

Springs Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes of Hybrid Meeting In person/Zoom
December 11, 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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For viewing purposes: Supervisor Gorin's YouTube page w/ all meeting videos.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AA_EnxdzEng

Springs MAC Meeting 12/11/24 - Sonoma TV You Tube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NiCqYCJfvh0>
Call to Order & Roll Call 6:32pm

Roll Call: Vice Chair Winders

Present: Lombard, Iturri, Reyes, Norman, Fernandez, Dong

Absent: None

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. Agenda Items have been allocated specific times; additional time is allowed for discussion following. 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
Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2024 Meetings.

Vice Chair Winders moved to approve November 13 Meeting Minutes, Councilmember Lombard seconded. Motion passed.

File: Springs MAC Minutes December 11, 2024 Hybrid can be found here:
<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/springs-mac-meeting-december-11-2024>

Public Comment/zoom Items not on Agenda. 3 minutes

Lin Marie deVincent, made public announcement re a KSVY radio interview by host Ronny Joe Grooms w/ Sonoma Sherriff Ingram, to be aired December 12, 2024, 8:20am. Will clarify the local law enforcement's role in immigration enforcement, to reassure the community following concerns about post-election changes. Will be discussing compliance with the State laws and the Sheriff's Office stance on Federal immigration operations. There has been confusion in the media on this topic. ksvy.org live stream on your phone or on radio at 91.3fm. Encouraged all to listen.

Jack Allan, Springs resident, RE: increased crosswalk lighting needed for Springs. Hard to see pedestrians especially at Central Avenue, Waterman Avenue & Sierra Drive/Arroyo Road. Requested this comment be submitted to Cal Trans; thanked MAC for continued support of this concern. Also, congratulated MAC & community on success of recent Winter Celebration event.

Public Comment, Zoom, none. Closed.

Chair Iturri Update (@6:37)

Councilmembers Lombard & Fernandez now MAC Members At Large; congratulations

Two open positions for Alternates; interviews pending

Thanked District One Supervisor Gorin for her caring contributions to the Springs' community during her time as Supervisor. Will be additional Agenda time for comments.

Thanked outgoing D 1 Staff - Zaira Enriquez & Lupe Alvarez Tovar

Public Comment, Zoom. None.

Supervisor Susan Gorin Update (@@8:46). Informational update from Supervisor Susan Gorin on District 1 and Countywide topics.

Made farewell comments encompassing 12 years of service as Supervisor.

Acknowledged MAC & Staff. Noted original creation of MACouncil w/ visions to empower the community, find its voice, become engaged & more active. Suggested an informal review in 2025. Noted all that has been accomplished for the community including areas of health, education and more. Grateful for input from community & MAC as communication is a two way street. Noted the District One Newsletter has contributed to informing community. Acknowledged SIT reporter in attendance; noted general decrease in reading of newspapers & reliable/critical media. Noted national news media creating feelings of insecurity.

Encouraged all to think globally, act locally. Build community & work together, weather the coming changes. Acknowledged many nonprofits in the Valley who have contributed, including immigration services, SIS, La Luz, Comida Para Todos, also contributions from Councilmember Winders. Encouraged all to work towards re-instilling trust in government. Mentioned author Mike Madrid, covering US election analysis. As life-long member of League of Women Voters, is distressed about national political challenges to Democracy. Will continue to contribute locally, e.g. Sonoma Valley Multi-use Path, SDC, etc.

Encouraged positive participation w/ Supervisor-Elect Hermosillo

Noted success of 2024 Winter Celebration, in temporary Springs Plaza. Hoping for future improvements. Noted City Councilperson Ron Wellander's contributions, including placement of 16 trees in planter boxes into plaza. Irrigation system is in process w/ neighbor business help.

Public Comment (@17:20)

Mario Castillo, presented Supervisor Gorin w/ a favorite plant. Thanked the MAC & Sup Gorin. As a long time Springs' resident, has learned much about community/political activism, appreciated Sup Gorin's leadership. Through his work w/ Verano School & then-Principal Iturri, developed his goal to encourage leaders to do their best, over being friends. Wanted this same goal w/ Sup Gorin. Disappointed more wasn't accomplished to uplift community, e.g. a permanent Plaza; acknowledged Gorin's efforts. New Supervisor-Elect Hermosillo is Latina, hopes she can lift the community up further.

