

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 13 May 2024, at Olde Ironsides Park, 326 Harbison Canyon Road, El Cajon, CA 92021.

**A. ROLL CALL.** Chair Darin Wessel called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. Planning Group members Rich, Ulm, Nehring, Wessel, Manning, Lutz-Partain, Geiger and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 8. Members Becker and Bretz were absent, but excused. Seat 4, Seat 7, Seat 11, Seat 13, and Seat 14 are vacant.

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

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Member Lutz-Partain moved that the Group approves the minutes of the April 8, 2024 meeting, as submitted by Secretary Bretz. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION.** Member Nehring re-raised his request to agendize his proposal related to SANDAG's past efforts to pass a mileage tax, and passed out a draft of the proposal to members for consideration at the June meeting. The Chair apologized for forgetting to include it on this month's agenda and noted that it will be agendized for the Group's June meeting.

Member Rich reported that FEMA extended the deadline for submission of flooding damage relief requests.

Member Lutz-Partain attended and reported on a Wildland Urban Interface Presentation and Grants Program and provided copies of literature provided during that presentation.

Community member Diana Griffin announced that the Crest Community Association would hold a CalFire briefing on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at the Crest Community Association Clubhouse. Information on a FosCheck spraying proposal would also be addressed.

## **E. ACTION ITEMS.**

**E1. Options for Streamlining Affordable and Attainable Housing.** County staff gave a presentation and sought initial input on the County's initial work-up of several housing programs, including: (1) small lot subdivision program; (2) senior/assisted living; (3) a County by-right program to streamline low-income housing; and (4) potential opt-in for AB 1033 accessory dwelling units (ADU) as separately sellable condominiums. Group members raised several concerns over how the various proposals might impact rural areas, including concerns over septic system impacts (e.g., connection to existing septic systems without any requirements for re-sizing or adequacy determination) and well water access. Group members suggested that separately sellable ADUs as condominiums should be limited to areas where direct sewer connection access is available and installed.

**E2. Ad Hoc Committee update regarding evacuation in case of wildfire. (Nehring/Lucas).** Ad Hoc Chair Nehring reported that as a result of the various

meetings of the ad hoc committee and studying the issues related to evacuation in case of wildfire, along with the Community Plan being severely out of date on those issues, the ad hoc committee formulated a series of draft resolutions for consideration at the Group's June meeting. Initial drafts were distributed.

**E3. Firesafe Council discussion.** Member Manning reported on the FSCSDC's bimonthly meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, held at the Lakeside Library. The meeting included a presentation by a representative from the Department of Insurance who reported, in pertinent part that with traditional homeowners insurance becoming too expensive in many areas, property owners who qualify for traditional homeowners insurance are dropping their coverage and taking out California Fair Plan fire coverage only policies. This is presenting potential issues for California Fair Plan, which was intended to only provide insurance coverage for areas where traditional homeowners insurance policies would not be issued due to heightened risks of wildland fires.

Member Manning reported on the latest plan of a new "Inland Rural Fire Safe Council" that would cover areas of Dehesa and Harbison Canyon, excluding from its coverage area the portions of Dehesa covered by the Sycuan Fire District.

## **F. GROUP BUSINESS.**

**F1. Announcements and Correspondence Received.** Chair Wessel discussed correspondence received.

### **F2. Discussion Items/Action Items.**

#### **F2a. Consideration of applicant(s) to fill vacancies for Seats 4, 7, 11, 13 and 14.**

Chair Wessel reported that there has still been no action on the application submitted by Crest resident Diana Griffin, for vacant Seat 4. Community member Leeanne Jony (phonetic) expressed her interest in filling a Dehesa seat. She has been a resident of the Dehesa community for nine years.

**F2b. Status/reports – Association of Planning Groups – SANDAG report.** No report.

**F2c. Community Plan update – Progress report.** No report.

**F3. Meeting updates.** No report.

**F3a. Reports on and upcoming BOS, PC and other Hearings/Meetings.** No report.

**F3b. Next meeting date, June 10, 2024, at Olde Ironsides Park, 326 Harbison Canyon Road, El Cajon, CA 92021.**

**G. ADJOURNMENT.** Member Robert Lutz-Partain moved adjournment at 8:10 PM. The motion passed unanimously (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Respectfully submitted, Darin Wessel, Chair and acting secretary.