

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 9 September 2024, at Dehesa School (Cafeteria/Auditorium), 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, CA 92029.

A. ROLL CALL. Vice Chair Ron Nehring called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Planning Group members Rich, Nehring, Griffen, Becker, Bretz, Manning, Lutz-Partain, and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 8. Member Pat Ulm was absent, but excused. Member Dave Geiger was absent, not excused. Seat 5, 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. Planning Group member Tim Lucas moved that the Group approves the minutes of the meeting of 10 June 2024, as submitted by Secretary Bretz. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Member Lucas moved that the Group approves the minutes of the meeting of 12 August 2024, as submitted by Secretary Bretz. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. Member Diana Griffin reported that on Saturday, 21 September, there will be a program at the Rancho San Diego Library concerning activities and grant opportunities for Community Emergency Response, and community residents' roles, in case of wildfire/disasters; and that this program may also be presented on a later date at a site in Ramona.

Member Tim Lucas reported that a test message from the Crest Fire Emergency Response program appeared on his phone as a possible Spam message, and that he adjusted his phone settings to accept such calls in the future. He also reported that the annual El Cajon Oktoberfest will be held on September 27, 28, 29 and on October 4, 5, 6 at the German American Club featuring food, polka, beer and good times.

< At 6:40 PM Planning Group member Dave Geiger arrived, increasing the meeting quorum to 9, and ending his unexcused absence. >

Member Christine Becker reported that the Dehesa School District has proposed a \$3.3 million Bond program that will be included on the November election ballot as Measure "Y", in order to provide needed funds for modernization and renovation projects at the District's schools; and she requested that a representative of the Dehesa School Board be invited to give a presentation about this proposed bond measure at the October meeting of the Planning Group.

Member Dave Geiger asked if the action approved at the Group's April meeting (to send a letter recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopts a Short-term Rental Ordinance that addresses, and provides appropriate regulations/restrictions to control, potential obnoxious community impacts resulting from disruptive activities at short-term rental properties), had been completed; and he volunteered to write an appropriate letter from the Group to complete this action, if it has not yet been done.

E. ACTION ITEMS.

E1. Welcome new Planning Group member Diana Griffin. Vice Chair Nehring welcomed Diane Griffin, resident of Crest, as the newly appointed member of the Planning Group for Seat 4; and he also reported that Group members Mary Manning (Seat 9) and Tim Lucas (Seat 15) have filed for re-election to these seats in the November general election.

E2. Discussion and potential action regarding green gate at Mountain View Drive. Planning Group member Mary Manning reported that near the intersection of Almira Road and Mountain View Drive there is a green gate controlling access and unauthorized public entry onto open space land that is part of the new Land Conservancy there; that this trail is not maintained and that vegetation brushing for defensible space management is needed; and that residents neighboring this Conservancy open space are requesting authorized access for carrying out defensible space vegetation brushing work.

No specific Group action was taken.

E3. Declare Seat 5 and Chair's position vacant. Vice Chair Nehring declared for the record that Seat 5 and the office of Group Chair are now vacant, and that Group action is needed to install members in these positions.

E4. Nominations and vote to fill Chair's position. Group member Tim Lucas nominated member Ron Nehring (current Group Vice Chair) for election to the position of Group Chair; there were no other nominations by the Group; the Group voted to elect Ron Nehring to the position of Group Chair (8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain, Ron Nehring).

E5. Nominations and vote to fill Vice-Chair's position (if applicable). Group member Christina Becker nominated member Tim Lucas for election to the position of Group Vice Chair; there were no other nomination by the Group; the Group voted to elect Tim Lucas to the position of Group Vice Chair (8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain, Tim Lucas).

< Chair Nehring spoke, as a non-agenda item, about his plans and hopes to increase community awareness of, and community involvement with, the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Subregional Planning Group. He mentioned that future meeting agendas will include lines for Group officers and members to provide reports to enable important community issues and items of interest to move forward; that an informal Planning Group website will be maintained to provide access to current contact information for communications between interested parties and stakeholders, and to provide access to relevant documents; that a QR code has been established to facilitate access to the website; that an increased community involvement may lead to filling the existing Group seat vacancies; and that Vice Chair Tim Lucas will act as Chair when and where Chair Nehring cannot be present, such as for the Group's November meeting, or for possible future meetings of the Association of Planning Groups.

