



**Springs Municipal Advisory Council  
Minutes of Hybrid Meeting In person/Zoom  
September 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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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call 6:30pm**

Roll Call: Chair Iturri

Present: Winders, Lombard, Reyes

Absent: Dong, Fernandez, Norman

Councilmember Barakat has resigned

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

**Chair Iturri:** Acknowledged MAC's support team. Broadcasting 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 Rodillo, and Maya Fonseca**

**2. Approval of Minutes of August 14, 2024 Meetings.**

Councilmember Winders moved to approve August 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes, Councilmember Lombard seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**File: Springs MAC Minutes September 11, 2024 Hybrid can be found here:**  
<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/springs-mac-meeting-september11-2024>

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

**None.**

#### 4. **Chair Iturri Update (@2:00)**

- **Joint Meeting w/ SVCAC & Springs MAC, presentation by Permit Sonoma, September 24,** 6pm, at School District Office. To review County General Plan for Emergency Preparedness. Admin Enriquez will be sending out materials ahead for Council review. This is the information gathering phase; an opportunity for Community Outreach to Springs.
- Springs MAC promotional video in process. Karina Garcia may be contacting Councilmembers.
- SVCAC Liaison and At Large position open.
- Item 8 on Agenda to be rescheduled

#### 5. **Supervisor Gorin Update (@4:12)**

- BoS Meeting next Tuesday (9/17): **Second Reading Tenant Improvement**, info available on line for review. Conversation, negotiation on Ordinance.
- **Larson Park update**, finalizing info specifications to go out to bid Sept/Oct. announced in Spring, not 2024 Fall. One tennis ball/pickle ball available to use during construction. Walking path on Duchene, around construction to Flowery. Safe passage for students. Met w/ La Luz Center, invited ideas for programming/activities. E.g. a portable or permanent stage w/ amplification, movies in park. Bathrooms in process.
- **Community Plaza**, plan to close down most of parking using concrete blocks from Public Infrastructure. Will have pedestrian access. Ordering 2 picnic tables from Probation, manufacture, will deliver, assemble. 6' & 8'. Possible to acquire free weathered tables from Charter School. Meeting w/ tech on site soon, will invite MAC & others for input. Paint can be provided. PI could grind out stripes. Neighbors accustomed to parking there; will need to relocate. Owners of Wine Country Tires phasing out business, while building project moves forward. Could be complimentary to Community Plaza.

**Councilmember Lombard**, RE: fencing recently removed from Mattson/LeFever Lanning Project. Progress? Gorin, no. But county is concerned about safety, exploring requirements for owner to safeguard site. Lombard, space good for parking. Gorin, also concern RE: Boyes Food Market; residents in back cottages vacated/relocated, buildings vacant. Neighbors' complaints of infestation. Lombard, concerned also about dangerous debris. Gorin, have alerted Code Enforcement re infestation, debris; also working w/ County Counsel.

**Supervisor Gorin**, meeting w/ incoming Supervisor Hermosillo who will be meeting w/ North Sonoma Valley Mac in October. Gorin recommended she meet w/ Springs MAC on transition plans at October MAC meeting. Request by Hermosillo that both MACs & SVCAC cancel meetings in January. Rumors of discontinuing the MACs or CAC are untrue.

**Councilmember Winders**, RE: cancellation of January meetings. Is that at the discretion of Supervisor or MAC? Gorin, problem is new Supervisor may not have Staff due to changes. Transition now more complicated than 12 years ago when Gorin began.

**Chair Iturri**, clarified, only one month of cancelled meetings? MAC has many projects in process. Gorin, correct, but check w/ Supervisor-Elect Hermosillo. She agreed; not sworn in office till January 5. May not have Staff ready. **Winders**, heard a rumor it would be two months of meetings cancelled. Gorin, she recommended just January.

Public Comment, Zoom, None.

