



**Springs Municipal Advisory Council  
Minutes of Hybrid Meeting In person/Zoom  
March 12, 2025**



*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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**Springs MAC Meeting 3-12-25 - Sonoma TV You Tube**

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

**Note: Technical problems delayed start of Meeting. Go to 18:40 on You Tube to begin.**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call 6:39pm**

Roll Call: Chair Iturri

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

Absent: Winders

**Staff Present: Betzy Chavez, First District Bilingual Field Representative, County of Sonoma**

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**Katie Mason**, District Dir, Santa Rosa. [Katie.Mason@Sonoma-County.org](mailto:Katie.Mason@Sonoma-County.org)

**Jessica Barajas**, Board Aide, [Jessica.Barajas@Sonoma-County.org](mailto:Jessica.Barajas@Sonoma-County.org)

**Karina Garcia**, So Co Communications Specialist [Karina.SotoGarcia@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Karina.SotoGarcia@sonoma-county.org)

**Lin Marie deVincent, Minute Taker**

**Chair Iturri**, introduced & welcomed new Commissioner **Valerie Henderson**. Valerie brings a wealth of experience in media & communications. 20 years in radio sales w/ KGO, followed by roles at CBS, Alice Radio & Comcast Cable TV. A long time Sonoma County resident, her first home in Glen Ellen about 18 years ago, then moved to Fetter Springs in 2018. Is deeply connected to the community, often seen walking through the Springs w/ her wife & 2 dogs. No stranger to civic engagement; most recently organized a major fundraiser for the Presidential election, raising \$70,000. Her passion for community involvement led her to join the Springs MAC, where she hopes to contribute to the democratic process & make a meaningful difference.

**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 **Angela Thielen** and **Maya Fonseca**.

**2. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2025 Meetings.**

**Councilmember Lombard** noted there were three name misspellings in the Feb 12 Minutes.

These were provided to the Minute taker to make the corrections.

Following the corrections, Councilmember Dong moved to approve February 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes, Councilmember Lombard seconded. Motion passed.

**File: Springs MAC Minutes March 12, 2025 Hybrid can be found here:**

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/springs-mac-meeting-march-12-2025>

**3. Public Comment Items not on Agenda. 3 minute limit (@22:33)**

**Jesus Alcaraz, Springs Resident**, announced event being organized by Sonoma County Regional Parks, a clean-up at Larson Park and Maxwell Park, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Afternoon 4-6pm.

**Zoom (@25:16)**

**Marcos Suarez, Program Mgr. w/ Sonoma County Economic Development Collaborative.**

Helps support small businesses throughout county. Outreaching in Springs; invites Springs small businesses to contact them for assistance to start or grown business. In attendance.

**Karina Garcia, So Co Communications Specialist.** Announcement for the So Co Dept. of Health Services - hosting free vaccine clinics for flu. Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 11-3pm. 610 East Washington St Petaluma. Opportunity to obtain a \$25 gift card after receiving vaccine. *Translated.*

**4. Chair Iturri Update (@27:17)**

**Receive**

*a. Receive informational update from Chair.*

- Tonight is last meeting as Chair. Recognized MAC is an amazing place & space to hold community & get work done to make Springs a better place.
- Summarized many MAC accomplishments during her term: improved Hwy 12 conditions. Collaboration with Caltrans, county & city for right-turn lane. The improved signal light after several deaths in that intersection. Have slowed the road/traffic on Highway 12; still a work in progress. Delineators installed to help at the Donald Street Gap. Public art put in. Installed bike racks. Decorated Utility Boxes. Altars set up for Dia de los Muertos. Several Creek cleanups done thanks especially to former Councilman Jesus Alcaraz. Winter Festival celebrations w/ thanks to Councilwoman Maricarmen Reyes. Sponsored Dia de los Ninos events. Emergency Preparedness; including installation of a Connex Box dropped on a Public school with supplies in it. Working on the Springs Plaza for last several years. Held several Safety & Health Fairs. A community picnic at Larson Park.

The MAC has done many things to help bring community together & to uplift the residents of the Springs and provide a safer community for them. In addition, has led many different organizations and groups of people - and the one thing that is the most

important thing is that people work together. There can be disagreement, but communication and working together is critical. Shared story about working in restaurants & learning the essential importance of talking to people, even when it is difficult.

