

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.

**Springs Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes of the Hybrid (Live/Virtual) Meeting
July 13, 2022**

1. Call to Order 6:34

Roll Call: Vice Chair Perot

Present: Iturri, Lombard, Alcaraz, Reyes, Winders, Franklin, Hardeman

Absent: None

Chair Iturri welcomed all to first in-person/hybrid meeting. Zoom primarily for viewing purposes; Public Comment call-in may be received. Spanish interpretation available. Acknowledged School District & everyone providing support.

Present: Juan Morales, Interpreter

2. Oath of Office for new members of Springs Municipal Advisory Council (@6:30 you tube)

Karina Garcia led Oath for: Celeste Winders, Joe Hardeman, Ron Franklin. All signed official statement of acceptance. Brief introductions.

Joe Hardeman - Valley & Springs resident, Boys & Girls Club staff 22 years. Interested in representing Springs/unincorporated region

Celeste Winders - Springs resident, 19 years, mother, business owner. Interested in equity/advocacy community

Ron Franklin - Valley/Springs resident, father, former SDC staff

Chair Iturri called for Council comments. Councilmembers welcomed new members

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment

Mario Castillo, activist/organizer. Noted Supervisor Gorin unable to attend. Expressed gratitude to new members. Sees need for more participatory voices & increased efforts for Springs' community. Is available to collaborate.

Public Comment Closed

3. Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2022 Meeting

Vice Chair Perot moved to approve Minutes of June 8 Meeting. Councilmember Alcaraz Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair Iturri called for Public Comment 3 minute limit

(Limited to items not appearing on the agenda)

Mario Castillo, Springs resident. Re Rental Assistance Program. Over a year ago, Food for All & Sonoma Valley Housing Group collaborated on Program, held clinics, 150 families signed up, at

time of worst pandemic, money was available from county. Continued to partner w/ organizations for over a year, volunteers involved, but many families have still not received assistance. Requested Springs MAC inquire re payments to those still waiting for assistance. Applications have been transferred to other organizations. Springs MAC could be important to help solve delays. Put this topic on Springs MAC Agenda, invite Food for All & Housing Group & County to provide information & report.

Leticia Alcaraz, has worked on Redwood Credit Union shred events usually in Napa, Marin; requested/suggested a free shred event in Sonoma.

Public Comment Closed.

5. Community Event Announcements (@25:37)

Councilmember Reyes, event - Back to School Health Fair August 13th, Alta Mira School 12-2:30. All welcome. See Facebook page for fliers. Goal: raise funds for 750 back packs

Chair Iturri, event - Sept 10th, Larson Park, 3-7pm Emergency Preparedness event w/ participating community organizations, presentations by firefighters, Map Your Neighborhood, Comida para Todos, Health Clinic, Community Center, Art Escape.

Karina, Charla Comunitaria, Thursday July 14, 6-7pm, zoom, landscapers' certification program; drought info, in Spanish

6. Chair Iturri Update (@28:28)

- **Explained change to in-person/hybrid meeting.** State of CA announced a month ago that all government meetings be held in-person. Important for Springs MAC to broadcast w/ hybrid option. Couple weeks later, State cancelled mandate. MAC Can go back to virtual if preferred. Tonight's meeting an experiment for the community.
- **Annual Report submitted**, noted significant accomplishments by Springs MAC.
- **Invited MAC members AUG 2nd, 9-12pm, tabletop training by Catholic Charities, activation drill/exercise.** Sonoma COAD, at Red Cross Chapter. Encouraged attendance by MAC member/s.

Chair Iturri called for Council comment. None.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment. None.

7. Supervisor Susan Gorin Update (absent - postponed)

8. Springs Specific Plan Comment Letter (@32:15)

Chair Iturri explained purpose of Letter, resulting from county report w/ community comments. Councilmember Lombard drafted Letter. Read Letter.

Review and Approve comment letter on Draft EIR to be submitted to Permit Sonoma during Public Review Period (5.18.22-7.17.22)

DRAFT LETTER

July 13, 2022 RE: Springs Municipal Advisory Council comments on the Springs Specific Plan EIR

Delivered by E-mail

Dear Supervisor Gorin,

Our Concerns

Once the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is approved, the next step is approval by the Board of Supervisors for one of the proposed Alternative Plans. Opportunities for changes of the Springs Specific Plan (SSP) are essentially over. Given the length of the documents and time taken to produce the SSP and DEIR the tight comment period is inadequate. Our primary concern is the change in economic reality in the Springs since 2015. Intervening structural and economic changes in Sonoma County and the country have caused the economic reality to worsen for our residents.