Vice Chair Lucas reminded the Group that at its December meeting an action item on the agenda will be the election of Group officers for 2025; and he suggested that the

website address and QR code for access to the Group's website should be included on the publically posted Agenda for Planning Group meetings. >

E6. Discussion concerning procedure to fill future Planning Group officer

vacancies. Vice Chair Tim Lucas opened discussion concerning procedure to fill future Planning Group officer vacancies by explaining that Policy I-1 does not define how to fill the position of Group Chair when an active Chair departs mid term; that the current Group Standing Rules also do not address this situation; and that the Group needs to adopt suitable language in its Standing Rules to guide its action in this circumstance.

Group discussion included the possibilities that: 1) the sitting Vice Chair should become the replacement Chair when the sitting Chair vacates the position mid-term, with the Group taking action to elect a replacement Vice Chair; or 2) that the Group should take action to vote to elect a replacement Chair, and if needed a replacement Vice Chair, at its next regular meeting after the sitting Chair vacates the position mid-term.

Vice Chair Lucas volunteered to compose appropriate language for a new Standing Rules amendment concerning the procedure for Group action to fill future Planning Group officer vacancies that occur mid-term, and to provide the proposed amendment(s) for Group consideration at a future meeting.

E7. Planning Group Fire Resolutions. Chair Nehring informed the Group that its action was needed to vote again to approve the seven Fire Resolutions which it considered and approved at its meeting on 10 June 2024, with each of these approved resolutions to be officially signed at the tonight's meeting by the Group Chair and Secretary for formal submission to the County; and he made available printed handouts of the seven resolutions for reference to them, if needed by anyone.

Member Robert Lutz-Partain moved that the Group votes to approve the seven Fire Resolutions as proposed by Chair Nehring. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Chair Nehring stated that the approved resolutions, officially signed by the appropriate Group officers, will be posted on the Group's new website; and that they will be forwarded to the County with the request that it takes appropriate actions to incorporate these seven Fire Resolutions in the needed pending update of the Subregional Community Plan for the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon communities.

E8. Report on Stoneridge County Preserve fire threat mitigation. Chair Nehring reported that he provided the Group's concerns about the Stoneridge County Preserve fire threat, and the text of its approved "Fire Resolution Number Four, Safety," to Supervisor Anderson, to CalFire Chief Meacham, and to Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Silva; that he met with Deputy Silva to inspect fire threat conditions at the Stoneridge County Preserve, and also to inspect with him the Suncrest Truck Trail conditions concerning its potential use as an emergency evacuation route for the Crest community; that he intends to invite Deputy Silva to speak at the Group's October meeting regarding potential Fire Safe Council involvement to address fire threat mitigations for improved safety for Stoneridge Preserve, Harbison Canyon, Crest, Suncrest Truck Trail and Dehesa; and that he intends to urge Supervisor Anderson's office take appropriate actions regarding the Subregion's fire threat mitigation needs.

Group discussion included the potential availability of CalFire grants for funding fire threat mitigation actions, the need for coordination for such actions with appropriate Fire Safe Councils, the inclusion of Dehesa and Harbison Canyon into the new Inland Fire Safe Council, and the creation of Fire Wise Communities independent of existing Fire Safe Councils. The Group consensus was to continue its discussions of the management of fire threat mitigation by vegetation clearance in critical zones at its October meeting.

F. GROUP BUSINESS.

F1. Announcements and Correspondence Received.

F2. Discussion Items/Action Items.

F2a. Update on Stoneridge County Preserve. See Item E8.

F2b. Consideration of applicant(s) to fill vacancies for Seats 5, 7, 11, 13 and 14.

Chair Nehring introduced Mr. Paul Healy, resident of Dehesa, who is applying for appointment to the filling of vacant Seat 7 of the Planning Group. Chair Nehring intends to circulate Mr. Healy's application by email the members of the Group, for their consideration and possible action of recommendation of Healy's appointment at the October meeting of the Group.

There are no current applications for filling vacancies of Seats 5, 11, 13 and 14.

F2c. Status/reports – Association of Planning Groups. None.

F2d. Community Plan update –Progress report. None.

F3. Meeting updates.

F3a. Reports on and upcoming BOS, PC and other Hearings/Meetings. None.

F3b. Discussion and potential action on setting November meeting date. Chair Nehring stated that the 11 November 2021 meeting date for the regular monthly Group meeting coincides with the Veterans Day holiday; and that its meeting on 14 October 2024 the Group will need to consider whether to choose an alternate date for the November meeting, or whether to skip the November meeting if there is no pending urgent business at that time.

F3c. Next meeting date, 14 October 2024, at Dehesa School, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon CA 92019.

G. ADJOURNMENT. Member Robert Lutz-Partain moved adjournment at 7:35 PM. The motion passed unanimously (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)