Her six year term as Chair w/ MAC included fires, a pandemic & other disasters. Grateful for the opportunity to serve the community & work w/ everyone involved.

**Public Comment, Zoom. None.**

**Councilmember Reyes**, thanked Chair Iturri for initiative to start MAC in 2019 w/ Councilman Ryan Lely, & leading through six years.

**Councilmember Lombard**, acknowledged Chair Iturri for leadership skills she learned from her.

## **5. Supervisor Rebecca Hermosillo Update (@33:13)**

**Receive**

- a. *Receive informational update from Supervisor Rebecca Hermosillo on District 1 and Countywide topics*

Thanked Chair Iturri for leadership in MAC, community, friendship, commitment to uplifting all voices, work on equity & inclusion, good teaching skills, inspiration. Recognized her significant time & dedication to the MAC.

- Hanna Center project has been pulled off its proposal.
- SDC still in process; deemed approved, starts new timeclock for county. Strategy meetings w/ all stakeholders.
- Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District, to capture tax dollars, keep local. Need creative ways to keep funding local, for infrastructure.
- Larson Park, recognized former Councilman Alcaraz, in discussion w/ Regional Parks Director Whitaker re plan for a workout station at Larson or other parks.
- Community Meeting to address immigration, at Hanna last month. Standing room only. Attention to gaps in services for nonprofits.
- First Office hours at East County Resource Center, 5:30 to 7:30, 50-60 people. W/ Cong. Thompson's Office, Assemblywoman Aguiar-Curry's Office. Will be more office hours.

**Councilmember Reyes**, requested more info on aging topic.

**Supervisor Hermosillo**, BoS approved a Master Plan on Aging late last year; Six Pillars. A blueprint for aging in So Co. Meeting La Luz, good turnout, held in Spanish, engaged community w/ priorities. Will be more meetings.

**Chair Iturri**, is the Plan in place or in progress? **Hermosillo**, there are Pillars & topics & steps; now looking at what community wants, go from there. **Reyes**, on Advisory group w/ Mario Castillo, Eric Larson, Cynthia Scarborough. Are responding to last summer's Surveys; noticed need for more attention to Spanish speaking community. Open House/Focus group today. Explained investing; example engaging. Welcomes further discussion; can share info from MGI Consulting/Berkeley. **Councilmember Lombard**, this is an important issue; seniors stressed due

to personal financial situation/s, & current Administration's threats to SS. Appreciates county effort on this topic.

**Public Comment, Zoom. None.**

**6. Springs Plaza Ad Hoc (@41:39)**

- a. Discuss preliminary designs for arch sign and hear community input. Vote on selection of design.*

**Councilmember Norman reporting**, RE: welcome sign. Many different paper design images demonstrated. Bob Sanders, sign maker in Valley volunteered services to design. Based on historical signage in valley. Block style lettering.

**DISCUSSION** Choices for name, shapes, sizes, colors. E.g. name - Springs Plaza. Need to finalize name choices; then vote.

**Councilmember Fernandez**, this is her first viewing of designs. Is this for temp Plaza or permanent? **Norman**, could be removable/mobile. Once permanent Plaza constructed, could be on arch over walkway. **Chair Iturri**, was there another design option? **Norman**, yes, Jesus Bravo, local artist, sign already been placed. **Lombard**, was offered to use at Plaza. Has image to share. **Reyes**, suggested review images tonight, vote in April. **Iturri**, recommended Ad hoc meet, review all, then narrow down choices to 2 or 3. **Norman**, just received the samples tonight at 5:30. Thanked Bob for time & effort in samples. **Lombard**, images sideways in her computer, hard to view well. **Dong**, agreed that Ad hoc should meet & recommend, plus opportunity for Public Comment for community input? **Iturri**, agreed, in near future.

**Public Comment**

**Jesus Alcaraz**, prefers design in upper right corner, bold white letters, more visual. Pointed out example #8. Gets viewers' attention.

**Donna**, questions about Plaza in general. What is Timeline of who decides where, when, on process? Observed that the trees appear to be dead or dying in pots. Concerned.

