

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY
May 4, 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, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Shane Parmaly, John Taylor, Michael Clower, Michael Garrod, Diane Carter. Daniel Diaz, and Mark Kukuchek were late.

Item #2: Introducing Nora Vargas. She was unable to attend.

Item #3: Approval of minutes: Judy motioned to accept with corrections: Sharmane seconded. Passed with thirteen voting. Diane abstained as she was absent. Daniel did not vote.

Item #4: People to speak for three minutes: A resident spoke against cannabis, stating that it used up resources that would be better used elsewhere. Ipad asked a question about landlord's rights concerning the situation with renters. Tony wanted to clarify the boundaries of the Cannabis committee: whether it is an adhoc or a continuing committee: who the chair is: and what the committee wanted to accomplish, then bring it back in June for approval. Harriet said that she needed more people. Shane stated that perhaps the SVCA could get involved.

Action Items

Item #5: Vote to approve the County's roadway maintenance/resurfacing list. After a short discussion where Tony wanted to know when Central Ave. would be resurfaced: Mark motioned to accept as presented. Daniel Diaz seconded. Passed unanimously with fifteen members voting.

Item #6: Discussion on the PLDO funds for certain projects: Emily Hubbard stood in for Chelsea Zander on this. The list of PLDO objectives for 2021 are as follows: trail 45 which is between Carriage Hills and Degan Drive. A trail easement is needed. Tiber Trail needs work along a small portion of the trail. Sweetwater Bike Park phase Two. Parking and rest rooms. Right now, Sweetwater Authority is helping with overflow parking on its land. Mark mentioned that the Community Garden project needed the water system repaired as the drip irrigation system did not work. Diane said that it was a shame to charge people to use the land and have bad water. Tony wanted to

know about the trail easement at Wild Oats. There needs to be work done to get an easement there. The new trail coordinator Libby will be brought into this. Harriet wanted to discuss this with County. We did not need Action on this at this time.

Item #7: Sidewalk project: Allen School Lane to Loma Paseo: Sambath Chrun Project manager DPW presenting: Sam gave us a detailed description, with graphics of where the new sidewalk would be. But there will be no space for horsemen to travel on it. Sam said he'd get back to us on that. Mark mentioned that there was a trail that tied Otay Lakes Road with Surrey. Mark then moved to approve as presented. Uwe seconded. Vote unanimous with fifteen members voting. There followed a short discussion about the rope designators at Willow St and Sweetwater Rd. on the trail there. Mark suggested that the contractors use synthetic rope as the real rope along Sweetwater by the Garden was breaking down after five years. Daryl wanted reflectors on the posts.

Item #7: Presentation by Damon Davis, County Staff, regarding implementation of 'vehicle miles traveled' in local planning review: Under a new State law County staff has been tasked to adjust its method from LOS-level of service to 'vehicle miles traveled', with anything less than 110 trips being insignificant. The State's idea is to 'fill in' more rather than less forcing people to drive less far for services.

The vast amount of discussion about this centered on the idea that SanDag should abolish the toll on the I125. Mark mentioned that the idea fights against affordable housing, not aids it. Judy mentioned that the largest amount of traffic through Sweetwater comes from Chula Vista. There were several more comments about how bad the roads were in Bonita, and that this new provision has no teeth.

Item #9: Harriet with Community Updates: There will be a reception at the Museum on the fifteenth of May to honor Greg Cox and Mel Lawson, the designer and sculptor of WR This Cat's Smart which is the name of the statue at the front of the Greg Cox complex. The reception will be from 2 to 5 PM. The county will issue a scoping letter concerning Timrick Lane for the June meeting. For those who don't remember the owner of the property planted trees and fenced an area which is open space. Procter Valley Road is having issues again with the land where the cock-fighting took place. Apparently, they are having parties, they live in trailers which are encroaching on other's property and are accused of relieving themselves in public. Harriet requested anyone interested in the Cannabis Committee to contact her. Happy Birthday to Mark. We know how old you are.

Item #10: Andrew Harvey and Rosa Olascoaga with County updates: Emily covered what we had to say.

Item #11 Trails Report: Diane mentioned again that something needs to be done about the area from Jonel and Bonita Meadows down Procter Valley Road to San Miguel Road. The area is beyond dangerous. The best suggestion presented yet was to put stop signs at Jonel Way and Bonita Meadows Road.

Children ride their bikes down Procter Valley Road on their way to the Bike Park. Judy suggested that we get the County to come out and discuss this. Uwe mentioned that children who are nine or ten years old are not careful and that traffic traveling at 60mph instead of the posted 35mph cannot always avoid them. Uwe again mentioned that the first area of the 125 was paid for by the taxpayers and should be free to East H Street.

Item#12: Announcements: You have been notified if you are delinquent in your State or County ethics tests. People, if you don't do this and get sued, the County won't indemnify you causing you to have to pay for counsel yourselves. You can take the tests at any time.

Item #13; Adjournment 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary
Sweetwater Community Planning Group

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