

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 11 December 2023, at Dehesa School, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon.

A. ROLL CALL. Chair Darin Wessel called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. Planning Group members Rich, Ulm, Nehring, Wessel, Becker, Manning, Lutz-Partain, Geiger and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 9. Member Bretz was absent, but excused. Member Wilbur resigned from Seat 14 prior to the meeting tonight. Seat 4, Seat 7, Seat 11, and Seat 13 are vacant.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Amendments to the minutes of the meeting of 13 November 2023, as submitted by Secretary Bretz, were discussed. Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of 13 November 2023, as amended passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. No members of the Planning Group requested to speak.

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E. ACTION ITEMS.

E1. Discretionary Permit for Site Plan PDS2023-STP-23-009, proposed mixed use 2-retail spaces on first floor and single-family dwelling on second floor at 534 Harbison Canyon Road, El Cajon, CA. This item was postponed to the January 8, 2024 meeting at the request of the project applicant who advised the Chair that revised plans are still in the process of submission to PDS. No Group consideration or action taken.

E2. Crest Gas Station issue is postponed to the January meeting of the Planning Group. No Group consideration or action tonight.

E3.

Ad Hoc Committee update regarding evacuation in case of wildfire.

(Nehring/Lucas). Committee Chair Ron Nehring reported that members of the Ad Hoc Committee met with San Miguel Fire Department representatives at Fire Station 18 in Crest for a briefing on the plan to replace the existing fire station with a new two story, two-apparatus/bay pre-engineered steel building with a proposed community room on the first level. Committee Chair Nehring forwarded a request that a briefing on the current plans and progress of the fire station project be added to the January agenda.

Committee Chair Nehring addressed a plan to update the wild fire protection elements of the Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon Community Plan with a goal of using the Group's February meeting as an opportunity to receive public comment on the Community Plan and any initial proposed Community Plan updates to sections addressing wild fire protection.

E4. Update on the property owner closure of California Riding and Hiking Trail at Beaver Hollow. Chair Wessel reported no change and no updates. Chair Wessel will reach out to DVCC to see if DVCC has any updated information.

E5. Declare Seat 14 vacant due to resignation of Member Wilbur. Chair Wessel reported receiving Member Wilbur's resignation from the Planning Group and moved to declare Seat 14 vacant. The motion to declare Seat 14 vacant passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain). A discussion was then had as to where vacancy notice might be posted in the absence of a dedicated public location in the Granite Hills community and other possible means of public outreach to fill the vacancies of Seats 13 and 14 in Granite Hills.

E6. Approval of Updates to Planning Group Fact Sheet. Chair Wessel reported that he prepared updates to the Planning Group's Fact Sheet located at the PDS web site for community groups to correct outdated meeting time and location information. A motion to approve the updates was made and approved (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

E7. Introduction of Proposed Amendments to Planning Group's Standing Rules. Chair Wessel introduced proposed changes and updates to the Planning Group's Standing Rules to make the rules easier to read and access, to update the rules to conform with standing practices of the Planning Group, to update the rules to conform with the new County practices for planning group member applications, and to update the rules as necessary to conform to updated requirements in Policy I-1. Pursuant to the Planning Group's existing rules, the proposed rule revisions were introduced, but not voted on. A discussion was held and the following typographical errors were noted as needing correction on the cleaned-up version of the proposed amendments: at page 1, Rule 3.2, the word "forwarded" should read "forward"; at page 2, Rule 4.1, the word "notice" should read "noticed"; at page 6, Rule 12.1, the word "Modem" should read "Modern"; and at page 6, the effective date will need to be updated to the actual effective date in 2024 of any approved amendments to the rules. Finally, a proposal was made to strike the words "of not less than eight members of the Group" from proposed Rule 3.2.1. The changes discussed will be made to the proposed amendments under consideration by the Group. Voting on the proposed amendments will occur at the Planning Group's next meeting in January of 2024.

E8. Election of Group Officers. Chair Wessel turned the meeting over to Nominating Committee Chair Lucas to run the election of officers. The Nominating Committee reported that three members agreed to be considered for officer positions as follows: member Wessel for Chair; member Nehring for Vice-Chair, and member Bretz for Secretary. A call for any further nominations was made. No further nominations were forthcoming. Nominating Committee Chair Lucas then conducted the election. Member Wessel was elected Chair (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain); member Nehring was elected Vice-Chair (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain); and member Bretz was elected Secretary (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

F. GROUP BUSINESS.

F1. Announcements and Correspondence Received. None reported.

F2. Discussion/Action Items

- (a) **2024 Plan of Action and Group Goals.** Chair Wessel reported on a plan for the Planning Group to take a more proactive approach than in the past by setting realistic projects for each year that help improve the community within the jurisdictional limits of the Planning Group. Chair Wessel and acting Vice-Chair Nehring met to discuss potential proactive goals for the Planning Group in 2024. The Planning Group's goal for 2024 will be to complete a full update and/or revision to the wild fire portions/elements of the Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon Community Plan. To the extent feasible, these updates should ideally serve as template for any CWPP for each of the communities within the Planning Group's jurisdictional boundaries, and may also serve as a basis for members of our community should they choose to form Firewise communities.
- (b) **Status of Association of Planning Groups.** Chair Wessel reported on the SANDAG Board's approval of an advisory board member representative from the Association of Planning Groups. Chair Wessel also reported on current developments on the Association of Planning Groups.
- (c) **Approval of payment of rental fees for Dehesa School.** Chair Wessel moved for approval to authorize the County pay for the use of meeting space at Dehesa School for the months of September, November and December, 2023 of up to the maximum allowed amount of \$100 per hour as permitted by Policy I-1. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

F3. Meeting updates.

- (a) **Reports on and upcoming BOS, PC and other Hearings/Meetings.** Chair Wessel provided a report on the Quarterly Planning Group Chairs meeting conducted by the County. No group action or vote.
- (b) **Next meeting date, January 8, 2024, at Crest Community Clubhouse, 113 N. Park Drive, El Cajon, CA 92021.**

G. ADJOURNMENT. Member Robert Lutz-Partain moved adjournment at 7:45 PM. The motion passed unanimously (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Respectfully submitted, Darin Wessel, acting Secretary.