Juan Fresse, (mic off/inaudible) Director, Sonoma Four Cs (Community Child Care Council). Acknowledged Supervisor Gorin for her quick response to help w/ his organization's concerns & requests. Consequently this community has more infant toddler care than before. Thanked her on behalf of Four Cs.

Betty Chavez, thanked Sup Gorin for contributions to community; has been a long, hard, imperfect road. Gorin has been willing, quick to respond. Inspired Betty to participate on panels, Boards, committees to be a voice for community. Need more representation; welcomed community to be more involved.

Jack Allan, acknowledged Supervisor Gorin for creating the two Valley MACs i.e. Springs & North Valley, which have given the communities a new voice & liaison w/ county.

Karina Garcia, former Field Representative for Sup Gorin/District One. Noted diversity of people represented in attendance at tonight's meeting – youth, Latinos, bicultural, monolingual speakers – this is the result of Sup Gorin's work. Garcia was first Field Rep hired in Sonoma County. Noted that change takes time & patience; Sup Gorin led w/ that. Successful change requires working together in positive ways; just being critical isn't helpful. Underscored the continued heartfelt participation of the community.

Public Comment Closed.

Year End Wrap Up: Reflecting on Springs MAC with Supervisor Gorin (@25:51)

Supervisor Gorin's last meeting of the year, and the last Springs MAC meeting of her tenure as Supervisor. Supervisor Gorin will make remarks, and the Council may have discussion on wide range topics including, past business, goals, or the Sonoma Valley and Springs in general.

Councilmember Fernandez, noted that Supervisor Gorin began attending Springs' business meetings 8-9 years ago & recognized their interests, e.g. façade improvements. Thanked her for standing up for business community; felt protected & supported by District One Office when discussions became difficult. Was a difficult time but also led to Springs Specific Plan.

Councilmember Lombard, Supervisor Gorin's accomplishments highly appreciated. Credited her w/ success at a difficult job. Noted two years of shut down during Covid stunted MACs progress.

Vice Chair Winders, noted her numerous participations over the years w/ Public Comment w/ Sup Gorin at many meetings. Appreciated Gorin's willingness to listen to challenging opinions & information. Learned how to attain clarifications on process for best effect from Gorin; helpful, has carried this forward for others as well. Appreciated the robust discussions/conversations on different topics. Acknowledged all Gorin has done for the community. Wishes her a restful retirement. Also welcomes her future continued involvement in community.

Councilmember Reyes, noted first meeting w/ Sup Gorin perhaps 2010; Reyes was part of Springs Alliance. Then discovered other MACs, & w/ owner of Arroyo Hospital worked to bring a MAC to the Springs. Thanked Gorin for all her tenacious work, especially during Covid. Appreciated being invited to work for District One, declined but sent many candidates to her. Grateful to have worked in community w/ her; will support Gorin in her future plans. Acknowledged Gorin's initiating improved mental health movement, November 2021, pushed for mental health, including Suicide Prevention Coalition. Has left a lasting & valuable legacy.

Councilmember Norman, is a new councilmember. Appreciated all that Sup Gorin has done for community, especially the new Springs' Plaza.

Councilmember Dong, grateful to Gorin for appointing him to be part of Springs MAC. Noted the challenges to the county & Supervisors last 7-8 years. Has been terrible, due to the pandemic & fires - hard to get things done. Noted how Gorin worked together w/ community to rebuild parts of community after fires, & restore businesses post pandemic - this took strength and courage. Applauded Gorin for all her work, while being a victim of the fires herself. Acknowledged her support for public safety services.

Chair Iturri, noted when she was a new principal she learned about leadership from Gorin when appointed to Andy Lopez Taskforce. Throughout a decade of working together could always depend on a response & attention, & willingness to change. Acknowledged difficulty of Supervisor job w/ challenges from other 4 Supervisors. Thanked Gorin for the Springs Specific Plan, the MAC, many things accomplished, through the fires & the pandemic. Her leadership made a difference through it all, and MAC exists because of her efforts. Now the Springs has an opportunity to have a voice where they didn't have one before; will continue to evolve and improve. It is her foundation that made all this happen.

