



**Springs Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes of Hybrid Meeting In person/Zoom
April 9, 2025**



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Springs MAC Meeting 4-9-25 - Sonoma TV You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYKPbRQPZIk>

1. Call to Order & Roll Call 6:31pm

Roll Call: Iturri

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

Absent:

Staff Present:

Betzy Chavez, First District Bilingual Field Representative, County of Sonoma

Betzy.Chavez@sonoma-county.org

Jessica Barajas, Board Aide, Jessica.Barajas@Sonoma-County.org

Lin Marie deVincent, Minute Taker

Chair Reyes:

Noted interest expressed at County MACs meeting RE: reinstating the Pledge of Allegiance; queried MAC. Councilmember Iturri recommended it be a Future Agenda Item. Agreed.

Reiterated Springs MAC Mission Statement: *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.*

SMAC is 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 **Anabella Tidona and Ricardo Delgado.**

2. Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2025 Meetings.

Councilmember Iturri moved to approve March 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes, Councilmember Dong seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

File: Springs MAC Minutes April 9, 2025 Hybrid can be found here:
<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/springs-mac-meeting-april-9-2025>

3. Public Comment Items not on Agenda. 3 minute limit (@4:06)

Josette Brose-Eichar, group of 7 volunteers doing weekly clean-up of temporary Springs Plaza area. Good news is Barber Eric who rents in front of Mattson building is cooperating to clean up trash in between there. Please note there are 2-3 homeless people camping. Do not want to take their possessions & discard, so have left items. Recently getting hostile & uninformed comments on social media. Have reached out to Home First for help. Ron Wellander on County Commission offered to seek help. Need to keep it clean & welcome. People uninformed this is a temporary Plaza. Spreading misinformation on social media. Requested Springs MAC post on community Facebook page, and also to print info in Sun & SIT w/ facts re Plaza. Has forwarded correspondence on county code enforcement re Mattson dereliction to District one staff Betzy Chavez on derelict buildings. Something needs to be done, will impact reopening of Farmers Market & continue to degrade Springs. Will submit here other Comments & responses from Home First who will go to connect w/ homeless there & will continue their efforts.

Additional comment: Had a long conversation w/ Homeless Action Sonoma, but they are primarily a service organization, w/ resources for that work. Recommended county outreach organization. Did so but not heard back. Will continue.

Public Comments via email from Josette Brose Eichar including replies from Jake Larkin

From: Josette Brose-Eichar <josette@lavenderfloral.com> **Sent:** Tue, April 8, 2025 12:52:24 PM
To: Coordinated Entry <ce@homefirstscc.org> **Subject:** An ask for help and advice

Hi, I am a volunteer helping to keep an area in the Springs area of the Sonoma Valley at the corner of Boyes Blvd. and Highway 12 clean. This area is on county land and was set up as a temporary community plaza. Adjacent to the property is a building that is in poor condition, but does house the Post Office and one tenant, a barber, but much of the building is vacant and the landlord is KS Mattson who I sure you have read about in the Press Democrat. So, they are not going to be responsive or actually care about this property becoming a derelict eyesore. Though I have opened complaints with the county about this property, they are not doing anything. As part of the clean up team that goes there once a week to pick up trash and maintain the area, we often see that un-housed people camp and leave their possessions by the building and on the sidewalks. We do not want to take the belongings of those that are down on their luck, so while we pick up what is clearly trash, we do not touch, clothing, blankets, sleeping mats or things that appear to be personal possessions. I spoke with Homeless Action Sonoma to see if they could reach out to what I think are at most 2 or 3 people who are using this area. They told me that you were the organization that does outreach and to contact you. If someone could talk with and help these individuals it would be so helpful for our Springs community. If you would like to talk with me my cell number is 707-815-9354. We have those in our community that want us to dispose of the property of these un-housed folks and we will not do that, as it is cruel and unfair. These people constantly complain on social media and do

not understand the crisis we have here in the Sonoma Valley and in the entire US. So I am hoping that you can help out.

Sincerely, Josette Brose-Eichar

On 4/9/2025 12:35 PM, from Home First Jake Larkin:

Hi Josette, I want to start by thanking you for the human centered approach you are taking, we really appreciate it. Our goals are certainly aligned, as we want to ensure that everyone has a safe place to sleep indoors. Although we are not able to remove belongings, we will visit the folks staying at this location tomorrow to assess their needs and attempt to support them relocating to a safe place. Although our ability to support immediate relocation is limited based on shelter availability, we will offer them alternatives and assess their needs for general service connections as well as shelter options. Luz and Nadya (included in this email) are planning to engage with the folks in this location around 8:30am tomorrow. Although they have the location, it may be helpful if they can call you while they are at the location in the case that they are unable to locate the folks occupying the area. Although we cannot share personal information that the unhoused residents we engage with share with us, you are at liberty to provide us with any information you think is helpful. Please know that although we cannot commit to immediate results, we plan to revisit the location as many times as needed until we find a safer alternative for the people staying there. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our efforts.

Thank you, Jake Larson Home First

From: Josette Brose-Eichar <josette@lavenderfloral.com> **Sent:** Wed, April 9, 2025 1:14 PM

To: Jake Larkin <jlarkin@homefirstsc.org> **Subject:** Re: An ask for help and advice

Hi Jake, Thank you so much for responding. I have never actually met the people who have been camping at this site. I and the others that clean up the area are usually there mid-day to late afternoon, and not early in the morning or later in the evening. I think it is maybe 2 or possibly 3 people. The belongings come and go and are in slightly different locations each time. If you call me I most likely would not be able to help you locate these folks if they are not there. I live across the highway in the hills directly east of the location. But, here is my cell number 707-815-9354. I will also check the area later today to see if belongings are there and send you an e-mail. I know there is an organization that removes and stores belongings, but I really do not want to contact them and do that. I will be speaking at our Springs Municipal Advisory Council tonight and hope the county will become more active in helping out with a better solution for these folks and their possessions.

Thank you, Josette

From: Jake Larkin <jlarkin@homefirstsc.org>

Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2025 16:59:28 +0000

To: Josette Brose-Eichar <josette@lavenderfloral.com>

Hi again, I just wanted to let you know that two members of our outreach team visited the area today and saw some belongings but no people unfortunately. We are planning to return to the building next week, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday morning. If we come up short again and

do not see anyone, we will return at a different time of day at another date until we make contact with the people staying there. Once we make contact, we will support the folks there to explore safer alternatives such as shelter options. Please feel free to reach out if you have any information that may help with this effort. We truly appreciate your support.