Time between inception of planning (2015) for the SSP and the final product in 2022. Significant and unexpected changes have taken place in the Springs Community. Wildfires beginning in 2017, inception of the COVID pandemic in 2019 and resulting inflation have used significant changes. Loss of income for many, increases in the costs of housing and the ability of very low to median income individuals and families to afford housing. Problems already rampant in the Springs Community were intensified.

The SSP addresses the physical aspects of the Springs but not the human composition of the Springs.

Economic concerns are primary objections to the plans as they stand. The DEIR and SSP downplay the economic reality of the Springs area. The Planners have classified the effect of the resulting actions caused by plans as 'Less than Significant'. We assure that this is not true for the people of the Springs who will live the reality of which ever plan is chosen.

Displacement of Springs community members by gentrification is inherent in the plans. As well, displacement will occur as the plans are implemented. Public meetings to provide input for the SSP emphasized the desire and need of the community to avoid displacement of vulnerable residents and avoid gentrification. Intervening time has worsened economic conditions for vulnerable persons. Ignoring this reality is unacceptable. Actions must be included in the DEIR and SSP that provide robust mitigation measures.

Maintaining a diverse and vibrant Springs population. Our population is ethnically, racially, economically and age mixed. As a community we continue to learn to live with each other and grow from our mutual experiences. We realize that at times our aspirations exceed our actions.

Consider life in Sonoma Valley without the Springs

Economic health of the entire Valley depends on workers who make their homes here. The jobs of many wage workers do not pay enough for the necessities. It is well documented that most public service workers as well as lower wage earners cannot afford to buy a home.

Realistically residents draining out of the Springs create problems for local businesses in lost revenues due to staffing shortages including business closures due to lack of staffing.

We cannot forget other residents. The non-wage earners—children, stay at home parents, retired people, permanently disabled, extremely low income and homeless persons. We are a whole community. We must consider everyone living in the Springs, no matter their economic reality.

For these reasons we challenge Permit Sonoma staff to make provisions to fit the reality of the Springs and our sincere desire for an inclusionary community.

Suggestions include provisions to maximize participation by experienced low-cost housing developers, emphasize affordability at all stages of planning and construction, encourage modest ADUs, and provide intermediate housing for people displaced from their homes by new construction. Last, but not least. We urge robust attention be turned to open space for community recreation and gathering. The Plaza location is indeed historic, although smaller than the original space. What is designated is little more than a parking lot in a commercial area. It is not too much to ask for more space to be found and provision for actually starting to moving forward on a Springs Community Plaza. The residents of the Springs provide economic advantage to the Sonoma Valley and by extension, Sonoma County.

Sincerely,

cc Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, Permit Sonoma, Sonoma City Council, North Sonoma Valley M.A.C. (add SVCAC)

Chair Iturri called for Council Comment

DISCUSSION

Vice Chair Perot, noted Permit Sonoma raising permitting fees 9% in July. Re Letter - Open Space, add "maintain & improve Larson Park."

Councilmember Lombard, thinks Larson Park item not covered in Springs Specific Plan.

Councilmember Reyes, need to look at map, limited one mile area. Important to include Larson Park.

Chair Iturri recommended an additional letter to advocate for Larson Park.

Councilmember Reyes, also Hwy 12 & Central, request for a crosswalk, overdue. And Boyes Blvd/Hwy 12 signal which is a dangerous intersection.

Councilmember Alcaraz, dangerous intersection by school, Calle Del Monte. Plus research federal funding for infrastructure into Springs' community.

Councilmember Lombard, SSP doesn't cover all these comments.

Councilmember Reyes, disagree, they do, she attended SSP meetings.

Councilmember Lombard, but not included in Plan itself. Community/Springs MAC can use Cal Trans as contact for road safety.

Councilmember Reyes, need to hold county accountable, it was promised at community meetings.

