

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 hybrid zoom/in-person Meeting
June 14, 2023**

Contact: Karina Garcia, Field Representative to Supervisor Susan Gorin – Karina.Garcia@sonoma-county.org

1. Call to Order & Roll Call 6:31

Roll Call: Vice Chair Hardeman

Present: Alcaraz, Allan, Lombard, Winders, Iturri, Reyes

Absent: none

Chair Iturri: Encouraged Council participation. Acknowledged MAC's support team.

Spanish translation available

Translators present: Betzy Chavez, Carlos Rodillo

Emphasized importance of Public Comment etiquette. Please address comments to the Council, not the presenters or audience. Be respectful.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2023 meeting

Councilmember Alcaraz moved to approve May 10, 2023 Minutes. Councilmember Lombard Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

File: Springs MAC Minutes May 10 2320 Hybrid draft can be found here:

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/springs-mac-meeting-june-14-2023>

3. Public Comment (Limited to items not appearing on the agenda) **3 minute limit**

Greg Larson, has recently inquired of Supervisor Gorin & team re Springs' terrible road conditions. Asked how funding is allocated; told it is based on miles of roads. How many in District 1? Three funding sources: Gas Tax, SB1, & Measure M (quarter cent sales tax) to improve local streets & pot holes. Received no answers. Should be simple to identify, address, hire company, repair. Feels he is in a dead end. Why aren't his questions being answered? Requested MAC take up this issue, have Supervisor Gorin, head of Transportation & Infrastructure, & county Treasurer available to explain where tax dollars are going. Not going to road paving in Springs; only patching over & over. Requested Springs' roads be paved, not patched; deserve fair share of tax dollars.

Kathy, Highland Blvd resident/36 years; watching her road disintegrate over the years. Hazardous for granddaughter to ride her bike over rough surface. Took pictures after last patching of pot holes; inquired of paving company if it would ever be paved – told - no. Puzzled

why not, as this is a well-travelled road, used as alternate from Hwy 12. Property values declining due to terrible road conditions. Would like to be able to walk at night & not worry about falling & be safe for grandchildren.

Kristy Brindley, representing the “Just1Mike” Foundation, nonprofit, heart advocate for youth & young adults. Created foundation after their son passed from cardiac arrest in 2016. Provided the AED donation to Sonoma High School that saved a young man’s life last summer. Bringing first ever cardiac screening to Sonoma Valley; requested MAC & community share the information, will leave materials in English & Spanish. Residents for 3 years. This is a free ECG testing for youth & young adults, 12-25, in Sonoma Valley. A simple test, sticky, non-invasive ECG, can detect 85-90% of hidden heart conditions; not usually found because it is not a routine test in standard child care. Is a life saving test. Done in other areas; have found on average 1 in 300 youths have a hidden heart condition. Announced a community wide event to raise awareness, Saturday July 15th at Hanna Center. Registration required. Website just1mike.org. There are two other organizations joining, specialists in screening process. Three families honoring their three boys to hopefully save more lives in the community.

Suzanne Ring, re Community Garden at Larson Park, ready to put in pollinator garden, monarch butterfly section. Working w/ community, talked to Sonoma Ecology Center re kids’ classes. Also, Dechane Ave neighbors creating a “Friends of Larson” group; would like to be involved w/ planning of events. Left message w/ Lupe, community liaison, pending. Sees opportunities to include all members of community.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment on zoom.

Gary Johnson w/ Sonoma Valley Fire

- Weed Abatement started & Defensible Space Inspections; mainly Temelec, West Arnold Drive up to Boyes Blvd. Weed abatement should be done by tomorrow; get going on mowing your weeds. Mow before 10am while moist.
- June 15, 9:30am at Friedman Bros for employees who saved life w/ AED.
- New wildfire fighting fire engine in Aqua Caliente Station #3. Date to be announced for presentation.
- July 4th event in planning w/ Fireman’s Association. Seeking volunteers. Go to sonomavolunteerfirefighters.org. **Note new street closures around Vallejo’s Home, West Spain 8pm-11:30pm, better safety during fireworks.**

Public Comment closed.