JakeLarkin

From: Jake Larkin <jlarkin@homefirstscc.org> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 9, 2025 2:25 PM

To: Josette Brose-Eichar <josette@lavenderfloral.com> **Subject:** Re: An ask for help and advice
Hi Josette,

Thanks for giving those additional details, and thanks again for having such a humane approach. We will make sure to return to the location if we do not come in contact with anyone tomorrow. Feel free to reach back out to us as needed.

Much appreciated, Jake Larkin

Marcos Suarez, Sonoma County Economic Development Collaborative. Department to help start or grow business in county, Springs. Working w/ La Luz Center. Go to Sonomaedc.org for assistance; offices in Santa Rosa. *Spanish translation provided.*

Public Comment on Zoom

Eilene Roche, Springs resident/Mountain Ave. Working on Plan w/ Valley of the Moon Garden Club for Green Blue infrastructure in city & county of Sonoma. Have had success w/ City; Green Links Initiative officially part of City Plan Goals. Have partnered in county w/ Sonoma Land Trust, AG & Open Space, Sonoma Ecology Center. Have a framework that can benefit all communities & integrates w/ the priorities of SMAC. Requested to get on SMAC Agenda, have opportunity to thoroughly present Plan to Council, & a conversation about how to work together to integrate goals. Examples within city of Sonoma - Green Links Initiative is plan to connect a system of trails, green streets, creek paths to link people, parks, neighborhoods & nature. Designed to help Sonoma Valley grow in a way that's healthy, safe, and sustainable. How to connect all the existing bike paths & green spaces so seniors can have a place to gather that's protected by shade canopy, so High School students can safely bike to school, communities can access the hospital & new housing developments can have access to economic centers w/o causing more traffic congestion. A few more examples in Springs; can be connecting economic corridors, bringing the city to the Sunday Farmers Market, the Springs Plaza, great food options in Springs. Only one hospital in town, one high school. Even basic groceries require movement on Highway 12. Want to make sure that's accessible to all communities, whether have a car or not, even when 95 degrees out. Inspired by love of life in Springs, but would like to be less car dependent. Likes to bike but Hwy 12 unsafe, especially intersection Verano/12, no bike lane, sidewalk or shoulder. Would like better access to creek, be able bike to wineries. Have framework that's working in other cities; requested opportunity to present to SMAC.

Chair Reyes, will add this request to list for Future Agenda Items.

Public Comment Closed

4. Chair Reyes Update (@13:15)

First meeting as Chair.

- Gratitude to outgoing Chair Iturri for her six years as Chair.
- Noted Councilmember Winders recent resignation. Thanked her for significant contributions to SMAC. Notably her commitment to the Larson Park improvements which are in process, including new bathrooms. Will be missed.

Public Comment/Zoom

Karina Soto Garcia, Sonoma Valley, congratulated new Chair Reyes, expressed gratitude to outgoing Chair Iturri & her ability to overcome obstacles w/ a smile & heart. Invited community to meeting of Charla Comunitaria, Thursday, April 17th 6-7pm, via zoom, also broadcasting live on Facebook. Topic: Resources & Support to immigrant communities. Panelists from Sonoma Immigrant Services (SIS), Secure Families Collaborative, reps from Sonoma County Human, and Health Services; encouraged all to spread the word. *Provided Spanish translation.*

5. Supervisor Hermosillo Update (@18:56)

- **Gateway Roundabout Art Project** in South Valley, at new roundabout by gas station. Community listening session held; continuing former Sup Gorin's process. Will be installing a piece of Public Art; yet to be chosen. Another one at Hub of East Service Center. More details to come; still accepting input.
- **General Plan Update** in process. Can participate virtually or in person, welcomes input. Meeting held at Flowery School; well attended. Email address for public input; for future of valley & county. **Admin/Chavez** permitsonoma@sonoma-county.org
- **Attended CERT Trainings** held past 2 Saturdays, acknowledged Chair Reyes commitment to this project. El Verano meeting engagement excellent. 44 people registered.
- **April 17th, Emergency Preparedness Fair**
- **April 18th, Shake out Earthquake Drill**
- **May 3rd, Evacuation Drill**, in one specific zone – 6F2. See more info on Sup Social Media. Opt in to participate.
- **Larson Park** construction starts April 14th. Will be closed except for pedestrian pathway to school. Pickleball Courts will be striped in Maxwell Park temporary basis; construction complete in November.
- **Springs Plaza** getting good attention; but problem w/ people leaving belongings. Met w/ Recology for new plan. Welcomes SMAC thoughts/input on current waste bins which are contaminated; there are Compost, Garbage, Recycling – all contaminated. Suggested before pivoting to All Trash remove Compost, change blue recycling to locked lids for only cans & bottles, then add in 2 regular garbage cans.

Public Comment

Emma Lipp, requested clarification re contamination in compost. **Sup Hermosillo**, yes, trash going into all bins including recycling. **Lipp**, In general feels people are not adequately educated about compost and recycling. Need to support this law & program. Suggested educational bilingual program. **Sup Hermosillo**, agreed; there are pictures w/ instructions but inadequate.

Josette Brose-Eichar, after 2 months of attempts at keeping Plaza clean, agrees w/ Hermosillo's suggestions. Current system not working. Agrees w/ Comment RE: education outreach. As a Vacation Rental owner for 13 years, feels people can't follow the signs.

Councilmember Lombard, education about recycling inadequate in general. Requires change of mind set; start informing at younger age, can take info home to parents.

Councilmember Henderson, recommended Recology be present at Springs Farmers Market every Sunday have a booth, rent or free.

Sup Hermosillo, good idea. Also invite Zero Waste to present; having a meeting soon i.e. *How to Upcycle*. Events in other parts of county, will be at Community Center, teaching various skills. Connect w/ them for joint event.

Chair Reyes, agreed.

Public Comment, Zoom

Isabel Beer, reporter w/ SIT & PD, question/clarification date for Evacuation Drill. On May 3rd? Or Sonoma Valley Fire District says it is on April 26th? **Sup Hermosillo**, will double check dates. Will be out on social media before events. **Chair Reyes**, as community rep for Evac Drill **confirmed it is May 3rd**. Unsure where Fire District April 26th info came from; perhaps from last year? Contact county for more info – Andrea Strongman Dept. Emerg Services, or Gilbert, DM Public Info. **Sup Hermosillo**, perhaps that other date is for active shooter drill at racetrack? **Beer**, will contact county.

Admin/Chavez, reminder to Chair to review Power Point statements, i.e. Mission Statement, Role of the SMAC, Scope, Members' Duties, Resources.