Councilmember Alcaraz, was discussion at EIR meetings w/ SSP on Hwy 12 corridor, creating better housing, Donald St Gap, residents' complaints; important for future of community

Vice Chair Perot, traffic/walking/pedestrian concerns are part of the EIR scope. Express this briefly - "As we discussed previously, etc."

Councilmember Winders, important to address road/traffic/pedestrian safety – Springs is a walking community. Re Larson Park, have been funding commitments but involved w/ Maxwell Park, possibly getting majority funding. Larson is a community park, well used. Also, in Letter, suggested add concern of declining enrollment in schools due to housing crisis; families unable to have affordable housing, will move away.

Chair Iturri, recommended addition re improving/maintaining Larson Park. Enclose separate Cal Trans letter which addresses these safety issues.

Councilmember Alcaraz requested clarification on deadlines.

Karina, Letter needs to be approved today. Make minor edits & approve. Will go to Supervisor Gorin & Permit Sonoma.

Councilmember Lombard, noted CCs to BoS, Permit Sonoma, Sonoma City Council, North Valley Sonoma MAC. Reyes, also SVCAC. Chair, agreed.

Chair Iturri called for In-Person Public Comment limited to 3 minutes (@52:54)

Greg Larson, Springs resident since 1976. Re wages, BoS could raise minimum wage; set to go up to \$15 in 2024. Need to raise to a living wage. Same problem in other parts of country - restaurants closing due to lack of staffing; workforce unable to afford high rents. Tennis Wick, head of Permit Sonoma, raised all permit fees. Fees high for affordable housing, upgrades, etc.

County saying one thing but doing another; this isn't acceptable for the community. Mentioned he bought a house for \$325,000 sold \$1.75 million, taxes just tripled for new owner. Where is money going/how is it being used? Water shortages w/ 20% reductions required, county not acting. Need to prioritize, get together w/ other County MACs for results. Fix roads, desalinization water treatment plant suggested, etc.

Mario Castillo, re Letter, add phrase "Springs always getting short end of stick." Have had lack of leadership & voice at county in Valley. Non-profits not participating enough. Feels Letter won't make a difference despite efforts. Need better representation; Supervisor Valerie Brown got sidewalks & lighting. What is current Supervisor doing?

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment from Zoom:

Sandra Saldana, expressed gratitude for coverage of SSP via SMAC Letter. She contacted county reps; there is pressure for affordable housing.

Ann Colichidas, from Pueblo Serena Mobilehome Park/City of Sonoma, Pres. of SuperChapter of Golden State Mobilehome Owners League (GSMOL) & Secretary of County Assoc (SCMOA). Appreciates emphasis in Letter on displacement; noted that Lazzarato Mobilehome Park is a nonsubsidized affordable housing community; suggested adding statement on preserving & protecting that Park.

Rachel Cusick, re Letter, accurate comments, represent her concerns. Situation different from 2016. Biggest acute concerns are environmental, fires, drought, employment, climate change. Plan creates more pressure on roads/traffic. Not doing enough to address climate change problems, locally & globally. Affects all resources. Is the Plan even relevant now? Will send letter to BoS.

Public Comment closed.

Chair Iturri called for Council comments.

Councilmember Lombard encouraged everyone to write to BoS re their concerns. Statistically each letter is significant.

Karina clarified letters can be sent to her Karina.Garcia@Sonoma-County.org or to BoS.

Greg Larson, spoke off record; Chair clarified she cannot respond at that time.

Chair Iturri, returned to edit of Draft Letter. Will include new reference to climate, Larson Park, traffic. In particular – climate change, wildfires and impact on our population.

In addition strongly recommend that Larson Park receive the needed improvements to make it a safe, usable & enjoyable community space.

Stand-alone sentence – see letter included to Caltrans regarding recommendations re traffic/road/ pedestrian safety

Final Edited Letter (see full text in Supplemental Docs)



SMAC SSP DEIR
Letter Approved SIGI

Vice Chair Perot moved to approve final Letter.

Councilmember Winders, important to specify declining enrollment in Public Schools. So noted by Chair Iturri.

Motion Seconded by Ron Franklin. Call for vote. All in favor. Unanimous.

