



**Springs Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes of Hybrid Meeting In person/Zoom
November 13, 2024**



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.

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call 6:34pm

Roll Call: Vice Chair Winders
Present: Lombard, Iturri, Reyes
Absent: Norman, Fernandez, Dong

Staff Present: Zaira Enriquez, Admin/Field Representative to Supervisor Gorin
Lupe Alvarez Tovar, Field Representative, lupe.alvareztovar@sonoma-county.org
Lin Marie deVincent, Minute Taker

Chair Iturri: Acknowledged MAC’s support team. Broadcasting hybrid meeting on Facebook & Sonoma TV. Spanish translation available online; headphones available in room. Reminder that the Springs MAC is an Advisory Council, all Councilmembers serve in a volunteer capacity.

Translators online: can be heard on zoom broadcast **Carlos Radillo, and Ricardo Delgado**

Chair Iturri announced postponement of Agenda Items 6, 9 & 11. Apologized for incomplete Council, & any inconvenience to public wishing to address postponed Items.
Admin/Zaira recommended also postponing Item 7. Chair noted that is a time sensitive Item, so will address tonight.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 24 & October 9, 2024 Meetings.

Vice Chair Winders moved to approve September 24 & October 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes, Councilmember Lombard seconded. Motion passed.

File: Springs MAC Minutes November 13, 2024 Hybrid can be found here:
<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/springs-mac-meeting-november-13-2024>

3. Public Comment/zoom Items not on Agenda. 3 minutes

Zoom

Patrick McDonald, Housing Team Supervisor at Sonoma County Legal Aid. Invited by Councilmember Winders to talk & share ideas about housing policy. Noted agenda change. Available for future meetings.

Chair Iturri, invited Patrick back to December meeting. **Patrick**, thank you, will return Dec.

Public Announcements

Admin/Zaira

- County Landlord Webinar, Tuesday, Nov 19. Only on zoom. Targeted to landlords but info relevant to renters. Spanish interpretation. 6-7pm
- Town Hall, Wednesday, Dec 4th, at La Luz Center, Tenant Protections Rights, 5-7pm, Spanish interpretation available. County and Legal Aid presenting.

Councilmember Reyes, Winter Celebration, Sat Dec 7th, 12-3pm, 22 Boyes Blvd. SIS as Fiscal Sponsor. Project in process w/ collaborators: Santa, SMI, Fire Dept.

4. Chair Iturri Update (@6:54 Part One You Tube video)

- **VIDEO previewed.** Produced by Karina Garcia for Community Outreach to educate community on Springs MAC. To be shared on Facebook & other outlets. In English and Spanish.

Karina Garcia, So Co Communications Dept., former Springs MAC Staff/Facilitator, 4 years. Acknowledged Springs MAC accomplishments; Council created in 2019. VIDEO can be shared on county social channels, including Facebook, Instagram, Next Door. Will link in county newsletter, also will run before BoS meetings/Tuesdays, rotated w/ other videos.

Public Comment/Zoom. None.

5. Supervisor Gorin Update. Cancelled.

6. Housing Ad Hoc Priority List POSTPONED *Council discussion and approval to decide which items from the Housing Ad Hoc Priority list to proceed with.*

7. Future goals and requests for Supervisor Elect Hermosillo *Council discussion and approval to create a list of future goals and requests for Supervisor Elect Hermosillo and staff.*

Chair Iturri noted Supervisor Elect Hermosillo's Springs MAC visit in October. At that time a January MAC meeting was requested by MAC. Hermosillo noted a January meeting cannot occur due to District 1 Staff transitions; suggested having two meetings in February. Chair does not think two meetings in one month are not doable.

Chair Iturri suggested writing a letter to Hermosillo to outline Council work & future goals. Also to repeat request for January meeting due to recent events that give MAC greater relevance to community concerns.

Called for DISCUSSION.

Councilmember Lombard, expressed concern at lack of visibility of MAC in community. People don't realize the Springs is Unincorporated part of County. Public does not understand the difference between City and County Unincorporated Districts. Heard from a community member who took her complaint about traffic in Springs to Sonoma City Council. Frustrated at how to improve government effectiveness, communication about MAC. Suggested making better use of The Sun paper, Sonoma Index Tribune & KSVY. Need to emphasize importance of this to new Supervisor. Requested assistance w/ other options/ideas. Also, need better/more education re the pending process/possibility of Springs being annexed to City. Would welcome brainstorming.

Vice Chair Winders, suggested including MAC concerns in a Letter, w/ questions for Hermosillo re her position/plans for housing emergency in Springs, especially for families. Lack of housing, substandard. Also increased protection for workers considering recent election's impact on Springs community.

Councilmember Reyes, suggested making a list of projects in process. Categorize as *Annual Events*, e.g. Winter Celebration. Understands challenge due to lack of Staff in transition, suggested advocating for a meeting later in January which has five weeks. Requested clarification on how Letter will be completed & presented.

Chair Iturri, will make Agenda Item for December for final draft of Letter. Also include in Letter the projects moving forward e.g. Housing, and, Education re County Districts. Also Cal Trans road safety project; still in process. Agreed w/ later January date idea; either 15th or 22nd.

Admin/Zaira, suggested including Letter in Annual Report. **Chair Iturri**, agreed. Will write draft, include talking points from MAC. Councilmember Lombard will review.

Public Comment

Valerie Henderson, asked who owns Springs Post Office building? **Admin/Zaira**, parking lot owned by county. **Valerie**, many people use the area, walking, driving by, etc. Suggested use of boarded up empty windows to put in flyers/posters to advertise for the MAC.