Chair Reyes, Role of the SMAC: *Working with the 1 District Supervisor, the MAC is able to communicate on issues impacting the Springs to the Board of Supervisors. SMAC Responsibilities: Identify Challenges and opportunities in the communities, Research potential solutions/opportunities, and with the Supervisor, advocate for grants for planning, funding, improvements in the community. Examples may include: Plan community-wide events and festivals. Plan community -wide improvement and projects recruiting volunteers and businesses*

Scope: *Recommend health and human safety-net services. Prioritization of transportation, transit, cycling and pedestrian improvements, such as success w/ projects w/ Cal Trans at dangerous intersection Verano/12. Promote Economic Development- supporting local businesses and promoting new business development assisted by the Economic Development Board, can invite Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce and Sonoma Valley Visitors Bureau. Identify projects important to our communities public art, placemaking, trash and graffiti cleanup efforts in the communities and along the creeks. Review Proposed developments and*

planning efforts that may be referred by or in conjunction with the SVCAC; and Address additional topics and special projects as requested by the First District Supervisor

SMAC MEMBER'S DUTIES: *Attend and participate in meetings of the Council Study and analyze appropriate material submitted to the Council. Participate in Discussions and research and prepare necessary reports. Serve on subcommittees as the Council designates. Aid the public in understanding and participating in local planning issues and government processes. Learn the priorities, challenges, and opportunities in all the communities included in the SMAC: Agua Caliente, Boys Hot Springs, Fetters Hot Springs, and El Verano. Learn the functions of the County, including resources and service challenges; and Facilitate the flow of information between the Springs communities and the County*

Resources: *The Council is a resource to the constituents in Springs. Here are resources that you can access on behalf of constituents and/or share with others to use.*

Admin/Chavez, RE: concerns/complaints/issues w/ roads. Go to SoCoConnect for code enforcement, topic areas, signs, signals, lights, potholes, etc. Call directly for assistance 707-565-2550, spi@sonoma-county.org. Submit email address, will provide updates. Encourage public to use site & report. Also for Cal Trans issues, graffiti, etc. provides site addresses, etc. Admin available for further assistance.

Councilmember Lombard, went on Cal Trans site, appears only one person can report about a specific issue; not effective.

6. Brown Act – Open Meeting Law Presentation (@ 40:40)

Petra Pruggisser, Deputy County Counsel IV, Sonoma County

Power Point Presentation

Brown Act introduced in 1953 Assembly member Ralph Brown.

Transparency & Public Input: All meetings of a legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public. All persons shall be permitted to attend and participate in the meetings

What is a Legislative Body?

A commission, committee, board, or other body of a local agency whether permanent or temporary, decision making or advisory, created by charter, ordinance, resolution or formal action of the legislative body. E.g. Springs MAC created by BoS. Primarily advisory, a legislative body that must be Brown Act Compliant.

Standing Committee vs Ad hoc Committee

Standing Committee - Ongoing or indefinite term Continuing subject matter jurisdiction. Subject to Brown Act requirements (even if less than quorum) Ad Hoc Committee - not a legislative body if: Temporary Single / limited purpose. Dissolved when done. Comprised of less than a quorum of members (no member of the public) Not subject to Brown Act

What is a meeting?

Congregation of a member majority at the same time and place to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction (see details below for teleconference meetings)

Question: What constitutes a majority? Majority of Council members sitting on body. MAC = 4
No serial meetings.

A majority of the members of a legislative body shall not, outside a meeting authorized by this chapter, use a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, or take action.

Meetings of the legislative body shall be Noticed, Open & Public outside the Brown Act meeting such as this evening. Majority of the members shall not meet. This includes a series of communications which are prohibited under the Brown Act. E.g. you are not all meeting in person outside this meeting, but also to not have a serial meeting. E.g. Councilmember One talks to Councilmember 2 about something that is pertaining to the MAC Business.

Councilmember 2 sends a text message to Councilmember 3 to tell Councilmember 3 what was discussed, and then Council member 3 calls Councilmember 4, and relays the information that was done. That would be considered a Serial meeting and is not allowed under the Brown Act. Don't use social media, including "posts" or "likes", etc.

Majority of members may not use the social media platform to discuss among themselves business within the subject matter jurisdiction. Members may not make, post, "like" or share communications on social media platforms between members, including comments or use of digital icons that express reactions to communications made by other member.

Ok to share information separately. E.g. on social media to answer questions, provide info to public, or solicit info from public. But only if member does not discuss business w/ other members. Can repost official information on a personal page if that info is already publicly shared on the official MAC site. However, using your personal social media site to share Official information is difficult and can lead to some issues because if you do that, you cannot block or delete comments. If you use it, and make it part of your public official business as a MAC member you have to allow people to comment on your social on your own personal social media site. Best practice – keep it separate.

Chair Reyes, examples of other MACs using media for their business? **Petra**, best to keep separate. You are free to use that. But it opens up your own personal social media site to the public to provide comment if it pertains to MAC business. And you can't delete comments at that point - it's a First Amendment issue; it's a recommendation. It is okay to have individual contacts between members and staff or council, to share information, to ask for information that is not considered a Serial Meeting. However, you have to be careful that the staff is then not sharing the information again with the Broad Council.

Private vs Official Social Media Page

Public officials have First Amendment right to maintain clearly-demarcated non-governmental, personal accounts and posts; however, if the “personal” page is used for official public business, the public official’s right to delete comments and block users is limited. Okay to share links or re-posts official information on a personal social media page if that information is already publicly available on an official agency page – BUT: it might open the post up for public comments on the personal page that cannot be blocked or deleted. *Lindke v Freed*, 601 U.S. (2024) Best practice: keep personal posts in a clearly designated personal account; and include official pronouncements, commentary and communications with the public regarding an official’s public duties in a separate official social media account from which members of the public may not be blocked County’s social media policy for posting official business: <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/human-resources/employee-resources/administrative-policy-manual/9-1-official-use-of-social-media-sites-policy>

Not a Serial Meeting. Individual contacts between members and staff, counsel or others, e.g. staff meeting with a member to answer questions or provide information. But: staff should not ask and member should not answer questions about concerns or positions of other members

Not a meeting. If you are attending a social meeting, a ceremonial event, community forums and meetings that are held by other government bodies. Or if you go to public conferences, if the Board members do not discuss amongst themselves the business of the MAC. So that is important. You can go somewhere else, but if there's a majority available, don't discuss business of the MAC

Notice & Posting. *Agenda must be posted 72 hours in advance (if a special meeting is called, 24 hour notice must be given) When material is distributed to members less than 72 hours before the meeting, the material must be made available for public inspection at the time it is distributed to the members. Brief description of items of business. Agendas must be publicly accessible and distributed in advance to those who request copies*

Items not on Agenda. *No discussion or decision on items not on the posted agenda Members or staff may briefly respond to questions posed by the public. Members may ask staff a question, make a brief announcement or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Members may ask staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting, or take action to direct staff to place a matter on a future agenda.*