**Sup Hermosillo**, City Councilmember Ron Wellander landscaper, trees can stay in boxes for up to two years; is trucking in water. Normal to lose leaves in new environment; will bounce back & improve. [off mic comments inaudible] RE: Springs Temp Plaza set up through funding from Supervisor Gorin; funding still available. Considering buying one site, possibility for a second; not enough funding for two sites. Not enough funding to buy and build. Community needs to be involved; wants community to steer, Plaza to be a resource. Concerned about size; is a small footprint. There is input from a private landowner offering nearby site; in process. Investments needed on parking; not enough ADA compliant - funding set aside for that. No timeline now; wants to be more strategic.

**Chair Iturri**, return in April for further discussion, w/ public comments. Ad hoc to proceed.

**Public Comment, Zoom.**

**Josette Brose-Eichar**, community member working w/ Plaza Ad hoc. RE: signs. Not involved w/

them. Agreed w/ Chair's assessment, for Ad hoc to narrow down choices, present options to community, suggested doing Outreach perhaps via a questionnaire, or attend MAC meeting.

**Iturri**, agreed, could do a Google Response Form; & insure inclusion of other designer.

**7. Funding Requests for Community Projects Ad Hoc (@58:17)**

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

**See additional docs attached: Event Funding Protocol; Application Protocol; SMAC Event Application**

**Councilmembers Lombard & Fernandez: Three Draft Forms – 1. The Application/an updated Funding Request. 2. Guideline for Application. 3. Primarily for MAC/Event Funding**

**Forms displayed/reviewed on screen.**

**Councilmember Reyes**, Form/s approved by MAC, then to District 1 Office/Staff/Sup. Made editing recommendations.

**Chair Iturri**, clarified editing will be done w/ MAC Ad hoc & public.

**Public Comment**

**Lisa Tremblay**, w/ Sonoma Springs Rotary Club, a nonprofit. Is there a specific grant limit on Form? **Fernandez**, yes, in Guidelines. **Tremblay**, Club would need specifics.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION (@1:07:43)**

**Councilmember Lombard**, viewing "Protocol to Applicants." General Guidelines.

**"Sprints MAC Protocol for Event Requests for Financial Assistance" (@1:08:12)** intended for MAC to review now, provide guidance.

**Sup Hermosillo**, one Form says "applications 3-4 months", other said "1 month".

**Lombard**, MAC wanted to go further out, have 2 periods to submit. **Iturri**, change Application so Docs match.

**Reyes**, recommended call it 'funding assistance', not 'financial', MAC not a charity. Wording can be improved.

**Viewing Application Timeline - Lombard**, longer time suggested. Initially call for two funding periods, July-December/half fiscal year, & Jan-June other half. Currently using previous funding amount/Sup Gorin's term. Suggesting conservative guidelines. Will need confirmation from Hermosillo re new budget. Are there funds left from last period?

**Hermosillo**, clarified funding request Sup Gorin committed to was on cycle July 1 to June 30; still in middle of last funding cycle. New funds July 1, 2025. What funds are being addressed?

**Lombard**, unsure. **Reyes**, funding from D1 office into MAC for Admin & Events. **Chair**, generally \$15,000, have spent half on costs, remainder - \$5-6 thousand approx. \$15,000 total.

**Hermosillo**, will check & report back. District One funds spread thin. But will review request/s.

**Reyes**, if requesting higher amount application would go through Community Investment Board rather than just to MAC. **Lombard**, concerned about allocation of funds, so waiting to put set

amount till confirmation. **Iturri**, been giving \$500 to \$1,000 per grant; reasonable to say that. **Admin Chavez**, clarified account has \$5,964.87 ongoing expenses, \$3,000 for community events. **Chair**, to be used by July 1<sup>st</sup>? **Admin**, correct.

**Chair**, recommend combining 3 docs to make just 2. (@1:17:55) Viewing “**Recommendations for Event Organizers.**” **Lombard**, wants separation of aspirational, vs perhaps what MAC wants to do. Form states “Encourage sourcing from local businesses in Springs & Valley for event necessities such as food, drinks, prizes, toys, & other gifts.” To support local businesses through purchases. Acknowledged potential cost challenges. About supporting community, giving recognition. Next section: “Recurring Event Applicants”. See List. Does MAC want to implement these aspirational sections?

