



Sonoma Valley, California

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.

Members

- Maité Iturri, Chair
- Hanna Perot, Vice Chair (resigned as of April 12, 2023 meeting)
- Jesus Yeuri Alcaraz
- Jack Allan
- Joe Hardeman
- Iris Lombard
- Maricarmen Reyes
- Celeste Winders
- Staff: Karina Garcia

April 12, 2023

Board of Supervisors
County of Sonoma
575 Administration Drive
Room 100 A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Dear Board of Supervisors

The Springs Municipal Advisory Council (Springs MAC) would like to summarize our activities and accomplishments over the calendar year of 2022-2023 and cumulative updates for you and other members of the Board of Supervisors. Our summary is drawn from the complete record of activities extracted from our meeting minutes.

Monthly Meetings- The Springs MAC generally convenes the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. The meetings were held on Zoom until the March 2023 meeting which was held in person at the Sonoma Valley Unified School District Offices. We are able to offer a hybrid option for community members from this location.

Organizational year- The Springs MAC has been operational for four years. Since 2019 was the initial year following MAC formation, it was generally felt necessary by council members, staff, and the chair to request key county department heads or designates to appear before the Council to introduce themselves and provide an overview of their departments' organization, mission and key objectives for Councilmembers.

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Ad Hoc Committees

Arts: Bike Racks – placement of bike racks on Highway 12

Social Media – increase social media presence

Logo – new logo contest

Springs Plaza—has been dissolved

Roads – identify roads in need of improvement and submit list to Supervisor Gorin for PI/TPW consideration

Adopt a Highway/Road

Art for Utility Boxes

Roads Ad Hoc Report

The S.M.A.C. was tasked with suggesting roads for the 2024/2025 Pavement Preservation Program Priority Roads Lists—Springs Region. An Ad Hoc was formed composed of Council member Lombard and Vice Chair Perot. A number of materials were supplied by the County to aid in determining which roads would be most useful to the Springs. The Paving Project History Map and the Current Conditions Map were the most helpful tools for the Ad Hoc.

The criteria that were used were population density, number of dwellings, apparent number of residents (doubling, tripling in some places). Concern over road conditions in evacuation routes, especially those with expected large volume and narrow lanes. Road width relative to the road conditions and opportunities to avoid hazards were deemed of concern, as well as traffic volume and parked cars. The Ad Hoc used personal knowledge of Springs roads and as well, drove a good number of roads to make visual assessments.

There are many roads in the Springs which need repair. We were told that realistically only 3-4 miles of roads would be chosen. Instead of suggesting more roads with the Council voting on the most needy, we created a short list of roads that seemed most needful. Council members made suggestions which were noted by Supervisor Gorin. The list was voted on and approved unanimously by the Council.

Accomplishments

2022-2023

Springs Emergency Preparedness Event in September 10, 2022

Winter Celebration: Partnering with Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn, Sonoma Immigration Services, Sonoma Valley Fire Department on December 18, 2022

Día de los Muertos Altar: Partnered with Art Escape for Altar set up October 28, 2022 at 22 Boyes Blvd.

Holiday Decorations: Resolution to create Springs Fence Winter decoration celebrations and partnered with Art Escape for lighting and decoration

Letter supporting housing at Sonoma Developmental Center

Letter advocating for traffic improvements on Highway 12

Letter advocating for Mental Health support in Sonoma Valley

Bike Racks for Bus stops

Sponsoring Día de los Niños

Upcoming Springs Picnic

Ride along with Fire Department to view Spring's road conditions for evacuation

Emergency Preparedness Event in May 2023

Walk along Highway 12 with CalTrans and Sonoma County

Resolution to create Larson Creek clean up Ad hoc. Larson Creek Clean up Event held on September 17th 2022.

Creation of a simpler SMAC flier in English and Spanish for a better reach.

Springs Plaza ad hoc formed by Councilmembers Hannah Perot, Joe Hardeman and Jesus Alcaraz drafted SMAC statement for the Springs Plaza meetings.

Members of Springs Plaza ad hoc attended public outreach meetings held on November 15 and 17 at Flowery School.