Public Comment. *Every agenda for a regular meeting must allow members of the public to speak on any item of interest, so long as the item is within the subject area of the legislative body. Public must be allowed to speak on a specific item of business before or during the legislative body’s consideration of it. May adopt a policy to limit public comment on a topic (such as 1 minute per speaker). Whenever the time for public comment is limited, at least twice the allotted time must be provided to a member of the public who utilizes a translator to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity.*

Orderly conduct. *Orderly Conduct <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/board-of-supervisors/about-the-board/board-rules-of-procedures/xi-participation-of-the-public> If the orderly conduct of a meeting is disrupted, a recess may be called and the meeting reconvened when order has been restored. Individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting may be warned that their behavior is disrupting the meeting and that their failure to cease the disruptive behavior may result in their removal. The meeting room may be ordered to cleared and continue in session for matters on the agenda. Members of the media shall be allowed to remain. Example: Sonoma County Board of Supervisor Rule 48*

Teleconference Rules. *Unless there is a proclaimed state of emergency (during which other specific Brown Act laws may apply, Gov't Code § 54953(e)), the ability of any member to participate remotely will require either (1) full compliance with the Brown Act's traditional rigid teleconferencing requirements in Gov't Code § 54953(b) — including posting all members' remote locations on agendas and making all of those locations publicly accessible; or (2) following new complex teleconferencing provisions added to Gov't Code § 54953(f) (which will sunset by January 1, 2026)*

Options 1. The first option was the traditional Brown Act Teleconference rule that existed before Covid, before Zoom, before any of the remote items that in 2020 popped up. It's very burdensome and stringent. It basically means that council members can attend meetings remotely without having to be present, if at least a quorum of the Council members is participating from locations within Sonoma County. The remote location must be identified in the notice, and the agenda meeting. The agendas must be posted at each location where the person is attending. Each location must be accessible to the public and the agenda must provide the opportunity for the public to address the council at teleconference location. This means, if you decide to participate from your house under these traditional Brown Act rules, you would have to identify your personal address on the agenda itself. You have to post the agenda on your house, on the address. You have to invite the public into your house to allow them to participate at the meeting from your house and you have to allow the public to speak and comment to the agenda also from your house. So it's not utilized very often, or has not in the past.

Other options to make this less burdensome, specifically during Covid - some teleconferencing rules were put in place by the legislator. They are currently set to sunset on January 1st of next year. So unless the State issues another law that extends those, these options are only available for the remainder of this year, currently. And these can be done if a minority of members participates remotely. You don't have to post the agenda. You don't have to invite the public into your house. I'm just going to refer to the options on screen. If there are any specific questions, we can address them. But, this is what we have all come to know through the last few years during remote participations.

Chair Reyes, requested clarification on law expiring next year. Is it that Members don't have to open their home if that is their location? **Petra,** correct. That would be the only one that's

actually remaining unless the legislator issues another law. These other options allow you to participate in emergency situations. Or, if you could show good cause, the times that you can utilize are limited, but they were available. But if that is not extended, then those options will ultimately go away, and we would fall back to the very traditional rules that just explained. That would require all of those posting and disclosure requirements.

Option 2: *Traditional Brown Act Teleconference Requirements (Gov't Code § 54953(b)):* allow a board or commission to use any type of teleconferencing in connection with any meeting. Defines teleconference as a meeting of individuals in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both. To conduct a meeting with a member participating by teleconferencing, the Brown Act requires the following: At least a quorum of the commission or board members must participate from locations within the jurisdictional boundaries of the County. Each teleconference location must be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting. Agendas must be posted at each teleconference location in addition to the standard posting location. Each location must be accessible to the public. The agenda must provide the opportunity for the public to address the legislative body directly at each teleconference location. All votes must be by roll call.-

“Just Cause” “Emergency Circumstances” Timing and Procedure

The member notifies the legislative body at the earliest opportunity possible (can be as late as the start of a regular meeting) of their need to participate remotely for “just cause,” including a general description of the circumstances justifying their need to appear remotely. Qualifying Reason “Just cause” means any of the following: A childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person A need related to a physical or mental disability not otherwise accommodated for Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency Note: A member is limited to two virtual attendances based on “just cause” per calendar year. Timing and Procedure The member requests the legislative body as soon as possible to allow them to participate in the meeting remotely due to “emergency circumstances” and provides a general description of the circumstances justifying their need to appear remotely. And the legislative body takes action to approve the request. If the request does not allow sufficient time to place proposed action on such a request on the posted agenda for the meeting for which the request is made, the legislative body may take action at the beginning of the meeting in accordance with existing Brown Act provisions to add an item to the agenda. Qualifying Reason “Emergency circumstances” means a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person (does not require disclosure of any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information that is already exempt under existing law). Note: The member must make a separate request for each meeting in which they seek to participate remotely.

Option 2 “Just Cause” or “Emergency Circumstances”

Other Requirements Under either “just cause” or “emergency circumstances”: The member must publicly disclose at the meeting, before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or

older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member's relationship with any such individual(s). The member must participate through both audio and visual technology (cannot turn off camera). Teleconferencing by a member may not be for a period of more than two meetings if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less more than five meetings if the legislative body regularly meets twice per month more than seven meetings if the legislative body regularly meets three or more times per month The public must be able to participate remotely through either: A two-way audiovisual platform (defined to mean an online platform that provides participants with the ability to participate in a meeting via both an interactive video conference and a two-way telephonic function); and/or A two-way telephonic service and a live webcasting of the meeting (defined to mean a telephone service that does not require internet access, is not provided as part of a two way audiovisual platform, and allows participants to dial a telephone number to listen and verbally participate. All votes must be by roll call

Remote Public Participation May Continue

State law continues to allow (and Gov't Code § 54953(f)'s alternative procedures require) remote public participation. If there are sufficient staff resources to allow this option, boards and commissions may choose to hold a hybrid meeting with all board members present (or teleconferenced using applicable Brown Act rules) plus a call in and/or a Zoom-type option for members of the public to participate remotely.

Social Media Platform

Social media platforms used to communicate on matters within the legislative body's jurisdiction should be open and accessible to the public, free of charge, and do not require approval for participation from the social media site or a third party. NextDoor is not open and accessible because it requires approval to join. Private groups on Facebook that require approval of a moderator to join are not open and accessible.

Brown Act Violations Civil Actions:

Any individual or the District Attorney may file a civil lawsuit for injunctive relief or to void action taken in violation of the Brown Act. Attorneys' fees are available to prevailing plaintiffs Criminal Penalties: Each member of a legislative body who attends a meeting of that legislative body where action is taken in violation of the Brown Act and where the member intends to deprive the public of information to which the member knows or has reason to know the public is entitled to, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

There is a Cue and Correct opportunity. If a member of the public believes that Brown Act rules were violated there's an opportunity to Cue and Correct this. Important to know that there are potential liabilities - civilly and also criminally.