4. Chair Iturri Update (@15:25)

- 2 vacancies on Springs MAC, Alternate Seats; encouraged applicants from Springs. Meetings once a month on second Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Presented to Sonoma Collaborative today, w/ new Sonoma City Mgr. David Guhin. Discussed affordable housing from City side & Springs’ needs; roads; creating a healthy & vibrant community. This group supportive of affordable housing/main focus.

- Fiscal year at close. Suggested a special budget meeting/Future Agenda item.
- Happy birthday, Councilmember Lombard!
- Suggestion to Springs MAC: as a small, ambitious group, need to prioritize projects better. Have 6-7 Ad Hocs. How to be more efficient w/ time; set attainable goals, achieve, then set new goals. E. g. Emergency Preparedness, Road Safety, Public Art, etc.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment. Zoom. None

5. Supervisor Susan Gorin Update (@18:38)

- Acknowledged Chair Iturri & MAC for excellent work in Springs' community.
- County Budget in place; credited new CAO & Team & all departments. Departmental requests for Add Backs mostly approved. Nearing end to negotiations w/ all bargaining units; complete by 2nd week in July. All units have similar levels of compensation, w/ 3 years of COLAS, 5 – 4 – 3. Could be variations. Article in today's paper.
- Enough year-end funding for Tierra de Rosas long awaited project in Roseland. Progressed through conversations & negotiations w/ city, county. \$7.7 million for affordable housing & a Plaza project; City may contribute equal amount or concessions.
- Money from General Fund Reserves & Pension Pay Downs carved out \$4million for other 4 Districts.
- **Larson Park renovation is funded!** Request pending for bids to Parks. Start this year or early next.
- Disappointed re sustainable funding for bike lanes & paths; need more investment. Will use available funding to advance specific goals.
- Friday June 16th, return to complete documents/paperwork.
- \$5million added into road budget, hopefully some for Springs' roads. Pending. Many paving projects currently in the works. Thanked MAC for work on road prioritization research/efforts; results included in scheduling. Many more roads need work over next 4 years.

Chair Iturri called for Council Comments

Councilmember Winders, happy & grateful for funding for Larson Park porta potties & all improvements. Requested a ribbon cutting on completion/opening.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment 3 minutes

Greg Larson, inquired about Plaza & \$2million allocated. Did money go into Larson Park?

Chair Iturri, Plaza Ad Hoc update later on Agenda

Supervisor Gorin, there is progress being made by county re infrastructure for a future Plaza. Expect to use those funds in next year or two w/ help from community to design.

Kristy Brindley, also happy to hear of funding approval for Larson Park. Suggested an outdoor AED Public Station be considered & included; she can assist.

Supervisor Gorin, acknowledged comment, important suggestion for an AED, for any public space

Kathy, re roads in Springs - is anyone actually going to & looking at the condition of these Springs' roads? She has photos to share of Highland.

Supervisor Gorin, yes, county team always on location, do the planning for funding for next 2, 4, 6 years. The county road crew also responds, knows road conditions. Suggested MAC Ad Hoc comment further on their process done for road prioritization in Springs.

Councilmember Lombard (w/ former Councilmember Perot), yes, we drove roads, live in Springs. Knowing that only a few roads would get paved at a time, they prioritized roads w/ high use & those needed for evacuation.

Supervisor Gorin, invited community to contact her office, bring photos. Will note road condition, add to list. Identify for pot hole work until repaving can be done.

Kathy, husband spoke w/ Karina, re Highland Blvd for future paving list.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment on Zoom

Josette Eichar, appreciates Larson Park funding news. Recommended a Press Release from county re Plaza plans be provided to local media for community because Social Media is discussing Plaza, Park, etc.

Public Comment Closed

Chair Iturri announced adjustment to Agenda - Item #7 to Item #6 position.

6. Caltrans (@34:35)

Receive an informational update from Caltrans on the Verano-Highway 12 intersection and other areas of interest. Promote upcoming public meeting and project website.

