

# BONSALL COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

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**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BONSALL COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 7:00PM  
In Person at The Bonsall Community Center**

**A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

All Seven Members Present - Steve Norris, Larissa Anderson, Dawn Apsley, Jennifer Haider, Ray Botta, Jared Rowley, Meghan Van Leeuwen

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE**

**C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A vote on the Special Meeting Minutes dated September 11, 2024, will be deferred until the next meeting.

**D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

A community member stated that the Bonsall Women's Club sponsored two miles of road on Camino Del Rey. Concern was expressed about trash, debris, and mattresses being dumped on the roads. Public Works will pick up items on the side of the road up to six feet away, and if you contact EDCO, you can schedule a bulky-item pickup at no cost. A yes vote on Measure V regarding an improvement bond for Bonsall school facilities was encouraged.

Another community member said that there are off-road vehicles racing in the riverbed at night.

The same community member said there is a new 25mph sign east bound on Old River Road, but there is no radar sign. Haider mentioned that a 25mph sign may void the radar certification.

A guest mentioned that California state code permits sidewalk vendors, but at the entryway from the I-15 to Gopher Canyon Road there was seating in the dirt for 48 people, and alcohol was being sold without a license. When things like this occur, they need to be reported.

**E. REPORTS**

1. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – None. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25.

2. Bonsall School Board Report

Larissa Anderson is on the Board of Trustees and stated there is a vision to improve facilities and increase agricultural opportunities. There are 42 school districts in San Diego County, and the Bonsall Unified School District (BUSD) consists of 88 square miles. There are 1,136 new homes that have been approved and will be built in the BUSD area, and the Bonsall School Board anticipates 400 more students enrolling in Bonsall schools.



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The current BUSD facilities include a shared Middle/High School, and 91% of the portables are over 30 years old. Improvements are needed or there will not be enough room for all the new students. Bonsall Elementary School currently has about 1,000 students, and they are over capacity. Funding is needed to build new facilities, or portable buildings will need to be placed on their fields. Bond Measure V is on the November ballot to improve facilities.

## F. ACTION ITEMS: (Voting Items)

### 1. Bonsall Community Park (BCP)

Continued from September 11, 2024

In February 2022, an online petition was started regarding equestrian trails and staging areas, and it has over 1,000 signatures. Are there other petitions or signatures regarding an equestrian area at BCP?

Comments from attendees and BCSG members:

A guest asked about parking for horse trailers. Why are there only activity related areas in BCP and no equestrian area? Bonsall needs a horse access area, and we need to stand up as a community.

Another guest who is an administrator for the equestrian community and advocates for trails, has a group of over 4,500 followers online. To have an equestrian area in BCP with corals, hitching posts, and parking for horse trailers, the open lawn area, bike area, and skate park area can be removed. Years ago, an arena and a round pen were promised, and neither has occurred. Traffic is also a concern. To help ease traffic through the community, an active park would be better at the Rio Prado Park (RPP) location with access from Hwy 76 and the I-15 rather than at BCP.

A community member stated that an equestrian area would be less expensive to build than an active area. One of the soccer fields can be removed to allow room.

Norris stated that the community has not had a loud enough voice regarding how bad they want the horse amenities added to BCP.

Another guest, who is a horse rider and has nine kids who use equestrian areas, stated that Bonsall doesn't have the infrastructure to support an active park. Amenities are desired for kids, but an equestrian area is also needed. If there is a segregated equestrian area at BCP, there needs to be access to the trails.

Norris stated the grand vision would be a park similar to Walnut Grove Park in San Marcos, connecting to the river trail from the Oceanside border to the I-15.



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Rowley stated the base bid for BCP is currently out to bid until mid-October. A unified effort with a strong argument that includes saving money could be helpful.

Another guest mentioned that the community needs to form a committee to talk to the County in an organized way regarding concerns.

A community member that has lived in Bonsall for 44 years stated that they should attend a Board of Supervisor meeting and prepare a statement.

Another community member, who is part of the Vista Palomar Riders, stated that the County came to them. Vista Palomar Riders suggested it would be less expensive to put in an equestrian area, but their suggestion “fell on deaf ears”.

Norris stated that the equestrian members need to work together with concise information.

Haider reinforced having a loud, proper, unified message.

Apsley informed the equestrian community to band together and act tonight.

**Motion by Rowley for Norris to update and re-issue the previous BCSG letter dated June 10, 2024, to the County of San Diego and provide updated information regarding strong community support to add an equestrian area to Bonsall Community Park. Second by Norris.**  
**VOTE: Aye: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 Vacant: 0**

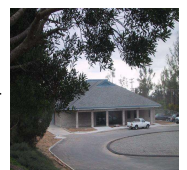
## 2. The Havens Country Club regarding Bonsall Oaks Continued from September 11, 2024

- a. Traffic Light - Continued from Sept. 11, 2024  
A letter was drafted and sent to SD County regarding placing one or two traffic lights near Bonsall Oaks and Vista Valley Country Club on Gopher Canyon Rd.
- b. Gopher Canyon Rd. – What parts will be changed or widened?
- c. Confirmation of Phases and Definitions of the Project
- d. Improvement Plans for Bonsall Oaks (Phase 1B) Rue Margaux (Private) – Tentative Changes on plan PDS2022-LDMJIP-50097
- e. The Havens (Vista Valley) Country Club – Golf Cart Undercrossing Update

Van Leeuwen stated that property owners were not notified regarding the modifications.

Haider stated that a traffic light is conditioned on phase 3, and it may be placed at Gopher Canyon Rd. and Rue Margaux instead of Gopher Canyon Rd. and Vista Valley Drive.

Norris requested that someone from San Diego County attends our next meeting to clarify details and answer questions.



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3. Objective Design Standards – Continued from Sept. 11, 2024  
Final draft of the Bonsall Design Standards so they are “objective”.

Anderson stated we are waiting for the final draft with changes.

Norris stated we will defer a vote until the next meeting after the draft is received.

4. Rumble Strips Removal Request on Gopher Canyon Rd.  
A member of the community has requested the removal of rumble strips near 3220 and 3230 Gopher Canyon Rd.

Haider contacted Public Works, and rumble strips are installed for safety reasons.

Since the County determines road safety conditions and what is needed, no vote is needed.

## G. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

Next BCSG Meeting: Due to the Presidential General Election, the next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

## H. ADJOURNED at 8:52pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Apsley  
Secretary

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