**Reyes**, recommended using term “suggestions’ rather than ‘recommendations’. Not cost effective to buy locally. Better outside from bigger stores. **Lombard**, consider e.g. Readers Books, Toy Store; probably have catalogs for cheaper ordering.

**Dong**, recommended focus on Application, awarding money to benefit community. Putting recurring events on sheet will look like they are favored. Make equal opportunity offer/s. Not saying what they do w/ money.

**Council Agreement.**

**Lombard**, Recurring Event names just useful for contact.

**Chair, recommended: do 2 things - try to source locally, &, thank all donors. Simplify to bullet points.**

**Reyes**, RE: this Ad hoc, ending its year term. Remove it? Be just for informational purposes.

**Chair**, agreed. **Lombard**, shall she & Fernandez talk to local businesses? **Fernandez**, awkward to do pre sign up; feels too manipulative. **Lombard**, just want to have a suggested list, more casual. **Chair**, event organizer/s can do local sourcing.

## **Public Comment**

**Karina Garcia**, community member, former MAC Staff. Perhaps creating an expectation that anyone can request funding for their events; but is not MACs role to fund everyone. Purpose of Budget Request to promote MAC in community, i.e. bring community together for art projects, etc. MAC to identify opportunity to attend event, & table, invite public to MAC meetings. Form was for MAC to use to create networking. Original Budget Request Form had everything, except Tax ID. Perhaps making extra work? Reminder of \$3,000 balance to use for rest of Fiscal Year. In past, MAC used budget to pay ongoing expenses, & mentally allocated about \$5,000 for those opportunities, which were funded. Offered this clarification also for community members who are here for the first time.

**Donna**, neighbor. Suggested including recommendation on document to use environmentally friendly practices, stuff at events, e.g. don’t bring plastics.

**Chair Iturri**, this Agenda Item was initiated because MAC wanted to offer to wider variety community, involve more people. Agreed w/ Karina’s comments. Yes, simplify documents. Clarify purpose. Return for April agenda.

**Lombard**, noted on P2 “Protocol for Applicant, Expectations for Funded Events.” Yes, MAC sponsorship recognition prominently acknowledged Springs MAC and 1st District supported the event, and in promotional materials. RE: Community Impact. The event should address important community issues, such as public health and safety, community spirit or transportation transit concerns, local sourcing, etc. It is true, MAC members have generated events, but other people also come to MAC for different kinds of events; can't expect it all to happen from MAC.

## **8. Bike Racks 2.0 Ad Hoc (@1:30:23)**

### *a. Council discussion and approval for dissolution of specific Ad Hoc(s)*

**Councilmember Norman**, update: need new locations. Additional one Maxwell Park location approved. Other five locations on list not approved by So Co Transit. Need new locations, & present again. **Chair**, is there a Map w/ possibilities, street names? **Norman**, got the ones by bus stops; many limitations re in front of businesses, etc. Suggested schools, welcome suggestions/comments. **Chair Iturri**, can rules be amended? To place at other locations besides bus stops?

**Karina Garcia**, review: So Co Transit approved 4 bike racks in front of businesses along Springs corridor. Ad hoc had list of potential sites; then sent to So Co Transit. She no longer has access to list, or if new D1 team has access. Suggested starting from scratch, recreate list, send to Bryan Albee So Co Transit. FYI Bryan retiring, replacement unknown. They had approved bike rack placement in front of businesses. **Norman**, Ad hoc doesn't have list, & Bryan said he never received list. **Garcia**, suggested working w/ Minute Taker to research info. **Norman**, either way.

**Councilmember Henderson**, are white bike racks being used? **Norman**, feedback was they were not being used. **Henderson**, she is biker, white racks look like ghost bikes i.e. symbol left where someone was killed nearby on road. Unclear of their use; not a typical design. **Norman**, some of the racks were decorated w/ community help at events. Remaining six racks are completely decorated, bright colors. There are 5-6 racks installed in Springs. Never heard that comment re unrecognizable as racks. But do hear bus stop locations are limited. Welcomes suggestions. **Henderson**, how much attached to this design? In her perspective this design only allows 2 bikes. Need to know how to attach to it. People are also riding E-Bikes. **Chair**, committed to design.