Sup Gorin, acknowledged Vice Chair Winders contributions - thought of her today when meeting for the last time with homeless service providers & James Alexander. Finally, for the 1st time, have significant Outreach Services in Sonoma Valley that continue to emerge. Great to have animated conversations about the services that are beginning to be enjoyed, that didn't have a year ago. Brought flyers, Lupe can distribute, for a new organization called "Keeping People Housed". A telephone number will start December 16th, also a website. Acknowledged Councilmember Winders for all those she has helped over the years, keeping them housed often with own personal credit card. This new organization will come forward with rental assistance & to help people keep housed. Also, the City of Sonoma has applied for 4 different grants on housing relocation services, Rapid Rehousing, By Name List Coordinator [Google: A By-Name List is a comprehensive list of every person in a community experiencing homelessness, updated in real time. Using information collected and shared with their consent, each person on the list has a file that includes their name, homeless history, health, and housing needs]. City also has additional funding goals. Consider making it a Future Agenda Item, or, individually, suggested community write to the Board of Supervisors & say - please support these funding streams, desperately needed for these services - and that will help Winders & many others to keep them in housing. Also absolutely need to build more housing.

Also acknowledged Winders for serving on the School Board in this very difficult time.

Gorin didn't have to personally close schools, but the most divisive meeting she attended was working with a community to change school boundaries. Parents are advocates for their kids, & they become tiger parents, i.e. get really angry, really fast because they care about their kids.

Acknowledged all Councilmembers working on Springs Community Plaza. Grateful for work from your ideas on beautiful arch. Blackboards in process. Gorgeous trees and lighting in place. Skateboard folks are coming to paint the concrete blocks; maybe a mural on the asphalt. Encouraged community to be inventive. This is your plaza, our plaza. Have some fun! Thanked all young folks in attendance tonight. Wants to see them in the plaza, playing hopscotch or ball, or doing whatever they want to do until there is a permanent plaza. Wants to see families there, envisions people sitting down and playing chess on the picnic tables. Just heard that Sonoma Mission Inn wants to donate Adirondack chairs. This plaza is our legacy. Loves working with all of you.

Public Comment, none. Closed.

Five Minute Break

Item #10 moved to this position (@50:29)

Winter Celebration Dec 7, 2024 Report, receive an informational report about the Winter Celebration 2024 event.

Councilmember Reyes

Presented Video of Celebration produced by Sonoma County Central Communications Team.

250 gifts handed out, from baby toddler to youth; prizes; SMI donated treats, DJ Roar music, complimentary photos by Magic Media Entertainment. Info booths, various organizations, Springs MAC, Fiscal Sponsor SIS (Sonoma Immigrant Services), Supervisor Gorin, volunteers of all ages

Video will be viewed on county Facebook page, also available in Spanish.

Power Point (@54:17)

3rd consecutive annual event; in Springs Community Plaza

Fiscal Sponsor & Budget (@55:00)

Income: Springs MAC \$2,000. SIS \$873.90. Expenses listed. Net \$291.84

Special thanks to Santa aka Fred Allebach, & SVFD (Agua Caliente), & Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn for donations & support to community

Community Engagement/20+ volunteers,

Thank you to all the collaborators: Josette Brose-Eichar for decorations; Wine Country Auto Center; Armando's Party Rentals for discount; DJ Roar for discount

Special Presentation of Certificates to volunteers present

Public Comment, zoom, none.

Letter for Supervisor Elect Hermsillo. (@1:02:59) Receive draft letter for Supervisor Elect Hermsillo about the council's goals to strengthen a few specific areas that are core to their mission. Council discussion and approval or direction to revise and bring back final draft.

Chair Iturri read draft of letter. DISCUSSION, edits made.

FINAL LETTER:

Supervisor Elect Rebecca Hermsillo
575 Administration Drive, Room 100A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Dear Ms. Hermsillo,

On behalf of the Springs Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) we want to express our interest in establishing a collaborative partnership with you. We believe that together, we can address and support the unique needs of the Springs community while enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

The MAC is particularly excited to work to strengthen a few specific areas that are core to our mission:

1. Annual Cultural Events

The annual cultural events in our community are vital for fostering unity and celebrating our local heritage. We are eager to explore ways to support and expand these events, ensuring they are accessible, inclusive, and reflective of our diverse population. We support several events throughout the year. These events include Dia de los Muertos, Winter Celebration, Mexico Celebra, Creek Clean Up, Emergency Preparedness, Art and Cultural projects, and a Spring Event. We look forward to collaborating with you on the expansion and improvements of the Springs Plaza located at 22 Boyes Blvd.

2. Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrian safety is paramount, especially in a growing community like ours. The MAC has done essential work in advocating for safer walkways, crossings, and lighting. We are keen to support and amplify these efforts, working together to bring additional awareness to this issue and seek innovative solutions for making our streets safer for all residents. Caltrans is working collaboratively with us and the timeline is lengthy. We are hoping that we can work together to advocate for faster public safety improvements.

3. Addressing Housing Insecurity

Insecure and substandard housing remains a significant challenge in our area, affecting many individuals and families. We are committed to exploring options for solutions for low income, affordable, and sustainable housing and to raise awareness about available resources for those in need. We believe that by working in tandem with the MAC, meaningful strides can be made in supporting those facing housing challenges.

4. MAC Education and Visibility

We understand that raising awareness of the MAC's work is essential for community engagement and support. We are enthusiastic about finding ways to enhance MAC's visibility within our community through events, educational materials, and outreach initiatives. Increasing community awareness of MAC's mission and activities inspire greater local involvement and strengthen the Council's impact.

5. Renovation of Larson Park

The Springs MAC has spearheaded and continues to advocate for the renovation and improvement of Larson Park, the only park located in the Springs. We need your assistance to ensure that the project progresses in a timely manner.

We respectfully request a Springs MAC special meeting in January as we continue to have pressing issues and projects requiring our attention as well as public engagement and input.

We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you and explore new ways to serve our community. Thank you for your dedication to our community. We are excited about the potential for collaboration to make a lasting positive impact in the Springs area.

CC: Springs Municipal Advisory Council

Public Comment (@1:31:16)

David Eichar, suggested edit to Letter - add a request for Sup-Elect Hermsillo to be in attendance at possible January Special meeting. Chair Iturri made edit; further Council discussion.

Supervisor Gorin, announced full funding has been approved for Larson Park. Suggested edit to Letter include this update.

Karina Garcia, former Field Rep D1, facilitator for Springs MAC RE: whether to hold a January meeting – admires interest but it is too much to ask of a new Supervisor & Staff. January 7th start date, need many days to prepare agenda, a month to review. MAC publishing 2 weeks ahead for public/community/media proper notice. Legally 72 hours is required for Brown Act. Wouldn't be able to have a regular meeting; to ask for a Special Meeting also unreasonable. A February meeting would be more realistic. Use time to meet w/ Ad hocs, make plans, take a break. MACs monthly meetings been consistent and demanding. Many details for staff to handle, e.g. interpretation, facility rental agreements. Much more than the community & Council members are aware of.

Loisette Brose-Eichar, requested clarification. If no January meeting, how will things in progress be announced? Will Agenda items be postponed until February?

Zoom, none.

Chair called for Council Comments.

DISCUSSION Cont.

Vice Chair Winders, acknowledged the amount of work involved w/ producing meetings. But from a different perspective - this is a public body & public entity, and MAC does the public's work in front of the public. That is only way MAC as a body can have a conversation all together - in a public meeting as a public body. The Supervisor can say, no, I can't do it, but we'll have at least asked one more time. It is the MAC doing their public duty as a public body, saying we want to & are willing to come & have the meeting. Even if the answer is - no - the MAC is being responsible to the public and ensuring the public knows we take our responsibility to them very seriously. Even though MAC is not a decision making body, we represent our community. The Supervisor Elect always has it within her purview to answer & make a decision as she sees fit, but MAC has a responsibility, in my opinion, to make the ask. Councilmember Lombard, agreed w/ Winders. Noted part of problem is w/ county system; acknowledged gap in transition. MAC taking Public Comments to submit to Supervisor; this community input important.

Councilmember Dong, objected to request for additional meeting, based on Karina's informative comments on background. Don't have a transition period for completely new staff, like with the President of United States that allows them to organize new staff. Would be unfair to the new county staff - who does not know processes. Also, if it seems likely that something's not going to happen, do we need to push on it, perhaps putting our Supervisor Elect in a position that she has to start right off with disagreeing with the MACs request? Recommended taking that request for a January meeting out of the Letter.

Chair Iturri, January is going to be an important time in our country. It matters that there are public forums and public spaces available. That's why I'm pushing hard for a request for a January meeting. Understands that may not be possible, and respects that. But also takes our commitment very seriously to our public, at a very challenging time for us as a country. That's why I want to continue to hold this space, at least try to. I want to be very clear that we are committed to this community.

Councilmember Lombard, suggested a Forum, a less formal meeting, w/ translation, for community input. Chair Iturri, good idea.