Resources Listed

The Ralph M. Brown Act – Government Code Sec. 54950-54963
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?
lawCode=GOV&division=2.&title=5.&part=1.&chapter=9.&article=](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=GOV&division=2.&title=5.&part=1.&chapter=9.&article=)

Assembly Bill 361 (Open meetings: state and local agencies: teleconferences)
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB361

Assembly Bill 2449 (Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2449

Assembly Bill 992 (Open Meetings and Social Media)

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Assembly Bill 557 (Open Meetings: local agencies: teleconferences)

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Councilmember Dong, RE: Ad hoc committees. Stated an Ad hoc can be dissolved after it's accomplished the goal. If it's not done, does it have to be renewed every year & go through process to reestablish? **Petra**, clarify if it is an Ad hoc or a Standing Committee? If not a temporary issue for a single limited purpose, then it could be Standing Committee. Then it would be open to the public. **Dong**, e.g. Bike Racks Ad hoc, completed some work & still finding other locations. It's still a single purpose, haven't completed the goal and mission. When we come up on a year, will create this new Ad hoc committee because haven't finished that sole purpose yet. **Petra**, it's supposed to be temporary, which is why the year limit is usually in place to make sure it doesn't go too long. Not familiar enough to comment further. **Dong**, also, RE: no members of public allowed in Ad hoc Committee meeting. How does Ad hoc communicate to public to provide information? Can an individual Ad hoc committee member talk to a member of the public? **Petra**, yes, you can certainly obtain information from members of the public, gather information, collect data. It's just that you do not invite a member of the public as a standing person like a member of the Ad hoc committee itself.

Councilmember Iturri, RE: Public Comment - requested clarity on guidelines. In the past been advised not to respond to Public Comment for a number of reasons – e.g. you respond to one person, you don't respond to the other person; otherwise can end up in a back and forth, or become a heated exchange. Are you saying we can respond briefly? What is best practice? **Petra**, might be something for MAC to decide. Certainly you don't have to respond to Public Comment, and it might be a one off where you feel like some information can be shared. But if your decision is to not respond to Public Comment at all, and then if there's something else, then the MAC can direct Staff to bring it back on an agenda item for the future. **Iturri**, agreed. Also, RE: Public Comment. PP Slide says - *public is allowed to speak on specific items of business before or during the legislative body's consideration of it*, and it also says, *as long as the item is within the subject area of the legislative body*. Can people comment on the Pledge of Allegiance or the Land Acknowledgement? **Petra**, there's always Public Comment on matters not on the Agenda, right? So if you don't tie it to a specific Agenda Item, generally speaking, you can invite Public Comment. If it's in the jurisdiction of the MAC, e.g. if the Land Acknowledgement goes particularly to the Council for the Springs - there might be a connection where somebody could say something. **Iturri**, it doesn't have to be attached to the Agenda item. It could be in the Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda? **Petra**, correct, not on the Agenda. The point is that it is something that MAC is considering as part of the official business.

Admin/Chavez, confirmed 4 is quorum/majority for SMAC.

Public Comment, Zoom. None.

Chair Reyes, acknowledged Petra's Power Point effectiveness & presentation.

7. Goal Setting for 2025 (@1:04:59) Smart Goals Overview. Power Point.

Chair Reyes, thanked everyone who submitted Goal ideas. As Petra said, e.g. w/ the Ad hocs, best if Goals have a year limit. But noted that, if there are any bureaucratic issues, it can be hard to move forward. Goal is to try to have them completed in a year, or at least short or midterm.

Announced an Activity – Council will break to review & select Priorities/Goals on designated paper sheets. Each Councilmember can select 3. This will be an ongoing, work in progress; can finalize in May, but no later than June. Can add other goals, or use all 3 choices in one. No Resolution required for today's Activity.

Slide: Top Goal Priorities 2025/2026

*Introduction to the SMART Goals framework (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound)
Rationale for choosing SMART Goals to guide 2025 priorities: Aligns with countywide planning and accountability Supports clear benchmarks for progress and success Encourages meaningful community impact*

Admin/Chavez, Priorities have been submitted on PP slides. Also two blank sheets to add additional ideas.

Final Counts from meeting Activity: [Results may change after additional input]

- Host Quarterly Community Safety Forums – 2 STARS
- Create a Business Improvement District for Springs Business Community. Explore small business support. Engage members of the local business community. Perhaps a business owner forum to engage w/ them. Ask what they think would be helpful – 2 STARS, 1 DOT
- Refer to Permit Sonoma to create Rental Registry Program – 2 DOTS
- Launch Tolerance & Beautification Initiative - 1 DOT
- Explore services for low income residents, jobs, transportation - 7 DOTS & STARS
- Roads around the Springs, advocate for road repairs – 1 DOT
- Boyes Hot Springs - improve the Springs Plaza, create cultural/civic hub – 1
- Partner w Rotary Chamber of Commerce – 1 DOT
- Host a Business Forum to engage owners - 2
- Bicycle – 1 DOT
- Launch and rediscover the Springs Seasonal Business and Tourism campaign – 1

MANY OTHERS NOT SELECTED

E.g. More visibility w/ articles in the Sun, advertising. Other kinds of support, organize buying co-ops to lower prices, saving passed on to customers. Co-op advertising? Weekend or week long community wide event to generate more engagement from public.

Chair Reyes, noted many goals are business oriented. Suggested condensing others, creating Ad hocs? Emphasized creating small, measurable goals to complete in 3, 6, or 9 months - not more than one year. Except for Emergency Preparedness, w/ ongoing issues, may have to change to a Standing Committee; confer w/ Petra. Reminder, this is a work in progress, can add to list.

Public Comment, Zoom, None.

Councilmember Lombard, RE Emergency Preparedness, suggested focusing on different issue year to year. **Reyes**, can discuss further on Agenda during Ad hoc items. **Lombard**, noted that two Ad hocs incomplete due to outside limitations, i.e. bike racks & utility boxes. Not getting needed feedback from other agencies to complete.

Chair Reyes, requested timeline for completion of Goals List. May or June? **Lombard**, who will compile? **Reyes**, inquired of Admin & Staff for their support, if reasonable? **Admin/Chavez**, will collaborate.

Supervisor Hermosillo, can assess Staff workload for this month, then circle back.

8. SVCAC Update (@1:31:17)

- a. Receive informational update from SVCAC chair regarding recent SVCAC meeting

Liaison/Councilperson Norman: no update, not at meeting.