**Admin/Chavez**, found list, read street names. **Norman**, those were submitted & denied.

**Lombard**, not being used because people put their bikes on the bus w/ them.

**Reyes**, racks donated by county; their design. Suggested doing a short video of using it to help explain. **Fernandez**, agreed the design is confusing/misleading. Put up a sign, “For Bike Rack Use” on rack. **Henderson**, offered to do video.

**Chair**, need to know what parameters are now from So Co Transit. Have they changed? Bus stops only, or other locations?

### **Public Comment**

**Jesus Alcaraz**, bike racks are throughout county at bus stops; hopefully may be used more in future. Suggested research for School Bus Routes, place there at pick-ups. There is one at Maxwell Park, consider another at Vailetti Drive/low income housing, other bus stops. Needs to be adequate room; some bus stops on Hwy 12 not wide enough.

**Donna**, suggested placing at SOS or Tiny Houses.

**Chair Iturri**, bring back to April Agenda for further discussion.

### **9. Dissolution of Ad Hoc(s) (@1:52:25)**

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

**Councilmember Norman**, Made a Motion to dissolve Farmers Market Ad hoc, **Councilmember Lombard** second, vote, approved unanimously.

**Chair**, will be a Resolution next Agenda to add new version Farmers Market Ad hoc 2.0.

**Public Comment, Zoom. None**

### **10. SVCAC update (@1:54:19)**

*b. Receive SVCAC informational update.*

**Councilmember/Liaison Norman reporting:**

Presentation from So Co Public Infrastructure RE: Roads. Noted for Springs District 1, road repair list to be approved & finalized by fall.

Presentation stated 25% roads District 1 in good condition.

“SoCoConnect” app to submit complaints/concerns re roads, take photo.

Valley of Moon Alliance proposed SVCAC look over Public Safety Survey, fire evacuation, recently released. Do a presentation.

Possible presentation from Our Neighborhood Voices.

Also SDC & Springs Specific Plan in 2025.

GreenLinks organization, possible presentation for April Agenda, enhanced pedestrian safety & accessibility.

**Chair**, requested clarification on Springs Specific Plan being presented at SVCAC. **Norman**, yes, was recommended.

**Councilmember Lombard**, reminder that MAC Ad hoc created List of Roads to be repaired in Springs. Requested clarification whether for 2025 or future.

**Supervisor Hermosillo, RE: Springs Specific Plan**. Putting a pin in to incorporate what Springs will look like as part of General Plan. SSP may not move forward. Recommended a General Plan



presentation. **RE: Roads**, go to SoCoConnect to report roads.

**Lombard**, further clarification on List of Roads submitted by Ad hoc, not done in 2024. E.g. Calle del Monte, Vallejo, others approved. **Hermosillo**, “approved” as in have the funding, or approved to be added to priority list? **Lombard**, will find list & send to Supervisor. Her understanding they were approved to be paved.

**Norman**, PI Roads presenter at CAC commented they had list, & it was submitted.

**Hermosillo**, agreed to look over list. Also, for the next funding cycle of roads that were available, there were 6 roads, maybe 7, & D1 needed to shave off \$1.7 million. So 5 roads in all of District One can get done; that includes a road in D1 that currently has a sinkhole that school buses have to drive over. Understands immense need. So yes, 75% of our roads are in terrible shape. We invest the most amount of money in similar sized counties on our infrastructure, and it is still not enough which is why we need to look at EIFDs. Happy to look at those roads, but only 5 were moving forward in the next budget cycle. **Lombard**, one was also Siesta.

**Hermosillo**, Siesta not on the PI list this week, but can look to see where they are, if/when approved. **Lombard**, primarily focused on roads necessary for evacuation in Springs.