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Communications

Social Media – Facebook

KSVY broadcasting

Community Outreach – Winter Celebration, Emergency Preparedness Event and Springs Picnic

Two fliers created for outreach in September

Presentations and Actions- We have received presentations from the following departments and community members in Sonoma County and Sonoma Valley:

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS and SAFETY

Sonoma Fire - Chief Steve Akre provides quarterly updates, fire district and fire season.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan - Springs Fire Safe Council

HEALTH, WELLNESS AND COVID 19

Department of Health Services: COVID-19 Update - Dr. Sundari Mase and Dr. Urmila Shende

Introduction Sonoma Valley Hospital Executive Director - John Hennelly

Sonoma County Health Services: Covid - Dr. Kismet Baldwin and Dr. Leslie Kimura

Covid Update: Pandemic vs Endemic - Dr. Sundari Mase

Sonoma Valley Community Health Center - Cheryl Johnson, Director

MENTAL HEALTH

Sonoma County Behavioral Health/Mental Health

SAFE Team - Manning Walker, SAFE Team Manager

NAMI - Mary-Frances Walsh, Executive Director

Suicide Prevention- Elizabeth Storm, Health Program Manager, Sonoma County Behavioral Health

Mental Health- Parents and Youth - Leslie Nicholson, RISK

Sonoma Valley Mental Health Collective- Cindy Sutton, Substance Abuse Program Manager, Hanna Center

Sonoma County Health Services: Mobile Support Group - Group Wendy Tappan, Health Program Manager

PARKS

Larson Park Letter of Support

Review and approve letter of support for Larson Park funding improvements.

Larson Park Master Plan - County Regional Parks Director Bert Whitaker and Parks Planning Manager Steve Ehret

Sonoma Skatepark - Nick Koerner, Director Valley of the Moon Park Riders Union and Eric Muzzy, Design Supervisor

Regional Parks: Measure M - Bert Whitaker, Director of Regional Parks and Melanie Parker, Deputy Director Regional Parks

TRANSPORTATION AND ROADS

Transportation and Public Works- Janice Thompson, Deputy Director Engineering & Maintenance

Caltrans Update - Jeff Weiss, Caltrans PIO and Adrian Levy, District Branch Chief, Traffic Safety

Response to MAC's letter requesting Traffic and Safety improvements.

Arnold Drive: Bike Lanes - Cindy Rader, Sonoma County Public Infrastructure, and Jeremy Schmal, GHD

Sonoma County Transit - Manager Bryan Albee on the Sonoma-Rohnert Park route & Sonoma Valley routes

24/25 Pavement Preservation Program (PPP) Priority Roads Lists

Sonoma County Transit - Bryan Albee, Transit Systems Manager, Sonoma County Transit

CONSTRUCTION, PROJECTS, AND SUSTAINABILITY

SDC Specific Plan - Irving Huerta, Planner Permit Sonoma

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Springs Specific Plan EIR scoping - Brian Oh, Permit Sonoma
SDC Alternatives Report Presentation by - Dyett & Bhatia, Permit Sonoma Staff
Homeless Action Sonoma - Annie Falandes, President and Sean Rodriguez, Project Manager
Springs Projects: Daniel Crowley, Project Manager, Mattson Projects
Springs Specific Plan Draft EIR Informational Update - Doug Bush, Permit Sonoma
810 West Agua Caliente Road, Sonoma: Potential Development presentation - Hanna Center on current activities
Springs Community Plaza Ad Hoc Update and letter Approval
Receive update from the Springs Community Plaza Ad Hoc following the November public meetings.
Sonoma Developmental Center Draft EIR Letter of Support

FINANCE

Tourism- *Kelly Bass Seibel, Sonoma County Tourism* and *TBC Tim Zahner, SVVB*
Small Business Economic Growth - *TBC Ethan Brown, EDB* and *TBC Mark Bodenhamer, SVCC*

OTHER

Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County
Springs MAC Annual Report
Advisory Redistricting Commission - Herman G. Hernandez & Ray Willett, Commissioner
Portrait of Sonoma - Oscar Chavez, Assistant Department Director, Human Services and Alegria de La Cruz, Director Office of Equity
Code Enforcement/Permit Sonoma- Tyra Harrington, Code Enforcement Manager, Permit and Resource Management
Sonoma Valley Regional Library - Sabine L. Salek, Branch Manager, Sonoma Valley Regional Library
Vacation Rental Ordinance - Gary Helfrich, Planner, Permit and Resource Management
E-Waste, Recycling and Hauling Event
CDC/Health Department: ERAP Program
Logo Design Competition Budget Request
Brown Act: Social Media Outreach- *County Counsel*
Creative Sonoma - Kristen Madsen, Director Creative Sonoma

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Springs Community. The presentations the Council receives focuses on the quality and safety of life in the Springs. The Council's interests remain high in the areas of emergency preparedness, mental health, and road safety. We have seen little progress in these areas, and we continue to advocate for improvements. We appreciate the partnership with Sonoma County and look forward to addressing the needs in the Springs.

Sincerely,



Maite Iturri, Chair
Springs Municipal Advisory Council

Attachments-

CC: Council Members
Arielle Kubu-Jones
Karina Garcia

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BIKE RACKS



DIA de LOS MUERTOS ALTER BOYES BLVD and DIA de LOS MUERTOS LARSON PARK



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Winter Festival



Emergency Preparedness Event