Councilmember Dong, suggested option of 2 meetings in February, one a Forum. Shares concern for MAC to do its work in community, & w/ BoS on deportation & immigration fears & issues, among Latinx & Asian. Community providers presenting on Rights; has seen 3-4 presentations. Would be good time for a Special Meeting. Chair Iturri, MACs regular meeting in Feb is early in month. Councilmember Reyes, noted Hermosillo had suggested possibility of two meetings in February. Chair Iturri, one a Special Meeting? Vice Chair Winders, requested to still ask for a January meeting; up to Supervisor to decide. Chair, ok, leave request in Letter.

Chair Iturri called for a motion to approve Letter as written. Vice Chair Winders made a Motion to approve Letter as written to Supervisor Elect Hermosillo, Councilmember Lombard second.

Vote:

Ayes - 4

Nays - 0

Abstained - 3

Chair Iturri expressed concern Letter not supported unanimously. Councilmember Dong, Motion was approved, correct to send.

Requests for Community Projects (@1:49:41) Ad Hoc, Council discussion of the current process for funding requests for community projects and possible approval of adjustments to the process.

Councilmembers Fernandez & Lombard, reporting.

DOCUMENT

Springs MAC Events Funded (incomplete)

2019 --- No Funded Events

July 2020-June 2021

Map Your Neighborhood Booklets	MYN Ad Hoc	\$426.08
Vaccine Popups	SV Health Center	\$400.00

July 2021-June 2022

Dia de los Muertos	Art Escape	\$500.99	Oct-Nov
Holiday Lighting		\$239.99	December
Dia De los Ninos	Quetzlan	\$500.00	April 30, 2022

July 2022-June 2023

Dia de los Muertos Art Escape Jesus \$500.00 Nov 1, 2022
Dia de los Muertos-Springs Altar Art Escape Jesus \$250 October 30, 2022
Holiday Lighting Art Escape Jesus \$1000 December, 2022
Winter Celebration SIS Maricarmen \$1000 December 18, 2022
Dia de los Ninos Quetzalen Maricarmen \$1000 April 23, 2023
Emergency Preparedness SIS May 20, 2023
Community Picnic Regional Parks Celeste \$1000

July 2023-June 2024

Logo Competition (No result)
Dia de los Muertos SV Grange Hall Jesus \$500 October 28, 2023
Winter Celebration S. I. S. Maricarmen \$2000 December 23, 2023
Bike Rack Decoration Art Escape Ongoing

July 2024-June 2025

Bike Rack Community Decorate SMAC Lindsay August 25, 2020
Winter Celebration SIS Maricarmen \$2000 December 7, 2020

Summary: analysis demonstrates choices made through the years, community support, direction for continued funding, hopeful for increased awareness of MAC & its capacity to contribute to community, w/ increased vibrancy of/for events

Question: do we have an agreement that these are the kind of projects that we want to fund? Are there any that might come up that aren't on this list that anyone has in mind? Recommended MAC remain open in funding and not narrow it down.

Councilmember Norman, suggested a promotional banner for MAC to use at booths/tables

Chair Iturri, noted there was a banner in process but not completed yet. Agreed w/ Lombard on list of events & need to remain open. Requested further clarification on funding process. Problems due to timing, created equity issues. How often to consider proposals? Spread it out?

Document Time Frame

Lombard suggested calling for proposals every 3-4 months; encouraged welcoming new & more ideas

DISCUSSION

Chair Iturri, preferred every 4 months. Also, is there a cap - highest amount funded \$2,000. Lombard, that is reasonable. Iturri, also, how much is available after expenses are paid?

Lombard, need a way to let people know that we're accepting proposals, and, need a standard for them to follow. The events that have already been funded are in the pipeline. But there are many people who don't know about the Springs MAC, and don't know that it's possible to get some funding for their events. It's same problem we have with not being recognized. Suggested putting out the word to the groups or events and sponsors of events that have been already funded; let them know that we're doing this every 4 months.

Reyes, in looking at Request Form as presented, feels it is appropriate. Suggested adding a timeline to request, 3-4 months in advance. Demand may increase w/ MACs increased visibility; may have to adjust. State that there may be no guarantee of full funding available if close to end of Fiscal Year; had problem w/ 2 proposals in 2024 near end of fiscal year. Also, asked for clarification who has the final approval on Budget Request Form - is it the MAC or the Supervisor?

Chair Iturri, good question. Check w/ Sup Gorin re changes to Form.

