

Rainbow Community Planning Group

Advising the Board of Supervisors ~ San Diego County

MINUTES of Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM at Rainbow Valley Grange, 2160 Rainbow Valley Blvd, Rainbow CA 92028

I. Open Provisions

- A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kurland at 6:30 PM.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Attendance: Marty Kurland, Lynne Malinowski, Greg Doud, Michele Dahl-Sheehan, Mark DiVecchio, Jon Gorr, Ron Ehler, Paul Georgantas, Frederick Rasp. 9 members being present, a quorum is declared.

II. Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Georgantas, second Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously.

III. Public Comments

- A. None

IV. Consolidated Motion

- A. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes from 20 Mar 2024 and 17 Apr 2024 made by Mr. Doud, second Mr. Rasp, approved unanimously.

V. Continued Items, Discretionary Projects and County Action Items

- A. NCFPD Fire Station #3 Remodel – Letter to Supervisor Desmond requesting to expedite plans processing. Motion to approve made by Mr. Georgantas, second Mr. Rasp. Approved unanimously.
- B. Options for Streamlining Affordable and Attainable Housing presentation by Enrique Flores with 3 other members of the SD County Planning & Development Services Long Range Planning group. The County is working to meet the area's RHNA (regional housing needs allocation) and exploring the feasibility of developing 3 additional housing programs. 1) Small Lot Subdivision program focus is to provide more home ownership opportunities in areas zoned for multi-family housing. 2) Senior & Assisted Living Housing program objective to create incentives to build more senior and assisted living housing facilities that are affordable and accessible. 3) The County By-Right program goal is to have faster project approval times and lower barriers to development and include 20% affordable units. In addition, staff is evaluating the feasibility of implementing the optional new state law AB 1033 which would permit the sale of ADUs as condos, independent of primary residences. Feedback was given that AB 1033 would not be a positive step for the County and confusing for residents and law enforcement. Recommendations will be accepted through June 2024, with presentation to Board of Supervisors by the end of August 2024. For more information:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/advance/housingoptions.html>

VI. Old Business and Reports

- A. Announcements and Correspondence Received – Chair Kurland. Everything has been sent to group.

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- B. Architectural Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski. Mr. Doud reported that the County is redoing Design Standards en masse and to wait until this process is done before embarking on any new individual initiatives.
- C. Social Media Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski reported that the RCPG still has one vacant seat.
- D. Parks and Beautification Subcommittee – Mrs. Dahl-Sheehan. There will be a Community BBQ and Star Party at Rainbow County Park on June 8th.
- E. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – Mr. Doud reported that there were 2 projects for review, including the continuation of approvals for a commercial center at Mountain Meadow – the signage portion.
- F. Roads and traffic status – Dr. Kurland will take over this committee from Mrs. Dahl-Sheehan.
- G. Water and Environmental Issues Report – Dr. Kurland. Suggestion by Ms. Malinowski that we ask the RMWD new GM, Jake Wiley, to speak to the group about the transition to Eastern Water District in late summer.
- H. ARC Update & Community News – Mrs. Dahl-Sheehan reported that they are considering using funds to obtain another Rainbow sign to put on the north side of the community like the one put on the southern end.
- I. Cannabis and Social Equity Program update – Mr. Doud reported on the 5/1/24 Board of Supervisors meeting covering the Social Equity portion of the program. Changes were made to the requirements for it, adding an element for income (needs to be 80% or below of SD County income), the arrest had to be in SD County, and can no longer mandate SD County residency. Only 30 additional dispensaries will be allowed (already 5 in operation) of which 50% will be allocated to Social Equity eligible people for only a 3-year window of protection. Afterwards, this 50% will be open to all applicants/ownership. There were no limitations established for cultivation.
- J. Vallecitos School District Update – Dr. Kurland. Graduation is June 5th.
- K. Community Access to fire hardening and insurance premium control programs – Mr. Gastelum not present.
- L. APG & SANDAG Advisory Seat for Unincorporated Communities – Ms. Malinowski reported that next in-person meeting will be on June 1st. Motion to approve letter to Mario Orso, new SANDAG CEO regarding transportation needs for I-15 freeway congestion made by Mr. Rasp, second Mrs. Dahl-Sheehan, approved unanimously.
- M. Regional Study of Rainbow traffic concerns – Ms. Malinowski will follow up with Mr. Pasumarthi, Deputy Director, San Diego County Dept of Public Works. Comments regarding the need to decrease the speed limit on Rainbow Valley Blvd. because of blind curves with obstructed views and passing cars well over the speed limit.
- N. Policy I-1 Review – Ms. Malinowski reported that the new County CSPG liaison is Dawn Noble, who was unable to provide a status of the review, and suggested that follow up should be directly with Vince Niccolleti, acting Director of PDS.
- O. SD County Short Term Rentals Policy; Solicitation of input from community – Ms. Malinowski reported that the community input given on Rainbow’s Facebook page was very limited. The issue may be discussed at the upcoming APG meeting on June 1st. The purpose of raising the issue was to urge the County of San Diego to draft a policy for short term rentals.
- P. Hybrid meetings – Ms. Malinowski. Mr. Doud reported that the I-15 Design Review Corridor board was informed by the County that in order to conduct a hybrid meeting, a quorum of the board would need to be physically present. Communication and technology issues impede hybrid meetings for Rainbow CPG.