Next Meeting 4-23-2025 @ 6:30pm - in person Sonoma City Council Chambers

9. Ad Hoc Funding Request for Community Projects (@1:31:49):

- a. *Bring back for Council discussion and possible approval of adjustments to the process.*

Event Funding Request Form on screen

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Lombard, w/ Councilmembers Iturri & Fernandez's help, three documents consolidated into one, proofread.

Council reviewed Form & suggested edits.

Councilmember Norman, not using acronym "SMAC"? What is being used? **Fernandez**, suggested for public say full name i.e. *Springs Municipal Advisory Council*. Within Council ok to say MAC. **Iturri**, make Future Agenda Item.

CHANGES DISCUSSED/ADJUSTED ON FORM by ADMIN/CHAVEZ

Councilmember Henderson, requested definition of a Fiscal Sponsor. **Reyes**, if they are a nonprofit, then they would be their own Fiscal Sponsor because they're a nonprofit. But if it is a community group that is not a nonprofit, then they would need to partner with a nonprofit to manage the money and do all financials for them. **Norman**, if you're doing it on behalf of a group as a Councilmember, then would put the Fiscal Sponsor for the layperson. Suggestions for further clarification.

Clarification on who Form is for. **Iturri**, in past for MAC, now any organization to make positive impacts in Springs. Plus include MAC engagement & Outreach.

Chair Reyes, this is a work in progress. Many submission requests. The budget limit is under discussion. **Lombard**, one thousand dollar amount an estimate, may not need that much.

Iturri, next steps? Concern for groups seeking funding help. How to advertise to community to apply for funds?

Chair Reyes, was not promoted before. An original MAC goal, do Outreach w/ community event/s. Welcomed suggestions.

Admin/Chavez, reminded Council of recent Public Comment from Karina Garcia, i.e. original intent was for MAC to be free to do events in community, to collaborate w/ others, perhaps more for internal purposes? Rather than public. **Norman**, because funds are so limited, it is open to anyone but typically w/ MAC Ad hocs & Fiscal Sponsors. Doesn't feel parameters were set. **Iturri**, one purpose is to be transparent re opportunities; MAC may have ideas for Outreach, but these are public funds. Clarify MAC is not picking favorites. Public was asking for clarification. Revision of Form to ensure equitable access to public. Suggested the notice go out in a County Newsletter from Hermosillo. Want to keep it in balance. **Reyes**, suggested describing it as - *community projects to impact Springs, working w/ MAC. Funds are limited*. Unsure what to call it - are they Community Investment Funds? Or Springs Municipal Advisory Council Funds?

Supervisor Hermosillo, there is uncertainty about the budget; it may be tighter than before. Good for two budget cycles, then going to be in the red. Recommended not making public announcement yet. **Lombard**, suggested saying - *limited discretionary funds available*. **Iturri**, considering this information, best to wait. **Hermosillo**, have \$4,000 till end of June, then new smaller budget cycle expected. **Norman**, initially we get the \$15,000 which is distributed to pay and cover our costs, and then the remaining budget will be adjusted? **Hermosillo**, yes.

Chair Reyes, ready to finalize this document w/ edits? **Councilmember Dong**, need to wait & see final version & then take action; recommended continue on next month's Agenda. **Chair Reyes**, agreed, will review in May & do Resolution then.

Public Comment, Zoom. None.

Councilmember Lombard, concerned about delay, community unaware of current status. **Chair Reyes**, per Supervisor Hermosillo's recommendation, need to wait to promote until new Budget is allocated. Acknowledged Ad hoc's work & improvements to Form.

10. Ad Hoc Springs Farmers Market (@:1:52:09)

a. View promotional material and encourage Council and public to help spread the word, Q&A

Councilmember Norman, County Communications Department & Ad hoc created promotional video for upcoming Farmers Market.

Screened Video, in English and Spanish.

Chair Reyes, invited feedback from Council & public; is Receive Only item, Resolution in May. Begin promoting then.

VIDEO TEXT: Every Sunday, beginning June 1st through October from 10am to 2pm at the Springs Community Plaza, located at 15 Boyes Boulevard in Sonoma. You'll find fresh locally grown produce, homemade goods, delicious food and so much more. Vendors accept cash cards, apple pay and Venmo; ebt, Cal fresh and snap payments welcomed. The market returns thanks to a partnership with the Springs MAC & ACE Farmers Market and the support of Supervisor Hermosillo. Whether you're here for the precious ingredients, or simply to connect with neighbors, there's something for everyone. Every Sunday, beginning June 1st through October, from 10am to 2pm, at the Springs Community Plaza, located at 15 Boyes Boulevard in Sonoma.

Public Comment

Emma Lipp, what access for vendors for Market; more info how to be a vendor?

Councilmember Norman, MAC Ad hoc can provide info. Partnering w/ ACE, the Market organization; operates ten markets throughout Sonoma & Marin Counties. Can also contact them directly. Are accepting applications for vendors.

Zoom, none.

Chair Reyes, this Item will be a Resolution, so it can be approved. Any comments let Councilmember Norman and Admin Chavez know through email. Otherwise will be doing a final approval so that it can be promoted, beginning mid-May, before the Farmers Markets begin.

Councilmember Fernandez, inquired as to tech glitches noticed in video. **Norman**, those were caused by equipment in room; video is complete.

Councilmember Henderson, where promoted? **Norman**, social media, community, through District 1, county communications page. **Fernandez**, newspapers, KSVY? **Norman**, this is just one initiative that we did through the MAC. All the additional advertising is done through ACE Farmers Market, their website. Will discuss further during Ad hoc updates; will have all that information.

11. Ad Hoc Utility Box Art Project (@1:59:39)

Receive an update on the work with the application, Cal Trans, and partners involved.

a. Update by Samuel Jimenez, Engineering Technician, Sonoma County Public Infrastructure; Q&A

From PPT slide: "The Utility Box Art Project is a community beautification effort that has been in the works for the last 2 years. This is a collaboration between the SMAC, Art Escape, Kaya project artist, Sonoma County Public Infrastructure, Comcast, and CalTrans.

Supervisor Hermosillo's office met with Samuel from Public Infrastructure, Kaya project artist, Kate & Alma from Art Escape.

In essence it was understood that because this is unique project as PI has not worked with a project like this in the past, and the turn over of staff at PI, CalTrans, and D1, the project has undergone significant delays. However, the application is complete and from the feedback received from CalTrans, they need preliminary documentation. Alma has provided with the needed documents and they have been submitted. We are waiting on feedback and next steps from CalTrans. The hope is that once they have the preliminary documentation requested, the application approval will follow.

Kate, one of the founders of Art Escape emphasized the emotional toll on Kaya and Art escape and the need for a timeline to move forward.