## **6. Sonoma County Behavioral Health: Mobile Support Team (MST)**

*Receive an informational presentation from the **Sonoma County Mobile Support Team** and various services offered in Sonoma Valley.*

**Wendy Tappan, Client Care Manager, MST**, a mobile crisis care team. Recently completed massive expansion, in service areas & hours, over last six months. Fully operational now 24/7 county-wide. Partner w/ Safe & Response Teams to support them.

RE: Services in Sonoma Valley. 24 hour coverage, overnight, anytime. New Call Center set up, using same public number, staffed w/ alcohol/drug counselors & senior client support specialists, for behavioral health case managers. When someone calls the number they get standardized screening, safety & risk questions to assess needs. Analyze what appropriate response is. Can respond without Law Enforcement - initially that was the design, but community now wants separation if no safety concerns for person involved or team/s. Can work w/ Law if needed. Call center works w/ Dispatch, to coordinate other providers, other crisis response teams, can direct to best resources.

Project is going well. Utilization Rate improving. In Sonoma Valley since 2019. Due to change to model can now serve more people. Coming out to Agua Caliente, Springs, Sonoma, Kenwood. Haven't started advertising yet. New Communications Director in Behavioral Health. 800 number in process.

**Call number1- 800-746 8181**; also bilingual flyer w/ general info available. More educational materials in process.

**Chair Iturri**, is there bilingual Staff; what other kind of language/s available? Wendy, have a language line to access translation services.

**Councilmember Lombard**, acknowledged Organization's work.

**Councilmember Winders**, further info re when the call is a child in crisis? What is training if a parent calling for a child; may be another level of hesitation? Wendy, people who are hired have varying experience, many have worked w/ children, youth & families, & from group home settings, etc. Wendy herself worked on Crisis Team for 7 years; coming back. Training is different for how to support a minor in crisis, & navigate w/ the family. Understand it's the family unit in crisis, not just youth; work to support whole family. Connect them to family resources. De-escalate immediate crisis, provide safety, whatever intervention appropriate for different ages. Winders, inquired as to response for someone who is neuro-divergent, has developmental disorder or nonspeaking people? For e.g. de-escalation or calming? Wendy, have staff trained for that situation; staff w/ youth of their own who have helped inform. Behavior is communication. Crisis work can be creative; ask how to communicate w/o words. Have been successful.

**Councilmember Reyes**, will the Team be present at Connection Prevention in Sonoma event?  
Wendy, yes.

**Public Comment, zoom, none.**

**7. Vice Chair Nomination (@27:49)**

*Council to receive nomination(s) and elect new Vice Chair.*

**Councilmember Reyes nominated Councilmember Winders. Councilmember Lombard second. Councilmember Winders accepted nomination. Vote. All in favor. Unanimous, Approved.**

Public Comment, Zoom, None.

- 8. Bike Racks: Identify locations for Bike Racks to be installed (Item postponed; no report)**
- 9. Dissolution of Ad Hoc(s) (Item Opened & Closed)**

**10. SVCAC update (29:21)**

*Receive SVCAC informational update.*

**Admin Enriquez:**

- 1. Informational presentation by LAFCO, on Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities Study, (DUC). Power Point by CEO Bramfitt, brief overview of LAFCO. Generally DUC are areas that are lower income; relating to cities annexing land of 10 acres or more adjacent to DUCs. Relevant in South Santa Rosa. MAP of Sonoma Valley displayed; showed there are no potential properties to annex
- 2. General Plan update, Ad hoc. Discussion in progress. Direction: November SVCAC meeting dedicated to input from Commissioners. Also presentation from City Dev Director Jennifer Gaites.
- 3. Upcoming meetings: September for Outreach Ad hoc. October for current County General Plan update of Public Safety Element & new Environmental Justice element. November for Sonoma City General Plan

**Chair Iturri**, is Councilmember Norman going to be SVCAC liaison? **Supervisor Gorin**, yes.

**Public Comment, Zoom, None**

**11. Ad hoc and Community Projects Updates (@32:48)**

*Council Reports, Announcements, and updates*

- **Adopt A Road**, Councilmember Reyes: no update except to invite Councilmember Norman to join Ad hoc
- **Funding Requests for Community Projects**, Councilmember Fernandez (absent): No update
- **Emergency Preparedness 2.0**, Councilmembers Reyes, Winders: in process.
- **Springs Farmers Market**, Councilmembers Reyes, Norman(absent): in process

- **Utility Boxes, Admin Enriquez**, met Tuesday, artist signed Local Agency Agreement w/ SoCoPi. Admin submitted to SoCoPi. Next step, County Counsel will sign, submit to Cal Trans. then 4-6 weeks to completion.

