



## **Sorrento Valley Town Council**

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### **SVTC Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, April 20th, 2023

7:00 pm

Google Meets Meeting

#### **Present from the SVTC Board:**

Lil Nover, Julia Schriber, Susan Carolin, Jeaneth Green, Harsh Sangani, Jutta Birkenthal

#### **Absent:**

Sean Tompkins (with prior notice)

#### **Guests:**

Elected Officials:

- a. Alana Austin from City Council D6
- b. Rachel Dugan from Congressman Scott Peters' office
- c. Officer John Briggs: Community Relations Officer, Northwestern Division, SDPD

Khoa Nguyen, Land Use Consultant

Vicky, Pacific Ridge Resident

Karen Lofren, Pacific Ridge Resident

President Lil Nover called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Agenda:**

- I. Lil made a motion to add a public comment to the agenda. Julia seconded and all voted Yes to approve
- II. Lil made a motion to approve the agenda. Julia seconded and all voted Yes to approve.
- III. Lil made a motion to approve the March 16th meeting minutes. Julia seconded and all voted Yes to approve.
- IV. Public Comment
  - a. Karen's talking points.

Karen came across a post on the NextDoor app about a burglary in the Sorrento Valley neighborhood. She was also aware of many other burglaries that had recently happened in the neighborhood. Karen attended the meeting to ask Officer John Briggs if he could provide any statistics on burglaries in Sorrento Valley, as well as in the neighboring areas of Carmel Valley and University City.

## V. Elected Officials/Government Agencies

### a. Alana's talking points.

San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria proposed a budget on Friday. Council District 6 will hold two budget town hall meetings: Thursday, May 4th and Monday, May 8th.

The City Council's CPPS (Community Projects, Programs, and Services) Funding Program for Fiscal Year 2024 will begin in April 2023 and provide funds to both nonprofit organizations and public agencies.

Alana attended the opening of California English, a newly opened restaurant in Sorrento Valley in April. The restaurant is the latest culinary venture from renowned celebrity chef Richard Blais. Alana enjoyed the food and experience.

### b. Rachel's talking points.

The deadline for the 2023 Congressional Art Competition is Monday, April 24, 2023. Two winners will have their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. Additionally, all artwork will be displayed on social media, and the piece with the most likes will be showcased in the district's office.

Scott Peters introduced the Providing Child Care for Police Officers Act, which has received support from San Diego Congressman Darrell Issa.

### c. Officer John Briggs' talking points.

According to Officer Briggs, there have been 33 burglaries since December 1st in the Northwestern Division neighborhoods. There are several groups that are possibly responsible, one of them from LA. They come to the back doors and they are looking for non-traceable valuables (jewelry, designer handbags, guns, cash, etc.). They are not interested in electronics and they are non-confrontational. If they see that someone is at home, they leave. Many burglars are coming to houses from the canyons, so gated communities are not spared.



Burglars have used chemical spray on dogs, but they don't carry guns. The intention is to scare the dog away, but not harm it.

The burglaries typically occur between 6 PM and 8 PM. They are looking for patterns in people's lives. Burglars are using AirTags to track people's movements and they follow social media.

Officer Briggs recommends the following safety tips:

- Use your alarm system.
- Don't post about upcoming vacations on social media.
- Change up your daily routines.
- If someone knocks on your door, don't open it but let them know you're home.
- Always lock your patio doors.
- If you see something suspicious on Nextdoor, send it to Officer Briggs.

## VI. Committee Reports

### a. President's Report.

Lil, Harsh, and Sean met with representatives from the North County Transit District (NCTD). Lil gave an overview of the discussion regarding the timing of the lights that cause traffic congestion at Roselle Street and Sorrento Valley Boulevard. NCTD is currently waiting for a pricing update from the BNSF Railway Company.

Harsh had a question about the conditions of our streets, especially couple of major intersections with big potholes.

Lil talked about the Google Doc spreadsheet that Julia created to list the budget items, and what we should ask our councilmember, Kent Lee, to fund. Our top priority is to repair the streets and intersections.

The city is currently evaluating the condition of San Diego streets using an Overall Condition Index (OCI). The project is expected to be completed in July.

The intersection of Sorrento Valley Blvd and Sorrento Valley Rd is in need of urgent repairs. It is located in District 1, so we need to cooperate with District 1 Councilmember LaCava to get the repairs done.

## VII. New Business

Brush management.

Julia said that she found cones so we can work safely. She also thinks that maybe we can work only a couple of hours per day so it is not as exhausting. We could do weed whacking and use a salt/vinegar solution. We should also remove the dirt that is allowing the weeds to grow.

Susan mentioned that the weeds make it hard for drivers to see the road when making a U-turn.

### Action Items:

1. Pick a date to clean the weeds in the Sorrento Valley Blvd median.
2. Susan will write a letter to the councilmembers regarding help with street repairs.
3. Lil will forward a letter to SVTC members asking them to vote via email on ADU units in San Diego.

Adjournment: Lil adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Juta Birkenthal, Recording Secretary