



Sorrento Valley Town Council

6990 Carroll Road, Suite B
San Diego, CA 92121
info@SorrentoValleyTC.com
www.SorrentoValleyTC.com

SVTC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 17th, 2021
7:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

Present from the SVTC Board were:

Lil Nover, Susan Carolin, Sean Tompkins, Harsh Sangani, Jeaneth Green, Juta Birkenthal

Absent was:

Julia Schriber, (with prior notice)

Guests:

Elected Officials:

- a. Luis Pallera from City Council D6 Chris Cate's office
- b. Jeff Yuen: County Board of Supervisors D3 Terra Lawson-Remer
- c. Michaela Valk from Mayor Todd Gloria's office

Guest Speaker:

Cody Petterson, Senior Land Use Advisor at Terra Lawson-Remer office

President Lil Nover called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

Agenda:

1. Lil made a motion to add approve the agenda. Susan seconded and all voted Yes to approve.
2. Lil made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Juta seconded and all voted Yes to approve.
3. Recognition of elected officials

· Jeff Yuen:

Infrastructure update.

- Youth services center (Epicentre) will re-open in Mira Mesa.
- Update on the San Diego County Small Business Stimulus Grant Program.

\$30 Million is available in grants for qualified businesses (20 employees or less).

- San Diego County Budget will be approved on June 29th.

· Luis's talking points:

- Twenty banners featuring nurses from the Philippine Nurses Association have been installed along Mira Mesa Boulevard to recognize the nurses and celebrate the Philippine Independence Day.
- The San Diego City Council unanimously voted to pass proposed budget on June 14th.
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is available again for community events.

· Michaela's talking points:

- Update on Sorrento Valley Blvd. improvements:
 1. Repairing the v-calm sign is not completed.
 2. One of the traffic studies came back; there is no recommendation for an additional v-calm sign.
 3. Upgrade streetlights to LEDs.
 4. Trees have not been trimmed.
- Mayor Gloria's budget proposal includes:
 1. 10 million in loans to small businesses and nonprofits to recover from pandemic; anybody who is in city can also apply for a county grant.
 2. Investing in youth employment program
 3. Creation of a new "Summer for All of Us" program
 4. Investing \$500,000 to summer library youth program
 5. Investing in the new Climate Equity Fund

· Harsh introduced the guest speaker, Cody Petterson, to give an overview about possible solutions to improve Sorrento Valley railway crossing.

According to Cody, it is not likely that any infrastructural changes will be made prior to the major infrastructure investment planned within the next 15 years.

The immediate solution to improve traffic flow is adjusting (shortening) the time the crossing gate is closed. This change is planned to take place within the next 6 months.

Cody also gave an overview of the possible realignment scenarios of the tracks.

4. New Business.

Susan proposed to invite Moriah Saldaña to the next SVTC meeting. Moriah is a Climate Action Plan Program Coordinator at City of San Diego.

We are dark in July, August meeting will be on Zoom, September meeting venue tbd.

Action Items:

1. Susan will invite Moriah Saldaña to the August 19th meeting.

Adjournment: Lil adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

_____Juta Birkenthal, Recording Secretary