Public Comment VIA EMAIL from: Caitlin Cornwall, Sent: Fri 7/8/2022 12:28 PM Project Director Sonoma Valley Collaborative www.sonomavalleycollaborative.org (707) 322-1400

Sonoma Valley Collaborative is a project of Sonoma Ecology Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Federal EIN 94-3136500 www.sonomavalleycollaborative.org

Please receive these comments from Sonoma Valley Collaborative on the draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Springs Specific Plan (SSP). Sonoma Valley Collaborative (SVC) is a forum of community leaders from across the environmental, equity, and economy sectors of Sonoma Valley, finding solutions and taking action to address our community's biggest challenges.

General support for proposed project

In general, SVC supports the proposed project of the SSP, with the exceptions described below. SVC supports the SSP because the SSP maximizes the amount of infill homes, in a variety of sizes and formats, that can be afforded by people who live or work in Sonoma Valley, and thus the SSP as proposed aligns with SVC's Housing Declaration. SVC supports the SSP's greater amount of multifamily and mixed use housing, and lesser amount of single family housing.

SVC supports higher-density, taller, infill development and redevelopment that is served by transit, among other reasons to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from driving and commuting, and from heating and cooling buildings, and to create a pleasant, walkable, racially and economically integrated community that is culturally rich. SVC has no comment on commercial or office space.

Displacement policies needed

SVC is acutely aware of how many community members Sonoma Valley is losing, and has already lost, to the high cost of housing. To help with this severe problem, the SSP and its DEIR need a realistic analysis of displacement and gentrification, and effective preventive measures. The DEIR (section 3.11-2) asserts that "Project implementation would not displace substantial numbers of people or housing units" because "New development allowed under the Project would significantly increase the available housing stock..."

But displacement is not an averaged-out phenomenon; it happens to particular individuals and households. People are displaced when their cost of living increases beyond their means, or when they are ordered to leave their home.

The SSP causes displacement in two ways: Because the SSP increases allowable dwelling units on many parcels, it allows those parcels' owners to replace existing buildings, which causes 1) removal of the current occupants during construction and 2) an increase in housing cost on those parcels after construction. The SSP needs a strong anti-displacement program to compensate existing residents for their loss of housing, house residents during construction who wish to stay in the area, and offer them a choice of units in the new buildings at a cost that does

not create a rent burden. Without protections like these, the SSP is certain to exacerbate the already extreme loss of residents with middle and lower incomes.

Donald Avenue

SVC has no comment about the inclusion of the Donald Ave neighborhood, except that it is unclear why that area is in the planning area when other low-density areas also adjacent to the Springs are not.

Affordability levels needed

We could not find any prescription for the range of affordability levels in the SSP's proposed new or redeveloped housing. The SSP needs to make a substantial contribution to reversing Sonoma Valley's extreme housing affordability crisis, by mandating that a maximum percent of the dwelling units be priced, whether for rent or sale, for households with moderate, low, very low, and extremely low incomes. Related, mobile homes should be protected and allowed throughout the planning area, since they are a major source of low-cost housing. Without such stipulations, the SSP will worsen the affordability crisis.

Building heights

SVC supports allowing taller buildings in mixed use and commercial settings, with more of the zoning districts allowing three stories.

Additional approach recommended

SVC asks staff and Planning Commissioners to consider including provisions for redeveloping an entire block or blocks under one redevelopment process, in locations where many small, old, poorly constructed homes make poor use of space and provide poor living conditions. These could be replaced with taller, healthy, energy-efficient, fire-ready, multi-unit buildings with green space, walkability, transit, and protections from displacement. Larger-scale projects like this could unlock greater reductions in cumulative emissions, VMT, noise, visual impact, and displacement than multiple smaller projects.

Use the full power of a Specific Plan

SVC asks planners and decision-makers to assure that the SSP goes as far as possible to reduce barriers, reduce costs, and speed approvals for future projects that are consistent with the SSP. For example, where the SSP allows three stories, the need for a use permit could be removed. Better to fight the CEQA fights now, once, at the level of the SSP, than to see future consistent projects delayed with their own CEQA fight.

Thanks to the Permit Sonoma staff and Sonoma Valley community members who contributed to this Plan, which SVC hopes will improve the lives of Sonoma Valley residents for years to come.