- **Housing, Councilmembers Winders, Lombard, Dong** met to develop plan. Also met w/ Sonoma Valley Housing group member, & w/ Sonoma Collaborative member. Caitlin Cornwall sent doc w/ list of housing related issues, Dave sent email converted to doc. Discussed. Next step: will combine docs to create list, have an agenda item how MAC will prioritize re Action Steps. Meeting notes & docs sent to Ad hoc. Will meet again; suggested two agenda items.

**Councilmember Lombard:** Two Asks - 1) a presentation from the County to present on the Just Cause Eviction Ordinance. How will the information be communicated to the Springs Community? How does County expect it will be enforced? 2) Create a list to bring to the Springs MAC from the meeting and documents presented by the Sonoma Valley Collaborative and the Sonoma Valley Housing Group. This is expected to help the MAC direct the work of the ad hoc, if appropriate.

Slides displayed w/ info on list. (See Supplemental Doc File)

#### **Public Comment**

**Juan Fressi**, Sonoma Valley Early Care & Education Partnership Director w/ 4 Cs. RE: Co-location of childcare w/ any new development/s. Noted Housing list just displayed - these are examples of places to include Family Childcare accessible apartment into new development/s. 4Cs runs a center built into a low income housing development w/ a CA State preschool program there for housing. Works well. Offered to meet to discuss, keep this need in the forefront. Make plans. Have increased child care providers & centers, still an ongoing problem.

**Supervisor Gorin**, invited him to meet w/ her & developers.

**Councilmember Winders**, supportive of this work.

#### **12. Consideration of Future Agenda Items (@40:42)**

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

**Councilmember Winders:** January - invite County to present on Just Cause Ordinance; Specifically for Springs Community.

Also, Housing priority list for discussion. Ad hoc needs direction from MAC re prioritizing Action Item/s. Chair, will make it a Resolution Item.

**Councilmember Lombard**, clarified the Just Cause also about enforcement? Winders, to present on Ordinance overall, also enforcement & communication.

**Chair Iturri**, October - discussion on whether to cancel January meeting. Resolution item.

**Councilmember Reyes**, invite rep from Urban Areas Security Initiative, to Report on Study, Census Tract 150335, technically evacuation across the creek. The main hazard in the Report is about earthquake, Rogers Creek connects. There is a school in that area; community needs to know. Connect w/ MYN, City of Sonoma, Dept. of Emerg Mgmt., & others. Before December

**Councilmember Winders**, urgency on Just Cause; is now in effect, concerned.

**Councilmember Lombard**, Dia de los Muertos in October. Iturri, Budget Committee needs to meet & create a plan.

**Councilmember Reyes**, clarification on Budget request Ad hoc process? Iturri, approved Ad hoc to create process to receive all submissions at once, have a criteria, make decision. But hasn't met yet. Reyes, RE: Winter Celebration? Send to Admin Enriquez? Winders, will have to continue w/ current process until updates. Yes, Admin Enriquez will handle a Budget Request now.

**Councilmember Lombard**, commented it is unrealistic to expect organizations to submit a new plan for a whole year ahead. Suggested a four month span. Chair, agreed, in discussion.

**Supervisor Gorin, Public Announcement, RE:** law enforcement, homeless challenges, etc. Sheriff Engram, Town Hall this Thursday 5:30-6:30 w/ Police Chief Cutting, Sonoma City Council Chambers. Opportunity to bring up Springs' issues/priorities.

**Public Comment, Zoom, None**

**13. Adjourned 7:22pm**

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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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