & transportation initiative, funding for community projects like a General Plan. Unaware of policies related to other projects.

Supervisor Gorin, noted very long process on this. Was a rural investment area. Funding approved from ABAG, then many delays. Another Specific Plan - for county airport - also on timeline, much bigger, includes housing & commercial activities. Springs Specific Plan was a former redevelopment area, a narrow corridor on Hwy 12.

Markey, is working on airport w/ Katrina G, project planner. That Plan will come after Springs Plan.

Councilmember Perot, SB10 designations in Springs Specific Plan?

Markey, zoning along Hwy 12 mostly proposed to be mixed use, higher density. Did consider goals of SB10 but Springs' Plan was ahead of SB10.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment

None. Closed.

11. Sonoma Skatepark (Presentation Postponed)

a. Nick Koerner, Director Valley of the Moon Park Riders Union

b. Eric Muzzy, Design Supervisor

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment or Council comment.

None. Closed.

12. Community Voice & Future Agenda Items (@2:00:10)

Chair Iturri led Discussion

a. Town Hall: Discussion and vote: Date, topic, virtual vs in person

March 5th Mental Health Forum, Fire Prevention May 21st event.

Councilmember Lombard, supports idea, inquired as to structure, e.g. small group discussion. Outside. Encourage involvement; not a business meeting. Ideal to have place w/ supervision for children. Option to submit comments ahead/online.

Chair Iturri, similar to el Verano events, open-ended to concerns. Could send out surveys for comments.

Councilmember Perot, interested in how to be more useful to community, get more community involved. Have Town Hall be a fun party, w/ food, child care. What can MAC give the community?

Chair Iturri, create an Ad Hoc for event? **Motioned to form Ad Hoc to plan Town Hall meeting. Councilmember Lombard Second. Vote. All in favor. Approved. Chair Iturri, Councilmembers Reyes & Perot on Ad Hoc.**

Chair Iturri, additional ideas

Need clarification on Covid & vaccines. Invite a county speaker.

Councilmember Perot, Springs Farmers Market? Inquired & told they can't find someone to run it, paid position. Bring it back.

Supervisor Gorin, suggested presentation from Mental Health Collaborative for Springs.

Funding from ARPA? Deadline for funding ARPA requests extended. Councilmember Reyes, extended to April 11th. Collaborative is headed by Hanna w/ Dr. Smith.

Chair Iturri, agreed, invite Leslie Peterson from Hanna Boys Center; Chair read proposal today.

Councilmember Lombard, public transportation, in general & related to climate change?

Supervisor Gorin, contact Brian Albee, Sonoma County Transit Services; coordination of services.

Councilmember Reyes, water conservation. Ecology Center water testing project. Supervisor

Gorin, Sonoma Water re conservation. Retail contractors - City of Sonoma, Valley of Moon

Water District. Groundwater; public meetings on possible fees - controversial for rural users.

Councilmember Alcaraz, economic growth in Springs, Sonoma Chamber of Commerce, rep from

wine country. Councilmember Lombard, small business reps

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment

Dana Bravo, Sonoma Ecology Center project. 17 home water tests available for use, to send to lab for 37 different compounds. Plus 3 well users. West side up to Agua Caliente. Survey to complete to apply. Map your neighborhood (MYN) 707 200 8134. Sonomaecologycenter.org

Chair Iturri & Councilmember Reyes called for a moment of silence at this difficult time of mental health crisis for local communities who have recently lost lives to suicide.

13. Adjourned 9:00pm

Springs MAC you tube April 6, 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSoYhLyfy8k>

Web Links: County of Sonoma: www.sonoma-county.org select Boards and Commissions

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