A June 1st deadline has been documented to move the project forward. We'd like to discuss alternative plans if Caltrans project falls through. Kaya suggested finding other locations for the designs. Samuel proposes using a GIS map to identify areas outside Caltrans property to avoid similar issues in the future."

Admin/Chavez, background - met w/ Kate, Kaya, Elizabeth & Alma for clarification. Much turnover in all groups. Cal Trans lost track of initial/preliminary documents. A full Application was submitted, still need others. Working w/ Art Escape team to gather & submit as needed. Now all better understand history of project over last two years. Hoping for Resolution by June 1st.

Councilmember Iturri, on Ad hoc. Appreciates update. Unfortunate those documents have been misplaced; discouraging.

VIA ZOOM (@2:00:14)

Samuel Jimenez, Engineering Tech w/ So Co Public Infrastructure.

Update: approximately a year ago, former Deputy Director of Public Infrastructure, Janice Thompson asked him to apply for an Encroachment Permit from Cal Trans, for permission to encroach into their right-away and install the art. But after submitting this Application, was notified about the Transportation Art Program they have in place, and that we would have to

go through that process first. A few months later, April 2024, was asked again to help out with more documents; for the Transportation Art Proposal that took months to put together. This ranged from putting together a Resolution for the Board, getting an environmental document, and more items. Once submitted, in October or November, Cal Trans replied saying - would have to go back and rework some documents. Since this project began, they have updated some of their templates to their documents, e.g. their copyrights, license and Rights Waiver document for Transportation Art, Maintenance Agreement documents. Anything that was signed previously will have to be reworked & signed. Cal Trans Representative has helped a lot, but once things get sent to headquarters, have to wait, may take several weeks. This can be seen on their Transportation Art Process Map on their website. Just today, got back to them with some documents they requested - a contract between Art Escape and the artist, & another one between Art Escape & County. The Representative replied, saying she sent them over to headquarters today, so waiting for reply - if they'll approve those documents or not. Unfortunately this is how Cal Trans works. Have been working with them with years, applying for Encroachment Permits, & things can change every time we apply for a new one.

Councilmember Iturri expressed gratitude for his perseverance.

Chair Reyes, thanked Ad hoc members Iturri & former Councilmember Alcaraz for their considerable work on this project.

Admin Chavez, Kaya mentioned possibility of going through other avenues, e.g. Comcast boxes; a good idea, suggested someone elaborate on this. Also, Samuel suggested using the Map that he has for projects, to steer away from Cal Trans property & expedite projects.

Samuel, since this is the first project of this type for county, learning all the Cal Trans legal requirements for Encroachments, etc. Can be complex & challenging.

Sup Hermosillo, acknowledged MACs significant work on this project. Suggested moving forward, getting help. In tandem, suggested MAC Ad hoc write a letter to State Representatives & request intervention to help expedite project w/ Cal Trans, given their error that has happened. **Councilmember Iturri**, agreed, will do. Use recorded notes of Samuel & Admin Chavez for letter. **Admin Chavez**, also has transcribed minutes from other meeting. **Chair Reyes**, Art Escape waiting till June 1st. Let them know a letter is in process for reassurance? **Iturri**, agreed, also requested appropriate names from Hermosillo to contact. **Hermosillo**, will provide.

Public Comment, Zoom, none.

Councilmember Lombard, suggested cc'ng Art Escape on Letter. Iturri, yes.

12. Dissolution of Ad Hoc (@2:10:05)

a. Discussion and possible action to dissolve: expired March 13, one year

Councilmember Norman, correction, dissolved Farmers Market last meeting. Remove from list. Bike Rack 2.0, and Emergency Preparedness 2.0 (Springs Farmers Market – removed)

Councilmember Lombard made Motion to dissolve Bike Rack2.0 and Emergency Prep2.0 Ad hocs. Councilmember Fernandez second. Vote. All in favor. Approved.

13. Approval of New Ad hocs: (@2:11:38)

- a. Discussion and possible action to establish: Bike Rack 3.0, Springs Farmer Market 2.0, and Emergency Preparedness 3.0*

Chair Reyes, is this time to decide if Emerg Prep should be a Standing Committee instead? Always emergencies. Recommended moving it to May Agenda, research Standing Committee, which would fall under Brown Act. Requested input on transition.

Supervisor Hermosillo, what is process for Standing Committee? **Reyes**, unclear. Ad hoc timeline ended March 13, one year. Extend 2 months until converted? **Lombard**, call it Emergency Prep Ad hoc Transitioning to Standing Committee? **Reyes**, continue as is, call Transitional Ad Hoc? **Dong**, clarify, what is in hopper right now that requires immediate action versus being able to make a determination? If none right now, put projects on pause? **Reyes**, there is the Evacuation Drill May 3rd, only in Springs, collaborating w/ DM via Ad hoc. **Lombard**, as noted, always emergencies, unpredictable. **Dong**, his perception of Ad hoc is more preparedness activities than w/ emergency response activities. If that's an expectation of Ad hoc i.e. we're actually responders in that statement that was made. Right now, the preparedness activities just completed, now waiting for a response on updating the Agreement with the School District. **Reyes**, clarified, the Evacuation Drill for MAC is to table at the event for Outreach. **Iturri**, can that happen w/o an Ad hoc? **Reyes**, requested direction from Supervisor. **Sup Hermosillo**, recommended not dissolving Emergency Prep Ad hoc yet. Staff will research Standing Committee parameters, return Item for May or June meeting.

Chair Reyes, would have to be a short term for 3.0, as other one already expired.

Councilmember Dong made a Motion to establish Bike Rack 3.0 Springs Farmers Market 2.0 and Emergency Preparedness 3.0 Ad hoc Committees. Iturri, second. Reyes, adding research being done for Emergency Prep 3.0 being converted to Standing Committee. Dong, so added. Vote. All in favor. Approved.

14. Ad Hoc and Community Projects Updates Council Reports and announcements (@2:19:29)

- **Funding Requests for Community Projects, completed**
- **Emergency Preparedness 2.0** (noted vote to create 3.0, then a Standing Committee)

Chair Reyes, many years advocating w/ county to focus in Springs. Acknowledged contributions from Councilmember Iturri, e.g. Conex supply trailer at Altimira. Also, in process w/ School District on Agreement.

Important Evacuation Drill May 3rd divided into two times. First, 8:30am from Siesta Way to Feters, Zone 6F2 - will be a simulation. People will be able to Opt In, will be receiving a postcard. Want to avoid fear factor. Technically this is a simulation but as if it is a real evacuation. The Sheriffs will be driving through with high and low sirens through all the neighborhoods as if a real evacuation. **Second - 9:30am from Feters to Agua Caliente**. For more information, Supervisor Hermosillo will be posting on county social media. Andrea Strongman in charge of Evacuation Drills. People will receive an alert, and be asked to head to Altimira School. Can come down and talk to Red Cross, Fire department, the Sheriff's, or CHP to know what their roles are during an evacuation. Also, people can go through the semicircle and grab a packet with information. They are asking that you **do not bring your pets**, even though it's a simulation of a drill. The Halter Project will be there, having information on how to prepare for your pets and bigger animals. They will be asking that you actually leave as if a real emergency, take your go-bags. A practice run but good preparedness for community. Encouraged spreading the word to neighbors in these areas. Find out if they got the postcard & read it.