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Public Comment VIA EMAIL From: A. Colichidas acolichidas@gmail.com; Sent Wednesday, July 13, 2022 5:42 PM **To:** Karina Garcia **Subject:** Public Comment SSP

I echo the concerns about displacement, and particularly at Lazaratto's MHP. Lazaratto's is on the prime corner of El Verano and HWY 12. The same corner was referred to in last month's minutes as "neglected". I question the zoning and density on that parcel and I have not been able to get an adequate answer from the planners on this project.

Why is this parcel even included in SSP as it important non-subsidized affordable housing in Sonoma Valley? I urge you to consider these points in finalizing your draft.

Sincerely, Ann Colichidas, Board Secretary

Sonoma County Mobilehome Owners Association (SCMOA)

9. E-Waste, Recycling & Hauling Event (@1:16:20) *Discuss event opportunities/planning strategy*

Chair Iturri supports idea. Requested leadership from Council.

Councilmember Winders, was a former organization that did regular E Waste etc. annual events, worked w/ local garbage company, brought in large dumpsters, separated recycling, in addition to dealing w/ large items to decrease creek dumping. Successfully decreased pile up of toxic chemicals, mattresses. Suggested partnering w/ local agencies.

Councilmember Reyes, recommended use of East Thompson parking lot. Arroyo Vet previously partnered. Thrift stores are getting garbage dumped.

Councilmember Lombard, proposed swap meet for useful/reusable items. Invite thrift stores to look over donated items.

Vice Chair Perot, Sept 17th Coastal Clean Up at Larson Park. Could use that site; involve community. Possibly deal w/ large items. Morning.

Chair Iturri, recommended combining all efforts.

Fire Preparedness Event Sept 10th - promote Sept 17th. Are there events for Mexican Independence Day – will there be conflict? Karina, City of Sonoma will have info.

Councilmember Reyes, July 24-30 Zero Waste Week, related events

Councilmember Alcaraz, grateful for progress on this event

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment (@1:24:48)

Greg Larson, Springs resident, re recycling, dumpsters in Larson Park. Concerned about problems w/ certain items not accepted. Vice Chair Perot, Recology will pick up the full dumpsters. Sonoma Ecology Center participates & assists.

Zaira Quinones, El Verano resident, in favor of project. Suggested different sites, e.g. School District locations, for people w/o transportation. Also connect w/ local businesses. Set up bins for specific items, e.g. yard waste, mattresses, etc.

Mario Castillo, supportive of project. Asked for clarification on who will benefit from event; Latinex community sometimes stereotyped as tolerating second hand items. Also, hopes there will be educational info; need info re where to take batteries, lightbulbs, etc. Noted that there are experienced organizers in the community who would respond/help w/ this project, including him. **Vice Chair Perot**, asked for clarification re Latinex community's interest. **Mario**, make it culturally relevant.

Councilmember Winders, re benefit of event, especially for large items. Residents of denser housing/apartment complexes don't have individual garbage services to call for large item pick up. Recology customers in single resident dwellings get 4 large item pickups per year free. This also applies to toxic waste. Likes idea to have multiple sites for people who have limited transportation.

Councilmember Hardeman, re issue of quality of items, whether it's re-usable junk or trash, who will oversee? Suggested a swap meet option be a separate event.

Councilmember Lombard, clarified her suggestion was not specific to any group, anticipated items not taken could still be put in dumpster. Frequently sees furniture left on street corners.

Chair Iturri, toxic waste option important. Called for volunteers for temporary Ad Hoc. Volunteered: Councilmembers Alcaraz, Winders & Vice Chair Perot. Sept 17th possible date.

10. Ad hoc Updates/Reports (@1:33:50) *Council Reports, Announcements and updates*

Chair Iturri, Emergency Preparedness - launched MYN; both ongoing outside of MAC

Community Voice, Outreach – Councilmember Alcaraz, evolution of future meeting locations/format will shape development of flyers

Councilmember Reyes, clarified Town Hall transformed into Community Festival/Emergency Preparedness, Sept 10th event; will include opportunity for feedback on important Springs' community issues.

Art, Chair Iturri, re Art Escape & bike racks; Sonoma County Transportation acquired, to be placed at Hwy 12 bus stops. Goal to decorate w/ Art Escape participation. Stored currently on Grove St.

Road, Vice Chair Perot, Councilmember Lombard. Karina – working w/ Transportation & Public Works/Janice Thompson, creating list of constituents' complaints recorded in Supervisor Gorin's office; will share w/ Springs & North Valley MACs. Ad Hocs can meet soon w/ TPW.