**Hermosillo**, understands. Cavedale is shut down.

**Public Comment, Zoom. None.**

## **11. Ad hoc and Community Projects Updates (@2:01:59)**

### *a. Council Reports, Announcements, and updates*

**Chair Iturri noted any additional updates.**

#### **i. Funding (none)**

#### **ii. Emergency Preparedness 2.0**

**Councilmembers Reyes, Winders, Dong:**

- Feb 21<sup>st</sup> met to revise draft document MOU. Will send to School District for review; received guidance on process. Then will present Draft at School Board in April/May.
- **Evacuation practice drill for Springs in process. May 3<sup>rd</sup>, on Evacuation section Zone 6F2**, from Siesta to Agua Caliente. Broken into two Zones for alert. All streets Hwy up to mountain receive alert - e.g. Sunnyside, Feters, Agua Caliente, Mountain, Vallejo, Las Lomas, etc. People need to sign up to participate. Sheriff will be going through streets w/ “high and low” siren, as if a real evacuation. Will first get a post card, to sign up, then Alert morning of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, sirens on, recommend people take seriously as if real evacuation. Actually prepare w/ Go Bag for evacuating. Altimira probably the rally point as shelter evacuation site, for this drill. Conex container there. To sign up, people on designated streets will get post card w/ notice; either 8:30 or 9:30am. Will be put on list in county system. **Last day to sign up April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

[For Zone Map see

<https://sonomacounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/lookup/index.html?appid=58500b81c61148279263bed52403c81a&find=E%2520Agua%2520Caliente%2520Rd%252C%2520Sonoma%252C%252095476> ]

**Public Comment, Zoom. None.**

**iii. Springs Farmers Market**

**Councilmember Norman**

- Met w/ Ron Wellander at Plaza for olive trees & vendors placement/ lay out. Created a map for lay out.
- 15 confirmed vendors. If interested in signing up as vendors, go to Ace Farmers Market, Exec Director Kelly Smith, [<https://farm2facts.org/nfmw-spotlight-ace-farmers-market-organization-manager-kelly/> ] or D1 staff for website.
- Displayed Map on screen. Suggestion to push trees into 3 rows of 5; in center. Moving concrete blocks out 10 feet, giving additional room for vehicle turnaround. 7 vendors per side, plus food truck. Clearance for ADA, measured and marked. Displayed List of Vendors.
- Met w/ Karina Garcia from So Co Communications Partners, creating promo video for community. Next steps – promotion and outreach.

**Reyes**, also want a table at Market for Springs MAC for Outreach; volunteers invited. Market **JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> begins, through Oct 26, 10am to 2pm.** MAC volunteers please sign up during MAC meeting/s to organize, or via District 1 Staff.

**Public Comment, Zoom. None**

**iv. Housing (@2:11:31)**

**Councilmember Dong**

- Ad hoc met Feb 21 - Councilmembers Lombard, Dong, Winders. Considered items/topics to accomplish within year schedule limit.
- Goals - make recommendations to MAC & then Supervisor on:
  1. **Unpermitted ADU's.** City of Berkeley created Amnesty Program for people w/ Unpermitted ADUs to seek out Advice/Counsel; goal to get Code Compliant, get Certificate of Occupancy. If not possible, City could offer a Certificate of Housing Compliance for people using ADUs as living spaces for renter & owner that state it is safe to live in. Also, City of Berkeley registers ADUs throughout process, to count towards their inventory stock. This offsets required numbers of living spaces for city. It is also a safety issue. Both Sonoma County & City of Berkeley as a result of AB2533 require or allow owners of unpermitted ADU's get 5 years delay to make ADUs Code Compliant. Sonoma Co doing this. Would be good to also register ADUs, get permitted, up to Code.
  2. **Create Rental Registry List.** So Co not good data on # of rental units available. E.g. in Springs, how many, how safe/unsafe? List would get good data, plus provide owners & tenants w/ info on Rights of each. Could fall in line w/ So Co Just Cause Ordinance recently passed. Cities w/ Rental Registries e.g. Marin charges \$15 per unit. Other cities have taxes & fees collected to maintain Registry. So Co doesn't charge a business license. Suggested a tax permit for generating revenue.

3. **Requested help w/ counting number of vacant lots in valley that are Zoned R1, R2, R3 for building affordable homes;** if Hanna Center & SDC don't build them. Encourage landowners w/ incentive to build affordable. Councilmember Lombard researched lot list, would cost \$210 for a map. Requested Sup Hermosillo D1 Office for help w/ info.

**Sup Hermosillo**, Permit Sonoma currently working on those numbers, since Hanna Center has pulled out of housing development. Will provide info.