Jeff Weiss, Public Information Officer, Adrian Levy, Senior Transportation Engineer, Henry Ma, Transportation Engineer

Presentation on the Hwy 12/Verano intersection

Working to make intersection safer for pedestrians; too many accidents. Chart shows locations of collisions/accidents.

Meeting in a week, Wednesday, June 21st, at El Verano School, All Purpose Room 6:30, community invited. Have proposals to present by numerous Cal Trans reps.

Traffic, timing, improvements. All options have side effects. Need to discuss.

SHORT TERM

On Chart: improvements already done. County helped restripe intersection, made a ladder crosswalk. Will install luminaires on corners; refreshed paint.

LPIs Leading Pedestrian Indicators: when the “WALK” light flashing gives pedestrian a head start. Also increases pedestrians’ visibility.

Installing larger speed limit signs, Pedestrian Yield signs.

Most important short term, to help understand before meeting – either **A Split Phase Timing** on west & east bound Verano Ave. OR an **All Pedestrian Phase**.

1. **Split Phase**, east & west will go at different times. Will allow traffic avoid pedestrian conflict. Will take longer for traffic to get through each section on Verano.
2. **All Phase**, all traffic stops in all directions for pedestrians to cross. More traffic delay, but safest.

Sometimes seen on state highways, in SF, a **Scramble**, all lights red for traffic, pedestrians can cross any direction including diagonal, only if they push the button.

LONG TERM

Put in a left turn pocket; extend barriers to crossing in middle of street.

Encourage everyone to go to website, read proposals, ask questions. Asked MAC to help community, for conversation. Welcoming input, inviting help. Getting comments on website.

Website translated, has QR Link in Spanish

Website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-projects/verano-avenue-and-hwy-12-intersection-in-the-springs> There is a Chart to help understand proposals.

Chair Iturri called for Council Comments

Vice Chair Hardeman, left turn east bound is the main issue. Adding left turn lane going west is not as important. Go to Split Phase, and a dedicated left turn become a yield eastbound on Verano for pedestrian safety and drivers.

Councilmember Winders, on LPIs, how does it work? How much longer because seniors at FAHA, take longer to cross.

Jeff, will allow more time. 3 seconds ahead. Helps w/ visibility too.

Councilmember Lombard, there is a Split Phase signal at Hwy 12 & Boyes & Vallejo; works well. Also, why not let people diagonally cross? Would be faster crossing?

Adrian, would have to stripe across, not ideal.

Henry, the Scramble mostly seen in a downtown w/ many pedestrians; traffic volume/foot traffic here has low volume. How to balance pedestrian use & level of service. A rep will be at the June 21st meeting who can better demonstrate reasons.

Councilmember Lombard, supports dedicated left turn from Verano, straight ahead.

Chair Iturri, grew up in SF, saw Scramble option, not enough pedestrian traffic here to warrant a Scramble. Timeline for phases?

Adrian, by end of next month (July) have Option 1 or 2, Split or All Pedestrian. Install speed limit signs on Verano. Install Yield to pedestrian signs for right turns. City of Sonoma installing temporary lighting at NW & SE corners of intersection.

Councilmember Reyes, event info?

Jeff, next Wed. June 21st 6:30pm All Purpose Room. El Verano School. Format mostly Open House. More charts. Officials available, mostly Q&A. Complex, the solution isn't one thing. Will notice to press.

Councilmember Allan, supports dedicated left turn. Supports Pedestrian Option 2.

Jeff, reminder that any change to signals takes public time to adjust.

Councilmember Alcaraz, requested clarification on LONG TERM. Concerned about traffic safety, making turns. Supports left turn on both sides.