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- Q. Publication of RCPG vacancies – Ms. Malinowski reported that publication in the Village News would not be practical because only approximately 10 subscribers exist in the Rainbow planning group area. Mrs. Dahl-Sheehan offered to post vacancy flyer at Oak Crest Estates.
- R. County Code Enforcement – Mr. Doud reported that Mr. Luke Campanella, Supervisor of Code Enforcement Officers, agreed to come speak to the group about their procedures and policies, but not individual cases. Mr. Doud will make arrangements. Ms. Malinowski suggested that a list of questions and topics be prepared in advance of the meeting. She requested that the group submit those items by 6/1/24 for compilation, which will be forwarded to Mr. Campanella in advance of the meeting.
- S. Signs in the Rights of Way – Mr. Doud reported that the County is still having trouble tracking down the offenders. The DPW is sending out crews (as available) to pull down the signs. A question was raised about the real estate signs that are not located on the properties for sale. Sign pollution was a topic at the Valley Center revitalization meeting.
- T. Member/Administrative Reports – Chair Kurland. Nothing new.

VII. New Business

- A. None.

VIII. Call for New Agenda Items for next meeting

- A. Agenda items can be submitted up until the next meeting's agenda is posted at the meeting site.
- B. Adjournment by Chair Kurland at 7:44 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting 19 Jun 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Malinowski Secretary, Rainbow CPG

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Subject: NCFPD Fire Station remodel permit PDS2023-COMALT-000538

Dear Supervisor Desmond,

The Rainbow Community Planning Group was given a presentation two months ago at our March Planning group meeting by Fire Chief Keith McReynolds and Brandon Hamlett, Erickson-Hall Construction Senior Project Manager regarding a proposed update of NCFPD Station #3 on Rainbow Valley Blvd in Rainbow. They discussed how this station has become fully manned and now includes a full-time emergency paramedic. The project would add dormitory space for crew, remodel other interior areas, add a barn for the Cal Fire bulldozer to relocate from Rainbow Heights Cal Fire camp for safety purposes, and move parking out of setbacks on Rainbow Valley Blvd and 5th Street.

They provided us an overview of the planned updates such that we could be prepared to help vote on upgrades at our April meeting. The captain suggested timing was critical due to funding running out if not started by June, and the need to relocate the bulldozer off the Heights due to issues and risks associated with transporting the dozer via a semi-truck down the narrow and windy road from the Cal Fire camp. If not relocated to a safer transport location, he mentioned Cal Fire may lose the valuable dozer resource to another jurisdiction.

Local Fire and Medical support for Rainbow is critical for our community, like every other community. We are a good distance away from other support services of this type being in Fallbrook, Pala Mesa, and/or Temecula.

We have not been afforded the opportunity to vote on this matter as it seems the plans are somehow being held up by the county PDS Building division. It baffles us how such a critical community function as a fire station, cannot be escalated/streamlined/prioritized through the building department to ensure schedules/budgets which are government funded do not become in jeopardy of losing their critical funding by missing an impending deadline.

We are asking your assistance to see if you can help identify and escalate the urgency of getting these plans approved such that Rainbow can be afforded the same services and protections provided other unincorporated communities through a fully functional fire station.

Respectfully,


Martin Kurland, Chair
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Subject: Transportation Needs

Dear Mr. Orso,

As commuter and commercial traffic increases on the I-15 north of SR78 to the San Diego-Riverside County line, the Rainbow community is especially hard hit with dramatically decreased traffic flow, especially at morning and afternoon 'rush hour' times. These timeframes are expanding as traffic seeks to avoid the most congested times of day. The population growth in Riverside County is projected to surpass that of San Diego County, thus exacerbating an already difficult, non-productive, and energy detrimental situation.

Rainbow is a very small community bearing a disproportionate burden for the traffic. Commuters seek relief from the freeway congestion by exiting on one of the two offramps in our community. This bypass then transfers the freeway congestion to surface streets, making it extremely difficult for community members to drive in their own community, even to be able to exit their own driveways because of the ribbon of backed up vehicles blocking their access. On the freeway itself, each offramp is frequently backed up in two lanes to exit.

According to the SANDAG 2025 Regional Plan survey, North County people said that they needed better traffic flow on the highways, especially the I-15. The "Initial Concept for the Draft 2025 Regional Plan: North County" map shows planned managed lanes on the I-15 from SR78 to the County line for timeframe 2036-2050 by converting existing lanes.

The Rainbow Community Planning Group requests that managed lanes be *added* on the I-15 from the SR78 north to the I-15/I-215 interchange to alleviate the traffic congestion by adding lanes and not simply converting existing lanes with managed lanes, and to expedite the timeframe sooner than 2036-2050.

Respectfully,



Martin Kurland, Chair
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cc: Supervisor Jim Desmond

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