Supervisor Gorin, made final farewell remarks. Expressed gratitude for MAC. RE: Budget Request Form Process/Item. Suggested tabling item until new Supervisor & Staff are in place.

Five Minute Recess.

Meeting Audio Recording Off from 2:04:30 to 2:06:00

Chair Iturri, Budget Request Form review summarized - will initiate a timeline, clarify amount/s, limit of request, Form revision, work collaboratively w/ Supervisor Elect, MAC to make recommendations.

\$10,000 expenses

\$5,000 for Community Projects; have used \$2,000 for Winter Festival

Admin/Zaira, \$3,000 remaining till July 2025

Public Comment, Zoom. None

Create new Ad Hoc: Adopt a Road 2.0 (@2:06:47) Potential actions include approval of formation of a new Ad Hoc for Adopt a Road 2.0 program.

Councilmember Reyes, invited Councilmember Norman to be on Ad hoc. Norman, accepted. Invited others? Nominated Councilmember Dong. Reyes, would like to continue the process, need to create new Ad hoc i.e. 2.0. Ready to start volunteer training, plan for two events.

Public Comment, None

Chair Iturri called for a motion. Councilmember Dong made Motion to create Ad hoc Adopt a Road 2.0 w/ addition of Councilmember Norman. Councilmember Fernandez, second. Vote, all in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**Dissolution of Ad Hoc(s) (@2:09:06) Council discussion & approval for dissolution of specific Ad Hoc(s).
None.**

Public Comment, Zoom, none.

SVCAC update (@2:08:22) Receive SVCAC informational update from Nov Meeting.

SVCAC Liaison/Councilmember Norman

Did not attend meeting. December SVCAC meeting changed to Tuesday Dec 17th. Supervisor Gorin will be in attendance for farewell remarks.

Ad hoc and Community Projects Updates, Council Reports, Announcements, and updates (@2:10:08)

- Funding Requests for Community Projects; Councilmembers Fernandez, Lombard

Completed in earlier Agenda Item #9

- **Emergency Preparedness 2.0;** Councilmembers Reyes, Winders, Dong.

Councilmember Reyes, Ad hoc meeting pending. Attended other meeting on local road maps. Presented w/ funding available for an earthquake prep project. Begin in January w/ new consulting company, more details in Feb. Could be funding for 3 projects proposed - more Wi-Fi connectivity, radios, retrograding local buildings. Choices pending.

Admin/Zaira, her last day w/ MAC will be Dec 31st.

Reyes, will send details to MAC on project/s. Specifically in Springs, 1501.3 Census Tract, Evacuation Zone 6E2. Will meet w/ other Ad hoc members soon.

Springs Farmers Market, Councilmembers Norman, Reyes (@2:12:59)

Councilmember Norman, met w/ Kelly Smith, Exec Dir Ace Farmers Market in So Co & Marin; used to run Springs Market. Met at Plaza, discussed next steps. Two grant applications pending. May/June launch 2025 tentative. Suggest start day/time Sundays 11am; invite Council & community input for time/s, will be at Plaza 22 Boyes Blvd. Working on permits & insurance. Next step – meet w/ Ad hoc.

Invited participation from community & local business collaboration. Dates to be finalized by Jan 25, will have launch date for marketing, website, vendors. Councilmember Lombard, feels 11am a late start. Other markets start at 8am. Shoppers want to get there early. Norman, understood, but factoring in Sunday church services, & competition from other local markets, limited to Sunday.

Councilmember Reyes, in past was 11-1pm. Takes time to set up. Vendors arrive at 8:30/9am to set up for an 11 opening.

Councilmember Fernandez, agreed, 11am is good.

Housing, Councilmembers Winders, Lombard, Dong (@2:17:15)

Vice Chair Winders, met w/ the Coordinated Entry Team that does coordinated entry for houseless community; good conversation about lack of resources in the valley for families and for transitional age youth. There are resources for individuals experiencing homelessness, but is a lack of resources for families, and, folks who are still in their housing but are about to lose it. Excellent meeting, got a lot of information; glad to see the flyers out for Home First, talked about that in meeting. This is going to be another really needed resource.

The Ad hoc didn't meet; it's been a month, will try to get together over the next month between now and our next MAC meeting, whether that's January or February to work on next steps.

Encouraged getting this resource out regarding Home First; it can help keep people in their homes before they lose their homes. That is a game changer, because once people lose their homes it becomes exponentially harder.