Jeff, yes, complex, easier to see the diagram and Phases on website. Website:

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-projects/verano-avenue-and-hwy-12-intersection-in-the-springs>

Councilmember Reyes, Riverside also bad road. Narrow. Recommended they include the suggestion for carpooling to get to the meeting.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment (@1:01:08)

Greg Larson, mentioned there was a previous idea when intersection first changed, to have a pedestrian walkway OVER Hwy 12 by tennis courts. Idea nixed back then. But pedestrians are constantly crossing. Need to move pedestrians away from intersection w/ safe passage. There have been multiple deaths there. Must move pedestrians away; put in an over-Hwy 12 pedestrian and bike walkway. Would be the safest alternative for kids especially, but for everyone. Intersection too complicated, busy.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment via Zoom

Eris Weaver, Executive Director, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, suggested posting Cal Trans & QR Code. Will Wed. meeting be only in-person or hybrid? **Jeff, will be also be on zoom.** Eris, confusion on website, make email link clearer. Noted the continued use of word "accident" - bikers use "collision" or "crash". Using "accident" implies nothing could have been done to prevent it. Purpose of these meetings to discuss ways to prevent collisions, crashes, injuries, deaths. Poorly designed roads, plus poor decisions by people, not an accident. Eliminate word accident from any discussion re crashes on the road.

Caitlin Cornwall, rep for Sonoma Valley Collaborative (SVC); broad coalition for Sonoma Valley, includes major leadership reps from business & economic sector, health, youth-serving organizations, faith community, environmental - to look at issues that affect entire Valley. Weighing in on this issue; Springs has more population than city, needs same services as the

city, traffic one of urban issues. Heard of this issue from Springs MAC's coverage. SVC reps from Chamber & others plan to contact Cal Trans & State Legislators about urgency & importance of improving this intersection. Springs has most of valley population, including children, & also most people who walk to their destinations. Will work to get people to meetings; supports short and long term actions. Encouraged expediting all actions.

Josette Brose Eichar, asked for help finding website. Will help reach out to social media, info re June 21st meeting, can share. Many people don't use QR codes. Link available?

Jeff, just Google - Cal Trans Verano 12

Karina Garcia, encouraged public/community to add their names to MAC email distribution list. Send to karina.garcia@sonoma-county.org . Press release will go out ASAP.

Douglas Wood, Springs' resident, noted that info in recent SIT said meeting was Monday. **Jeff**, that is incorrect. Monday is a holiday; meeting is on Wednesday, June 21st. **Douglas**, requested better communication to public.

Chair Iturri called for Council Comments

Councilmember Winders, in process of linking info to Facebook Page & Springs Community Group.

Karina Garcia, info added in Chat on zoom. Reminder: cannot exchange messages on Chat.

Councilmember Lombard, noted increase in aggressive driving following Covid restrictions. Sees blatant red light running. Suggested methods for "traffic calming." Where is the enforcement?

Councilmember Alcaraz, drives there frequently, hopes for fast implementation.

Chair Iturri complemented Cal Trans reps on increasing pace of progress of this issue, as well as collaboration w/ Springs MAC, city and county.

Karina Garcia, thanked Cal Trans for all projects, including utility boxes. Have received many Public Comments, been sent to Cal Trans. Will also be in public record on MAC website.

Jeff, if you are submitting a comment or question, consider drawing a picture/diagram or describe.

7. Sonoma Water (@1:15:22)

Receive an informational presentation from Sonoma Water. Sonoma Water is updating the 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) with stakeholders and would like to provide a brief update to the council about the LHMP and opportunities for public input.

File: Sonoma Water MAC presentation_06142023 can be found here:

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/springs-mac-meeting-june-14-2023>

Andrea Rodriguez, Communications Manager, Community & Government Affairs

Re Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Public Comment closing June 15, 2023

Instead, presenting on **Sonoma Valley Sanitation District's new Rate Relief Program**, offered to low income residents & nonprofits, customers of Sonoma Valley Sanitation District.

Qualify if you receive annual bill on property tax, & live and own home as primary residence.

Also if you are a PGE CARE program customer. Can qualify as landlord; household earnings of 60% or less of area median family income. Easy to apply. Available online.

Materials on social media, **July 10th deadline for application.**

Website: sonomawater.org/srrp

707.521.1885, email sanitationprogram@scwa.ca.gov

Sonoma Water's Office 404 Aviation Blvd, Santa Rosa, 95403

Bilingual staff available.

Chair Iturri called for Council Comments

Vice Chair Hardeman, grateful for program.

Councilmember Lombard, what constitutes low income for a landlord?

Andrea, landlord would have to prove residents qualify for 60% median income; need proof of eligibility. Benefit would be 50% off sanitation bill.

