

County of San Diego
Descanso Community Planning Group
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2023
Descanso Town Hall, 24536 Viejas Grade, Descanso, CA 91916

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A. Roll Call

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| 1. Kerry Forrest P | 4. John Elliott A | 7. Terry Gibson A |
| 2. Jo Ellen Quinting P | 5. Mark Gassert P | |
| 3. Wayne Hay P | 6. William Bauer P | |

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of February 16, 2023 **Approved with some changes**

D. Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda. Group action is not permitted on items not on the agenda in accordance with the Brown Act.

E. Action Items

1. Request for Reimbursement for expenditures **Approved 4 yes 1 abstained 2 absent**

F. Group Business

1. Announcements and Correspondence Received

- a. SDGE regarding undergrounding of power lines **SDGE moving forward with more outreach to residents when they are going to be in the neighborhood undergrounding power lines**
- b. **Mark Gassert was told by the community block grant program that Descanso is "too rich" to qualify for grant money to complete the pathway DCPG keeps lobbying for. Will try the DPW Capital improvement process. Also trying to get SDGE of build a pedestrian bridge attachment to the bridge on Riverside Dr when they get to the point where the undergrounded power lines have to cross the Sweetwater River. Still pushing on that aspect.**

2. Discussion Items

- a. San Diego County's Clean Energy Strategy Regional Decarbonization Framework draft comment letter for review **Mark Gassert suggested some reading on small nuclear power plants for the letter, will send out tomorrow on email. Proven tech in France, longer life then windmills or solar, use old spent fuel rods, smaller foot print. JoEllen Quinting suggested the addition of language that would exempt rural residents from the VMT Tax if the RDF suggestion goes forward with excluding rural areas from public transportation expansion and the disincentivize development in rural areas proposal. Kerry Forrest to add this into the letter.**
- b. Policy I-1 Sunset Review and proposed changes by planning groups **Kerry has attended meetings with Planning and Sponsor group chairs regarding this expansion of policy I-1 to create a coalition of Planning Group Chairs . Moving forward in consultation with Supervisor Anderson at this time.**
- c. Quarterly Chair meeting with PDS **Kerry Forrest shared topics presented by PDS during the video meeting of March 11. The Cannabis work group will be invited to present at our next meeting. The DPW Capital Improvement Program needs assessment will be reviewed with Mark Gassert to attend a virtual meeting next week to push the community pathway**
- d. Training and paperwork for 2023 **reviewed with members present**
- e. Reports by individual group members to follow topics

- i. Environmental Justice County Program
 - ii. Broadband Study County Program
 - iii. Housing Zoning Ordinance update
 - iv. Regional Decarbonization Framework **discussed in 2 a**
3. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas
4. Meeting Updates, next meeting: April 20, 2023 @ 6:00PM.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Any Questions or Comments; Please contact Kerry Forrest, Chair: descansocpg@gmail.com

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