Councilmember Norman, info online? **Reyes**, yes, Planning Meeting held today, postcards being sent soon, go to SoCoEmergency.org under "events & drills" w/ participating street maps. Requested Admin Chavez send info material to MAC members when she receives it.

Lombard, suggested getting copies of posters to distribute. Social media not that successful in notifying. **Reyes**, not just via social media, will be direct contact to residents in zone.

Also, another event Altimira School, Thursday, April 17th, 4:30-6:30 Emergency Prep Fair, more info available. Many free giveaways from go-bags, fire blankets, wrenches, sleeping bags, tents, medical adventure kits for kids i.e. stuffed animals with medical kits inside.

• **Springs Farmers Market (@2:28:06)**

Councilmember Norman, update:

- Main item - waiting for insurance to finalize permits.
- Ron Wellander will move olive trees; will have layout next MAC meeting.
- Kelly/ACE finalized brochures; will distribute to community.
- Guest on KSVY radio, Pat Carlin host April 22nd, 8:20am.
- Will submit a small budget request, few items needed, e.g. a sign for fence, shade tarps for vendors.
- Need contact at Recology; want to request donation for bathroom for site.
- Have info for interested vendors. Also go to ACE Farmers Market website, or Supervisors Office, District One.

Chair Reyes, RE: Budget Request Form in process – will be finalized in May, fiscal year ends.

What to do for Councilmember Norman's budget request/s for Farmers Market?

Sup Hermosillo, can MAC approve items to purchase, email info to her, will use CAL card, get repaid from MAC funds?

Reyes, is a Receive Only Item, have to be done at May 14th Meeting. Or follow suggestion just made by Hermosillo. MAC in June 11th, but final Fiscal Date is June 30th. Short time.

Lombard, suggested using old/original Request Form? **Reyes**, agreed.

- **Housing (@2:33:38)**

Councilmember Dong, no meetings, no update. RE: Ad hocs. Requested clarification, sometimes unsure who is chair/lead. Who to go for info? **Norman**, suggested deciding within Ad hoc. **Reyes**, yes, can be challenging. Suggested a Future Agenda item, to determine who each chair is. **Dong**, agreed. Would like a process officially defined.

- **Bike Racks (@2:36:06)**

Councilmember Norman, requested Councilmember Henderson be part of Bike rack Ad hoc. **Henderson**, accepted. **Norman**, no updates. Meeting in a few weeks. Presentation next month.

Reyes, suggested Future Agenda item RE: Ad hocs & chair selection. **Lombard**, suggested using term "contacts" for simplicity. **Reyes**, interested in further research. Add to FAI list.

- **Utility Boxes, completed**

- **Springs Community Plaza (@2:38:10)**

Councilmember Lombard, in process w/ looking at signage. Following suggestion to bring small selection of signs, to show graphics. Will be an Agenda Item so council can vote. There is another submission. **Fernandez**, Robert Holden; has worked w/ him. Described all: 3 signs styled old Sonoma. 1 from Jesus. 1 in Springs' colors. **Lombard**, have suggestions for Robert Sanders on colors.

Discussion.

Sup Hermosillo, spoke to Sanders this week. Said 3 coming forward. Total of 4. Ad hoc needs to determine; doesn't want community to pick from ten.

- **Adopt a Road (@2:42:05)**

Chair Reyes & Councilmember Norman will meet w/ county on process for training videos. Recognized delays.

Councilmember Dong, RE: Ad hoc committees, can be a challenge to meet. Suggested scaling a few back? Adopt a Road ongoing delays. **Reyes**, already been approved. **Norman**, waiting on

county department responses. Wants to keep it. **Reyes**, Councilmembers have resigned. **Henderson**, offered to join this Ad hoc. Suggested just one person on Ad hoc. **Reyes**, difficult, 3 is better.

Councilmember Iturri, recommended move to Future Agenda Item.

Councilmember Lombard, noted there are 8 Ad hocs, 7 members. Adopt a Road is ongoing challenge. Maybe include community member? **Reyes**, then becomes a Standing Committee? Required once a year to do event for this project.

Admin Chavez, agreed item be moved to Future Agenda for further discussion.

Public Comment, Zoom

Karina Garcia, RE: funding requests for Springs Farmers Market within Fiscal Year. MAC can also call for a Special Meeting w/ one item on agenda; an option to meet deadline.

15. Vice Chair Nomination *a. Discussion and possible vote on Vice Chair candidate(s)*

Chair Reyes called for nominations.

Councilmember Lombard nominated **Councilmember Dong**.

Chair Reyes nominated **Councilmember Iturri**. **Iturri Passed**.

Councilmember Dong, passed; not on Council long. Nominated **Councilmember Lombard**.

Lombard accepts. **Iturri**, second.

Councilmember Dong made a Motion **Councilmember Lombard** be Vice Chair. **Iturri**, second.

Vote. All in Favor. **Approved**.

Councilmember Lombard new Vice Chair.

16. Consideration of Future Agenda Items (@2:53:26)

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

Vice Chair Lombard: Valley of the Moon Garden Club request for presentation; Emerg Preparedness Ad hoc to Standing Committee Transition; Springs Community Plaza; Ad hocs structure.

Councilmember Iturri, requested Staff meeting re Social Media presence, Springs on Facebook on her account; how to take it off. Tried different ways. Need more expertise.

Sup Hermosillo, who manages? **Iturri**, **Karina Garcia**, **Winders**. **Iturri** only one left.

Admin Chavez, Doug from Permit Sonoma, do presentation on General Plan Update.

We have many requests, especially for Community Outreach from various orgs/departments- leave to your discretion if you want to share all of these:

- Emergency Preparedness 2.0 Ad Hoc would like a presentation from Nancy Brown on UASI.
- Presentation request on community safety: general community safety, police safety, code enforcement-illegal dumping.
- Bicycle safety.
- GreenLinks – Sandra Nathan, Eileen Roche
- IOLERO The Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach -Lizett Camacho
- Special meeting for immigration services or presentations
- Transportation for seniors.
- Tenant Protections (Just Cause)

Thank you/Muchas Gracias

17. Adjourned 9:29

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Springs MAC Meeting 4-9-25 - Sonoma TV You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYKPbRQPZIk>

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