Councilmember Reyes, is the sanitation bill on property taxes? Andrea, yes. Reyes, how would applicant know if they are approved? Andrea, will be on next Tax Bill in August.

Councilmember Alcaraz, re renters & water use. Andrea, different agencies for water issues. Alcaraz, noted Springs has many renters. Andrea, would be up to landlord to apply & share benefit w/ renters. Applications are available now online, bilingual, post & share. Hoping to have many customers qualified & discounted; \$1million dollars available. For this fiscal year; then will have to reapply each year. Will start sooner.

Public Comment or Zoom, None, Closed

BREAK (@1:23:44)

Chair Iturri announced change to Agenda - Item #7 next.

7. Ad hoc and Community Projects Updates (@1:34:12)

Council Reports, Announcements, and updates

- *Adopt a Highway*

File: Springs MAC Ad Hoc Update_Adopt a Road can be found here:
<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/springs-mac-meeting-june-14-2023>

Councilmember Allan: decided on **Adopt a Road** not Highway; process more user friendly & straightforward. Prefer local location/s.

A cleanup program, expansion of Community Roadside cleanup Program. To provide participant recognition via signage that displays the name of the road segment adopter.

Four options: Riverside Dr/ San Ramon to Verano Ave; Arnold Dr/ Orange to Agua Caliente; Agua Caliente Rd/Arnold Dr to Hooker Ave; **Verano Ave/Hwy 12 to Olive Ave - this one chosen.**

Well-travelled. Good notice/visibility for Springs MAC.

Councilmember Reyes, this is an intersection w/ Hwy 12, a main road. After choosing road segment to adopt, commit 2 events a year. Next steps - approve road, review program conditions/requirements w/ Karina Garcia. Fill out Application agreement submit to Sonoma Public Infrastructure formerly TPW. Choose a start date for adoption. Decide name for sign, probably Springs MAC.

Vice Chair Hardeman, supports road choice. Can events be at Maxwell Park or Boys & Girls Club? **Councilmember Reyes,** yes. Many opportunities.

Councilmember Winders, good choice, entrance to Springs. Appropriate; potential for partners.

Councilmember Lombard, does “events” mean clean-up events? Councilmember Allan, yes. Lombard, who will volunteer? Reyes, FAHA, Boys & Girls, many neighbors. Allan, agreed. Hopes to see others inspired to Adopt a Road. Shout Out to “Steve” on Leveroni Rd, no last name.

Karina Garcia, Public Infrastructure provides supplies for clean-up crews. Councilmember Allan, will leave full bags for pick up.

Councilmember Alcaraz, encouraged other roads be adopted too.

- **Bicycle Rack Project**

Chair Iturri

Karina Garcia, bike rack delivered, waiting to hear from Brian, conflict w/ Art Escape schedule due to fundraiser.

- **Community Picnic,**

Councilmember Winders, this Saturday, June 17, 1-5. Larson Park. Encouraging community to walk & bike. Thanked SIS for partnering w/ MAC. Fruta will provide free ice cream. Fairmont - lemonade & cookies. La Luz, Sonoma Water, plus other info tables. Re porta potties, ordered a second plus hand washing station. Good opportunity to gather after Covid; kick off for summer. Councilmember Reyes, table for MAC? Can help.

Councilmember Alcaraz, happy re the picnic for community, great for children especially

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment

Suzanne Ring, requested more info on picnic. Councilmember Winders, in both papers. Councilmember Reyes, could do a flyer to distribute. Karina Garcia, recommended community volunteers spread the word.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment on Adopt a Road or Bike Rack. None.

- **Emergency Preparedness 2.0**

Councilmember Reyes, invited another councilmember to join her on Ad Hoc. Springs Emergency Task Force needs to meet/prepare. Also Map Your Neighborhood. July, county, trainings for neighborhood groups. Will attend. Need to address Alta Mira Pod supply, do inventory. Also funding for emergency prep.

Karina Garcia, encouraged other Councilmembers to join. There are 8 active groups, Chair Iturri on 6. Councilmember Winders & Lombard volunteered. Councilmember Alcaraz, offered to help w/ inventory. Karina Garcia, clarified only 3 members per Ad Hoc, but he can do that one specific task.

