

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 18 November 2024, at Dehesa School (Cafeteria/Auditorium), 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, CA 92021.

**A. ROLL CALL.** Vice Chair Tim Lucas called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM, and the roll call was conducted. Planning Group members Rich, Ulm, Griffin, Bretz, Manning, Lutz-Partain, Geiger and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 8. Members Nehring and Becker were absent, but excused. Seats 5, 7, 11, 13 and 14 are vacant.

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

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Member Diana Griffin moved that the Group approves the minutes of the 14 October 2024 meeting, as submitted by Secretary Bretz. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION.** Paul Healy, resident of Dehesa, suggested to the Group that it might consider recommending that Policy I-1 be amended (if necessary) to provide more County funding to Planning Groups for their efforts to communicate to the public, rent appropriate public meeting venues, and to encourage more community involvement including filling vacant seats of the Group.

Planning Group member (and current Secretary) Bill Bretz informed the Group that he will not accept a nomination for election in December to the Group's Office of Secretary for the upcoming 2025 year term.

Planning Group member Diana Griffin provided a handout flyer announcing an Evacuation & Emergency Preparedness Clinic presented by the Crest Fire Safe Council, which will occur at the Crest Community Clubhouse on 18 January 2025 from 10:00 AM –12:00. This clinic presentation will host representatives from area Fire Response agencies, to discuss and answer questions concerning preparations for evacuation of large and/or small animals if necessary due to wildfire threats; RSVP and/or obtain more information by contacting Diana Griffin at [queenieclass@gmail.com](mailto:queenieclass@gmail.com) or 619-517-7292.

**E. ACTION ITEMS. Discretionary projects, tasks, motions, proposals requiring a decision or vote.**

**E1. Amendments to standing rules.** Vice Chair Lucas asked the Group to consider approving the proposed amendments to its Standing Rules of Order, as previously presented and discussed at the October meeting, to revise and clarify Sections 5.4, 5.7 and 5.8, regarding the replacement of a Group officer in the case of a mid-term vacancy of that position. Member Pat Ulm moved the Group approves the proposed amendments to Sections 5.4, 5.7 and 5.8 of its Standing Rules of Order as proposed and considered. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**E2. Nomination of Paul Healy to fill Planning Group Seat 7.** Vice Chair Lucas asked the Group to consider approving the nomination of Dehesa resident Paul Healy, and the recommendation that the Board of Supervisors appoints him to fill vacant Seat 7 of the

Planning Group. Member Diana Griffin moved the Group approves the nomination of Paul Healy to fill Planning Group Seat 7, and its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to appoint him to this vacant Seat. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**E3. Recommendation to Board of Supervisors to reappoint Michael Rich to the Planning Group as member for Crest (Seat 1) for the 2025 – 2029 term.** Vice Chair Lucas asked the Group to consider recommending that the Board of Supervisors reappoint resident of Crest Michael Rich as the Group’s member for Seat 1 for the 2025--2029 term. Member Pat Ulm moved the Group approves recommending that the Board of Supervisors reappoint Michael Rich as member for Crest (Seat 1) for the 2025—2029 term. The motion passed (8yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**E4. Nomination of Nominating Committee for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.** Vice Chair Lucas informed the Group that member Christina Becker has volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee for Group Officers, and asked if there were other volunteers from members of the Group. Member Diana Griffin volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. Vice Chair Lucas appointed members Christina Becker and Diana Griffin to form and serve as the Nominating Committee for Group Officers for 2025, and to provide appropriate nominations for elections of these officers at the December meeting of the Planning Group.

**E5. Recommendations concerning Nancy Jane Park improvements.** Planning Group member Diana Griffin presented a handout to the Group with the text of a proposed resolution requesting that the County upgrades the tennis court and adds pickleball lines at Nancy Jane Park in Crest. The Group discussed the history of efforts since February 2023 by the Crest Community Association and others, to get the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to respond to the community’s requests and recommendations: that the tennis court at Nancy Jane Park be improved with the addition of pickleball lines to increase recreational opportunities for the community, and to better accommodate the public’s interests there. Previous efforts have included a petition from the interested public submitted to DPR, correspondence to Supervisor Anderson to request his support and advocacy for the suggested improvements, and direct conversations with DPR personnel by several community advocates.

Member Mary Manning moved that the Group approves of, requests, and recommends that the Department of Parks and Recreation takes action to improve the Nancy Jane Park tennis court with the addition of pickleball lines; that this action be pursued by DPR via whatever means possible, including as routine DPR maintenance operations, or as a PLDO-funded special project, or as a Board of Supervisors directive to DPR; and that both this recommendation of the Planning Group, and the resolution prepared by Member Griffin (per the handout she provided), are to be sent to the Department of Parks and Recreation and to the County Board of Supervisors.

The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**F. GROUP BUSINESS. Reports, updates, announcements, administrative discussions.**

**F1. Announcements and Correspondence Received.** None to consider.

**F2. Discussion.**

**F2a. Discussion on steps to increase Planning Group public engagement; 2025 meeting schedule and venues.** Group discussion included the suggestions that: 1) the date and time of Group meetings held at Dehesa School could be posted on the school's electronic billboard facing Dehesa Road; 2) that all Group meetings should be posted on the 2 community bulletin boards located in Crest and Harbison Canyon, regardless of a meeting's specific venue; 3) that meetings at Dehesa School cannot comply with Brown Act requirements, as there is not a way to post the meeting agenda at the site for proper public access prior to the meeting; 4) that potential presentations at future Planning Group meetings that could attract public interest and attendance might be speakers concerning SDG&E's Sunrise Powerlink grant opportunities, homeowner's wildfire insurance opportunities and challenges, and SDG&E lithium battery farm and microgrid projects; that the Planning Group should set time limits for the presentations of invited speakers; that Chair Nehring should be provided suggestions for future meeting speakers prior to the Group's 9 December meeting; and that specific information and explanatory text regarding the Group's need and request to fill vacant seats should be drafted to attract community interest/involvement in submitting applications.

**F2b. Consideration of applicant(s) to fill vacancies for Seats 5, 7, 11, 13 and 14.** None to consider.

**F3. Meeting updates.**

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

**F3b. Chairman's/Vice Chairman's Report.** Vice Chair Lucas reported that all Members' Form 700 financial statements are due in January 2025, and that these are now to be submitted electronically online to the County; and that Planning Group members are expected to complete their annual Group Training and Ethics Training for 2025 as well.

**F3c. Member reports.** None to consider.

**F3d. Next meeting date, Monday, 9 December 2024, 6:30 PM at Dehesa School.**

**G. ADJOURNMENT.** Member Robert Lutz-Partain moved adjournment at 7:20 PM. The motion passed unanimously (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)