**Public Comment, Zoom. None.**

**v. Utility Boxes (@2:16:45)**

**Admin Chavez**, no update. In process. Many unknowns, new Applications.

**vi. Springs Community Plaza (@2:17:18)**

**Councilmember Lombard**, blue plastic Adirondack style chairs donated by Sonoma Mission Inn. Displayed photos of chairs & concrete bollards painted.

**Norman**, ran out of paint for 2 more bollards. Got pricing; send to District 1? Okayed.

**Chair**, where is other Springs sign? Image displayed on screen. Across street, near bus stop, eastern side Hwy 12. **Reyes**, grateful for sign offered for use; will be considered. **Lombard**, confirmed w/ sign maker it is still on offer.

**Public Comment, Zoom. None.**

**vii. Roads/Adopt a Road (@2:20:08)**

**Councilmember Reyes**, Ad hoc will meet w/ Public Infrastructure on training video. Waiting for certification.

**Public Comment, Zoom. None.**

**12. Cal Trans – Follow-up Letter (@2:21:05)**

**Chair Iturri**, discussed drafting letter to follow up on Cal Trans work in process. Get update on crosswalks, Donald St Gap. Still of interest to write letter for update? Is there already a draft?

**Dong**, recalled editing a letter in last 3 months. Did it get sent? **Chair**, unsure, will check. Will then send to Staff & MAC. **Admin Chavez**, will check w/ Zaira.

**Lin Marie/Minutes**, will check Minutes of last few months for Letter Item.

**Public Comment**

**Jesus Alcaraz**, clarification on letter? Will it be brought back for revision? Requested update on lighted cross walks. Also, mentioned Utility Box decorated in front of La Michoacana that now is gray; had roses. Inquired who painted, Cal trans or business?

**Councilmember Fernandez**, tattoo artist named Rose who painted it; sad roses disappeared. There was a private person involved. **Chair** requested continue discussion after meeting.

**Chair** will send Letter to Cal trans if not already done.

**13. Chair Nomination(@2:26:08)** Chair Iturri called for nominations.

**Councilmember Norman** nominated Councilmember Dong. Reyes second.

**Councilmember Dong** nominated Councilmember Reyes. Henderson second.

**Roll call vote:**

Norman, Dong

Fernandez, Dong

Reyes, Dong

Iturri, Reyes

Lombard, Reyes

Dong, Reyes

Henderson, Reyes

**Final count: Reyes 4, Dong 3.**

**Councilmember Reyes is the new Chair.**

**Chair Iturri, next Agenda vote for Vice Chair?** Clarified Vice Chair Winders term is not up, since she replaced former Councilmember Jack Allan's partial term.

**Supervisor Hermosillo**, clarified each term is for one year; will check By Laws.

#### **14. Consideration of Future Agenda Items (2:32:34)**

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

**Chair Iturri, Items to return on Agenda for April:**

Springs Plaza Ad hoc, signs chosen to vote on

Funding Request reduced to two pages

Locations for bike racks

Two Resolutions - Farmers Market, & new Councilmember Henderson assignment to Ad hoc/s

**Ongoing Long list:**

Goal setting

Emergency Prep

Bike safety

Iolero

Immigration Services presentation

Transportation for Seniors

Tenants Just Cause

**Plus add Fire Chief Update**

**Admin Chavez**, plus Budget Update

Update on Cal trans letter

**Public Comment**

**Sent via email March 12, 2025**

**From:** Katie Chauncy <[k.chauncy@gmail.com](mailto:k.chauncy@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 9:01 AM

**To:** Betzy Chavez <[Betzy.Chavez@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Betzy.Chavez@sonoma-county.org)>

**Subject:** Public comment, March 12, and item number 14

Hi Betzy, As it pertains to item number 14 for tonight, please use this for my public comment: My family and I live in Boyes Hot Springs near the Boyes bridge. I will be participating in a Petaluma River cleanup this weekend, and have done one on our own in our community. I would now like to plan one for Larson Park to Boyes Bridge for May. Please advise what next steps would be to get this on the calendar.

Thank you, Katie Chauncy Vormelker 707-254-5594 Sent from my iPhone

**Zoom. None.**

15. **Adjourned 9:05pm** (Next meeting date: 4/9/2025)

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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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