- **Logo Competition**

Councilmember Winders, will be updating deadline to Sept 30th. One submission received.

Chair Iturri called for Council or Public Comments. None.

- **Social Media and Outreach**

Councilmember Winders, re Facebook page. Problem w/ noticing. Encouraged visitors to “like” so as to increase algorithms. Need to be posting as Page, not individual/s.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment. None

- **Springs Community Plaza (@2:02:02)**

Chair Iturri, Councilmember Allan, community volunteer Josette Eichar met w/ Supervisor Gorin. Recognized enormity of project; conversations happening but are private. Recommendation to wait; Ad Hoc on hold until time is right. County will notify MAC for next step.

Chair Iturri called for Council or Public Comment

Josette Eichar, in agreement to pause the Ad Hoc, wait for further info from county. Recommended a clarifying statement be made to local press, perhaps include news re Larson Park’s redevelopment. So public can understand status of Plaza project, to avoid rumors &

speculation. Requested MAC create the statement, w/ Supervisor Gorin's input/approval. Requested a response.

- **Utility Box Project (@2:06:28)**

File: SMAC PPP Utility Boxes_KG Edits can be found here:

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/springs-mac-meeting-june-14-2023>

Councilmember Alcaraz, Application submitted for community sponsors. Recruiting community artists. Showed images of boxes. Possible locations:

2 across from Esaan Thai House, 1 near Primavera. 1 near Republic of Thrift, 1 Hwy 12 & Mountain Ave (good location, across from el Brinquito)

All others Cal Trans, not all qualified to be decorated. Bigger ones maybe.

Karina Garcia, correction, not all belong to Cal Trans. Some belong to Verizon, PGE, other entities. PGE & Verizon said absolutely no use of their boxes. So only Comcast or Cal Trans are available.

Councilmember Alcaraz, next steps: Identify box location, complete application to Cal Trans, which organization to partner with, develop process for artists' submission. Incentive, draft proposal, artists' resumes, choose which boxes, decisions pending.

Questions: 1. Use shrink wrap? 2. Get box dimensions. 3. What kind of paint? 4. Selection process. 5. How will artists be paid?

Chair Iturri, are in process w/ Cal Trans.

Councilmember Alcaraz, 3 questions: drafting preliminary proposal; drafting maintenance agreement; drafting copyright & transfer agreement. Perhaps need legal counsel.

Karina Garcia, Supervisor Gorin in support of project. Art Escape is pending partner. Has other projects to partner w/ Supervisor Gorin, Springs MAC & Art Escape. Funding through Supervisor Gorin's office. Identified 4 Comcast boxes; waiting on Cal Trans. Initially fund 2 Comcast & 2 Cal Trans. There is much paperwork, but have support of Sup Gorin's office. Appreciate MAC work so far on project, recruiting, etc. Will coordinate meeting w/ necessary involved people.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment

Greg Larson, reported that there are no ATT utility boxes on Hwy 12; out of picture. Speaking from his experience in field, there are ID #s on boxes; be careful because if needed for maintenance shouldn't be painted over. Pointed out Comcast boxes, & county's signal changing boxes.

Councilmember Allan, re concern for copyright, form can be simple, straightforward. Has resources he can share.

Chair Iturri, summary on Ad Hocs. Acknowledged many partners involved w/ MAC projects. Turn the Utility Box Item into a Resolution for next meeting. Will also vote on the Adopt a Road, & remove Springs Community Plaza Ad Hoc. Receive final presentation on Community Picnic. Plus additional updates.