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment

Mario Castillo, re crucial representation of MAC. Tonight's report/s show how to involve community, i.e. live in-person, community Public Comment, virtual option. Still need to either incorporate w/ City of Sonoma or improve representation. Many community organizations serving; need more community support to strengthen MAC's influence w/ county. Welcomed new MAC members.

Councilmember Hardeman, re Art Escape bike project; offered to help/knows local artists. Chair Iturri suggested he join Art Ad Hoc.

Councilmember Lombard, suggested forming a support group from community organizations & community members w/ expertise, to help w/activities, & better inform the MAC.

Councilmember Alcaraz, re Outreach Committee/community organization contacts. Noted that he has had enthusiastic responses, emphasized positive influence of MAC, will keep up/increase Outreach.

Councilmember Hardeman, suggested MAC create a One Page Report w/ "wins" that local organizations could share via their Outreach.

Chair Iturri, encouraged openness w/ community, give & take pathways/culturally relevant participation. Community/coalition is built through conversation & balanced exchange.

Councilmember Reyes, requested re-commitment from Springs' organizations, those who are already connected plus new ones. Providing civic engagement & community empowerment. Encouraged contact w/ Admins as well as front line workers.

Chair Iturri noted this discussion could be continued as a future agenda item.

Karina, MAC focus on Promotion/Outreach resulted in that Ad Hoc. Reminder that two years of Covid lockdown limited options for community outreach/ability to visit local organizations. The focus has been on pandemic recovery, i.e. resources, financial needs, food necessities, etc. All communities are still dealing w/ current risks, but marked improvement w/ three new Council members.

11. Consideration of Future Agenda Items (@1:50:12)

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

Chair Iturri: Mobile Response Team for August, inspired by county Safe Team

Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec – Springs' Farmers Market, Economic growth, Housing Preservation & Protection, Expand Springs MAC boundaries similar to NVMAC statement, business & restaurant permitting, Rental Assistance program, community conversation.

Letter re Larson Park - Councilmember Lombard, Vice Chair Perot will provide draft to August meeting

Noted: Agenda Item List is regularly reviewed/evaluated

Karina, Chief Akre's quarterly report for August

Councilmember Reyes, inquired re SVCAC report. Chair Iturri, no meetings held.

Councilmember Lombard, Sonoma County Transit presentation re bus system

Councilmember Winders, October, Admin Unified School District, Superintendent Palazuelos, school will be in session; update/report on student needs, in particular Springs'

Chair Iturri called for Public Comment

Mario Castillo, recommended MAC revisit Outreach options. Re how to Agendize - suggested reviewing content, i.e. what is MAC presenting, vision or work of county or community? What is being offered? Is MAC representative of community's needs? Councilmember Winders' item a relevant concern to the community, good to promote. Visit w/ County Supervisor not as appealing.

Greg Larson, concerned about 8 year drought. Described past offering by 8th St East treatment plant four years ago of re-used water to anyone who brought a tank. Recommended bring this option back. He contacted the plant but they were not responsive. Supply water truck to deliver to people w/ rain barrels. Also, suggested county provide solar incentives; important to climate change. After fires, PGE held accountable for negligence, there were discussions of creating micro grids - now nothing. PGE raising rates. Where is the county money going? Permit Sonoma charging for every little thing; their budget is \$42million. Let's put money back into community. Also, re Transit Occupancy tax, TOT. 25% raised goes to General Fund. Rest goes to Harvest Fair, benefits the wine industry, Bureau of Tourism, Commerce, advertising for hotels, etc. Need to reverse percentages - put 75% into programs & incentives for community.

Zaira Quinones, suggestion for Art Ad Hoc, re problems w/ graffiti - contact local artists/non-profits to address/improve situation & educate those who are defacing property.

Councilmember Alcaraz expressed gratitude to all community members who spoke up.

Chair Iturri, acknowledged staff & support. August 10th next meeting. Will announce format.

12. Adjourned 8:34pm

Sonoma TV You Tube for July 13, 2022 Springs MAC meeting

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHaVT_salWg&t=8s

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Springs Municipal Advisory Council after distribution of the agenda packet are available

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