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Utility Boxes, Chair Iturri (@2:19:08)

Admin/Zaira, connected w/ engineering tech from So Co Public Infrastructure. The latest update - he sent over the updated art concepts that Cal Trans was requesting from artist, and then a timeline for when she plans to begin the project which won't be until summer 2025. Waiting to hear back from Cal Trans & see if they approve the preliminary request; once that's approved there will be updated signatures they'll need from the artist.

Springs Community Plaza, Councilmembers Norman, Lombard, Fernandez (@2:20:04)

Councilmember Norman, reporting

Working on sign for entrance archway. Requested this be a Future Agenda Item for council input for wording/fonts. If possible to decide sooner, could finish. Suggested posting to social media for input. Welcomed suggestions. Reyes, there is a sign by Jesus Bravo made of metal that says "Springs" - suggested moving that to Plaza? Norman, other archway project already in works. Perhaps ask Sup Gorin to decide. Also, local artists to paint murals on cement barrier blocks in next few days. Same artists who painted beautiful mural at Skate Park.

Councilmember Reyes, thanked Sup Gorin's office for decorating plaza for Winter Celebration 2024.

Councilmember Dong, RE: installation of trees in Plaza. Need communication between Farmers Market Ad hoc & Springs Plaza Ad hoc, because space is reduced by trees. Norman, agreed, she is on both Ad hocs. Trees need to be movable. Dong, tree boxes are big. Norman, will need to move them & the barrier blocks; have equipment.

Councilmember Lombard, suggested using both signs. Noted Josette Eichar has created a cleanup crew; Springs Rotary involved as volunteers. Also, RE: posting on Facebook, encouraged people to participate, activate the conversations

Councilmember Fernandez, first Plaza clean up Monday Dec 16, 2pm; will coordinate signups for volunteers to rotate.

Vice Chair Winders, clarified MAC can't all post/like/comment on FB to other; avoid due to Brown Act. Could happen unintentionally. Cheer on but be careful.

Public Comment

Karina Garcia, RE: Plaza. Sup Gorin's Office requested all progress/happenings be documented. Video to be produced, highlighting "Phase One" of Community Plaza. Joining meeting next week to help Ad hoc create video or Facebook Live about what should & shouldn't be done for/with plaza. To encourage community to use as a safe space, treat it as our home i.e. don't trash or violate. Use it and enjoy it. Has observed picnic tables being used for eating, waiting for bus, etc. Also, RE: Facebook, MAC can individually post, then share; don't like or comment. Council still has access challenges, except for original members. Offered assistance/support.

Consideration of Future Agenda Items (@2:29:55)

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

Chair Iturri: input for Plaza sign/s.

Councilmember Norman, RE: Bike Racks, request a 2.0 Ad hoc. Admin/Zaira, clarified, Ad hocs merged when Color Run & Bike Rack events merged, then Ad hoc was dissolved. Update - in contact w/ So Co Transit, re suggested list of locations. Now request to create Bike Rack Ad hoc 2.0. Will put on next Agenda.

Councilmember Dong, suggested holding a Special Meeting re immigration, deportation concerns/issues. Suggested coordinating all the So Co organizations, community partners. Sonoma Immigrant Services is coordinating. Chair, perhaps January Special Meeting for that if possible.

Councilmember Norman, requested a safety/regulation community presentation. Issues in area. E.g. trash dumping, last week 3 households dumped in Plaza. How to work w/ law enforcement to prevent? Dong, not Sherriff's office - is Code Enforcement citation for illegal dumping, not Law Enforcement. Contact Permit Sonoma. Lombard, this is for the Plaza? Norman, community safety in general. Hearing concerns from community.

Admin/Zaira, will update Future Items requests, forward to new Staff.

Councilmember Lombard, concerned re bike safety. Seen bike riders after dark, no lights. Can be expensive to buy helmets, lights. Any way to provide possible funding for bike safety?

Public Comment

Betzy Chavez, RE immigration concerns. Meeting this Friday, 13th, Noon to 3pm. Community driven, to make an action plan, encompasses multiple organizations, sectors and efforts will move us forward, weaving a true sanctuary ecosystem. 3318 Stony Point Rd Santa Rosa

Adjourned 9:09pm

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For viewing purposes: Supervisor Gorin's YouTube page w/ all meeting videos.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AA_EnxdzEng

Springs MAC Meeting 12/11/24 - Sonoma TV You Tube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NiCqYJCJfvhO>

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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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