Vice Chair Winders made a Motion to write Letter to Sup Elect Hermosillo, Councilmember Lombard second. Call for Vote. All in Favor. Passed.

SHORT BREAK

- 8. Springs MAC Budget Report Update (@5:53 on Part Two You Tube Video) Receive informational budget update from D1 staff for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.**

Admin/Zaira, Fiscal Year Budget is \$15,000. \$10,000 allocated to Ongoing Expenses, includes Minutes, Broadcast, rental of facility, translators, etc. \$5,000 for Community Events.

Approved \$2,000 funding request for Winter Celebration 2024 in December.

SLIDE: Budget breakdown on Spread Sheet (@7:07)

Currently \$7,387. Ongoing Expenses. And, \$3,000 Community Events/projects for remainder of Fiscal Year.

Chair Iturri, can remaining be used? Admin/Zaira, no, expenses still need to be designated. Can use remainder of Community Funds. Chair, projection of ongoing costs? Admin/Zaira, showed details on Spread Sheet.

Councilmember Lombard, requested copy of Budget Update be sent to MAC. Admin/Zaira, yes. **Councilmember Reyes, clarified Fiscal Year ends June 30th.**

Public Comment/Zoom. None.

9. Funding Requests for Community Projects Ad Hoc POSTPONED *Council discussion of the current process for funding requests for community projects and possible approval of adjustments to the process.*

10. Dissolution of Ad Hoc(s) *Council discussion and approval for dissolution of specific Ad Hoc(s).*

Chair Iturri, none.

11. SVCAC update POSTPONED

Councilmember/Liaison Norman absent. No report

12. Ad hoc and Community Projects Updates (@10:42 Part Two) *Council Reports, Announcements, and updates*

- **Springs Farmers Market, Councilmember Norman**, absent. Work in progress.
- **Funding Requests for Community Projects, Councilmember Lombard**. Work in Progress. Will bring materials for MAC review. Suggested postpone to December Agenda.
- **Emergency Preparedness 2.0, Councilmember Reyes**, finalizing draft.
- **Housing, Vice Chair Winders**, suggested bring Item back in December. Also bring County Presentation when available.
- **Utility Boxes, Admin/Zaira**, in process, application submitted to Cal Trans, So Co PI; info missing on Application Packet from artist. Will update, provide additional documents needed. Some packet info outdated.
- **Springs Community Plaza, Councilmember Lombard**, Update:
 - Plaza area blocked off w/ bollards, 2 picnic tables delivered.

- Lindsay & Joe Norman put finish/varnish on tables; also cleared weeds & debris from site.
- Ideas suggested at meeting of Ad hoc w/ Josette Eichar, Sup Gorin, Lupe Alvarez Tovar, Zaira Enriquez & Tim Zahner/Director of Son Val Visitors Bureau.
- In process to get out info about MAC, including on Wake up Sonoma website through Josette, also to Springs Community Group site.
- Normans worked on chalkboards for art for kids; installed.
- Idea for arch entryway behind Bus Stop – *Welcome to Springs Plaza*. Drawing sample submitted; Sup Gorin interested.
- Suggestion for moving Bus Stop into Plaza space; current space narrow.
- Electricity & water being provided by Enrique at Sonoma Tires as needed; will also place garbage bins out at time for pickup.
- Possibility of solar lighting discussed.
- Sup Gorin & Ron Wellander/landscape architect met re trees & plantar boxes.
- Would like more seating & tables.
- Josette to gather volunteer group to cleanup area periodically.
- Other ideas: Street art murals i.e. drawings on street; Teresita Fernandez provided photo samples. Perhaps also murals on 22 Boyes Bldg; would need permission from owner.
- Sup Gorin approved expenditures for chalkboards. Also purchased asphalt paint to cover oil/gas stains.
- Re Archway idea; Joe called PGE #811 to check for underground cables, etc. Also Sonoma County Public Works & Sup Gorin contacted.
- Learned that a community member cannot be part of an Ad hoc; would then be a Standing Committee which falls under Brown Act limitations due to publicizing, etc. Clarified term; can call them volunteers or community members.

Admin/Zaira, working hard to finish temporary Plaza prep for Winter Celebration event.

Councilmember Lombard, expressed concern that now the Plaza is smaller than before. How will space accommodate the event? Admin/Zaira, adjustments had to be made w/ the bollards to allow for some community parking. Lombard, will they adjust them again for event?

Councilmember Reyes, feels there is more than enough space for the tent, Santa, etc. Lombard, concern for the long line of people. Reyes, that's normal, will be ok.

Public comment, zoom. None.

13. Consideration of Future Agenda Items (@23:01 Part Two) *Share ongoing list of future agenda items and note others of interest.*

Chair Iturri

December: Housing, and, Budget Request. Will then need to remove something. Suggested removing Report on Elders/Transportation for seniors.

Admin/Zaira, update from County Staff on Tenant Protection. In process; not ready to give presentation to Advisory Bodies.

Councilmember Reyes: Nancy Brown presentation in process, taking longer. Suggest postpone to 2025.

Other November Agenda Items that were postponed - Item 7 in form of Letter, not 8, others.

Noted: will be last meeting for Sup Gorin, suggested a thank you letter. Also thank you to D1 Staff leaving; Zaira & Lupe. Invited MAC to collaborate on a celebration. Vice Chair Winders offered to help.

Public Comment, Zoom. None.

14. Adjourned 7:34pm

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Note: Consideration of items will proceed as follows:

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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