

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY

January 5, 2021 6:00PM

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Administrative Items

Co-Chair Steve Stonehouse brought the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Item #1: Roll call: Secretary Liz Stonehouse read the roll by screen. Steve Stonehouse co-chair, Harriet Taylor, co-chair, Daryl Hern, Mark Kukuchek, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Daniel Diaz, Shane Parmaly, John Taylor, Michael Clower, Diane Carter, Michael Garrod, Michael Diaz.

Two members not seated

Item #2: Approval of minutes: Harriet wanted a change. The Group was reminded that changes needed to be sent by email to speed up the meeting. Harriet wanted noted she spoke to Sam Chun about the sidewalks between the Bridge and San Miguel Road. So, noted. Daryl Motioned to approve the minutes with correction. Mark seconded. Unanimous with 13 members voting.

Item #3: As there were no speakers, the Chair noted that our new Supervisor, Nora Vargas will send someone.

At this time the Chair requested that the Action Items for this meeting be held in favor of the presenters from County, as their presentation might be long.

With no objections the Chair turned the meeting over to Eric Lardy, PDS: who introduced Robb Efird to speak about three elements of the County General Plan: Housing Element, Safety Element and Environmental Justice Element. What these three elements mean is that the County is trying to identify goals and objectives of this program before sending ideas to the State. Anyone wanting to see the power point again can contact me. I will email it to you. The second element was the Safety Element, which meant that the County is looking into hazards to people and property. Among those hazards are: seismic activity, evacuation routes in case of fires, where military installations are in regard to the County, adequate water supplies, roads and structures, floods and fire. For floods and fire, the County and City take their leads from the State. They are currently using 'best practices' to research other areas of vulnerability assessment to develop a climate change adaption and strategies. As before, if you want to look at the PowerPoint again, please email me.

The last section of this portion of this presentation was about Environmental Justice Elements. These are to be identified, ascertain what risks these areas have and examine ways to eliminate the issues. County is attempting to accomplish this by outreach meetings in the Chula Vista section of Sweetwater.

To learn more about this email PDS.advanceplanning@sdcountry.ca.gov.

Harriet wanted to know where the five tracts were in Sweetwater.

Shane said that they were located on the map as north and south of highway 54. Also, along Bonita Mesa Drive. Among things mentioned were, a school nearby had had a tremendous methane problem from an old landfill; a Hep-A initiative, obtaining more beds and subsequently more for emergency housing in unincorporated areas.

Judy commented that these elements do not go far enough East to include the toll avoidance along San Miguel and Procter Valley Roads. The traffic pollution from toll avoidance is so bad that residents cannot use their yards or open windows. She wanted someone to look into it.

Shane said that they should look into the total revenue of San Miguel Reserve. The County does not operate the toll road, but Michael De La Rosa did interject that if traffic from toll avoidance is causing a downgrade in air quality it does qualify as a staff issue. That San Miguel Road and Procter Valley Road would be again looked at as a safety issue.

In an effort to not have to retype nine pages of information I'm going to just address questions. I have the PowerPoints addressing these questions should you want to see them: Tara Liberman presented the Grading Ordinance-Ag clearing portion, very little of which had relevance to Sweetwater. Plots of land under consideration were to be of five acres or more. Storm water runoff was addressed as well as fire prevention.

Mark mentioned that trails in the River Bottom needed clearing as well as those along the Tieber Trail. County Parks and Rec usually helps but because of Covid it's been hard. He also mentioned that County Trails are covered by Parks but private property trails should be handled through the owners of the land. That could be another option for clearing.

Mark Slovic gave the final presentation concerning streamlining of the Discretionary Permit Process: What that amounts to is the shifting of permit names in order to facilitate speedy movement of paperwork through the process. Some of the names are not able to be changed and those have to follow the established plans, but others are able to jump some of the steps.

Shane asked about the engineers involved in this: how do you keep them honest? All participating engineers are on a list, if they make errors they will no longer be allowed to participate.

Harriet mentioned as an example, the situation with the 7/11.

Action Items

Item #4: Nominations and elections of officers-Shane Parmely presiding:

Tony stated that he felt that having two co-chairs failed to satisfy the idea that Planning Groups should have a Chair and a vice-chair. He also felt that the Chair should serve for only one year to be replaced by the vice-chair and another vice-chair then be elected and so on and so forth.

Shane said 'put that in a motion'.

Tony, 'So motioned' Judy seconded.

Shane, "Vote" Vote was 3 to 8 against. Vote failed.

John motioned: " We keep Steve and Harriet as Co-chairs" Michael Garrod seconded. Passed 11 to two: noes Tony and Judy.

Liz got 13 votes for secretary.

Item #5: Reappointment of Committees: Steve

Steve motioned to keep Mark and Diane as Trail Committee. Liz seconded.

Unanimous with 13 voting.

Steve then motioned that we abandon Ace Self Storage committee as it was ad hoc. There were no objections to this.

Item #6: Approval of Harriet's letters to the County Last month regarding San Miguel road and crosswalks and Procter Valley Road. After giving presentation telling us about the meeting which lead to the writing of the letters, Michael Garrod motioned: to approve the letters per the agenda. John seconded. Vote: 9 aye, three noes- Liz, Steve, Tony and one abstention-Judy. Vote passed.

Item #11: Trails Report: Diane- Since the Community approved the No Parking signs there have been more RV's parking in the area. One even blocked the trail with his Barbecue. It was noted that it usually takes about eight weeks for the signage to be made and posted. Steve was to send an email on this.

The rains are affecting trails again, but for the most part they are in pretty good shape. Mark mentioned that if anyone had some work for the over 65 trail crew to let them know.

Daryl noted that the dumping is continuing at Central across Sweetwater and now they've brought in a Bobcat to smooth it out. Code Enforcement has been notified.

Item#12: Announcements: None

Item #13; Adjournment 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted

Liz Stonehouse, Secretary

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Next meeting via Zoom; February 2, 2021