8. Norms and Expectations (@2:20:15)

*Council discussion and direction on adopting respectful public comment guidelines.
Guidance on council communication and general expectations.*

File: Suggestions for Meeting Norms and Expectations can be found here:
<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/springs-mac-meeting-june-14-2023>

Chair Iturri summarized: in conversation w/ County Counsel Petra Bruggisser, available for consultations. Meetings run long. Eliminated Public Comments being read in meetings; but will be noted are received. Wants to be inclusive of those not present. Meetings well attended, many Comments. Guidelines need to conform w/ the Brown Act. Working to scale down number of meeting Items; July reduced. Important to offer time for community to participate & engage. Agenda Items will continue to be timed. If Item is expected to have much Public Comment, make that a singular Item. In process of drafting Council priorities moving forward. Incidents at meetings that prompted concern. Subject is called Terms of Conduct of Civility, prefers Norms & Expectation or Agreements. Results can be put into a written document.

Chair Iturri called for Comments from Council

Vice Chair Hardeman, welcomed input from Councilmembers w/ experience on other Boards. **Councilmember Winders**, Salute to community activist Herb Golenpaul. Every public meeting has its norms & expectations. Important for public to be able to communicate their concerns & feelings. Will champion a speaker's 3 minutes to tell her how much they disagree or dislike her. There are basic expectations of common courtesy. Do not go into any meeting & drop 40 F bombs. Can convey in other words, basic concerns w/o behaving inappropriately. In alignment w/ most public meetings; standard, not unusual, in alignment w/ other Boards, Public Meetings. Offered to help guide on how to use the Public Comment time. What is effective. A suggestion - use an info sheet for each speaker to understand parameters. (See sample at 2:26:07) Create a half sheet, keep at door to meeting. It can be intimidating to do public speaking, on camera.

Chair Iturri, agreed. Suggested creating another Ad Hoc to continue conversation, bring back report. Vice Chair Hardeman volunteered; works at a private/nonprofit; there is potential to improve MAC meetings. Councilmembers Allan & Winders also volunteered.

Chair Iturri called for Motion to initiate an Ad Hoc for writing the Agreement, w/ Councilmembers Hardeman, Winders & Allan. Vice Chair Hardeman seconded. Vote. All in Favor. Approved.

9. Consideration of Future Agenda Items (@2:29:48)

Share ongoing list of future agenda items and note others of interest.

Chair Iturri: Fiscal Year ends on 30th. Budget meeting, special, date, June 22nd 6:30. One item. Needs to be in person w/ hybrid option. Karina will check on space availability. Reminded just need a quorum.

Karina Garcia, clarified purpose of meeting – to give Council opportunity to review budget, where it's spent, how to save, how to continue to advocate for more funding, or where to shift funds to.

JULY 12 Meeting: EDB, Ethan Brown, Mark; Chamber of Commerce, Mark B.; Ad Hoc updates.

AUGUST 9 Meeting: Road paving, funding, presentation, etc.; CVLN; Springs Map Your Neighborhood (MYN); Springs Fire Safe Council update; Ad Hoc updates

September Meeting: Chief Akre

October Meeting: Mental Health; Hanna Center update

Vice Chair Hardeman, agrees w/ idea of setting a few attainable goals, achieving, then adding new ones when complete. Chair Iturri, will bring to near future agenda.

Councilmember Lombard: any update on Mattsons, or from county? Also, concerned about Low Income Senior Housing Project behind former Cinemas, community asking about status. Need better and more info.

Councilmember Reyes: It is Pride Month, reaching out to Positive Images, & LGBTQ community. Chair Iturri suggested adding to October Agenda.

Councilmember Alcaraz, a speaker from Hanna Center. Update. (In October)

Karina Garcia, recommended MAC hold an annual meeting to timeline events, which projects to keep sponsoring, along w/ Annual Report. For 2024 April/May Agenda, next Fiscal Year.

Chair Iturri, agreed, perhaps September.

Councilmember Lombard, read an LGBTQ+ Pride Month article from Readers Books on history of Pride Rainbow Flag. Written by Petal. "A Flag by Any Color Would Fly as High."

10. Adjourned 9:15

For viewing purposes:

Sonoma TV You Tube Springs MAC June 14, 2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDGexi4h3OQ&t=2s>

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<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/springs-mac>

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Note: Consideration of items will proceed as follows:

1. Presentation by proponent
 2. Questions by Commissioners
 3. Questions and comments from the public
 4. Response by proponent, if required
 5. Comments by Commissioners
 6. Resolution, if indicated
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