

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY
June1, 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, Uwe Werner, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Shane Parmaly, Sharmane Estolano, John Taylor, Michael Clower, Michael Garrod, Diane Carter, and Mark Kukuchek.

Excused: Daniel Diaz,

Item #2: Introducing Nora Vargas. She had a lot to say: She is vice-chair in her first year, is promoting Covid-19 testing and vaccination. She is also behind economic recovery, family values and environmental climate justice. She is a proponent of 'little libraries' for the underserved areas of her district to get children books. She is also behind 'Health Equity'. She is a pollution chair with SanDag.

Sharmane had the first question:

Can SanDag relax payment of fee through the first exit in order to relax the congestion through Bonita of 'toll avoidance' drivers? She'll look into it.

Diane wanted to know: Is there any way to relieve the congestion around the Bike Park? There need to be stop signs at Jonel Way and Bonita Meadows Lane as well as a widening of Procter Valley Road before San Miguel Road to handle the bike traffic. She allowed that she would 'follow up' with that.

There were more questions about the congestion on San Miguel Road and Procter Valley Road some about the road conditions there.

Another significant question was: When will we be able to have 'in person' meetings again? Answer: The Board is having hybrid meetings where some members are there and some are Zoomed. We'll have to see what happens after the fifteenth.

Mike Clowers asked: Since I live near the Bike Park on San Miguel Road, where are the CHP Officers who are supposed to be patrolling here? We have a community officer, but none for enforcement.

Sharmane asked about a \$2500 grant. Answer: wait for the new budget. There is no money now.

Judy mentioned that we get CHP officers during 'drug week' but never on weekends.

Diane Carter said that we have Senior Patrol officers who can sometimes help slow traffic down with their mobile signs, but cannot enforce.

Harriet added, " Welcome aboard. I have some historical information about the bike path and the 125 for you." Supervisor Vargas ended her portion of the meeting with her email: nora.vargas@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Item #3: Approval of minutes: Tony moved to accept as corrected. Sharmane seconded. Passed with fourteen voting. Daniel is excused.

Item #4: People to speak for three minutes: Judy Strang spoke against cannabis, stating that she had spoken at every Board meeting in the last month. She wanted us to go and speak Tuesday and Wednesday at 9AM. We're to ask questions and find out why aspects of the proposal are not adequately explained. Another member echoed the first response. Judy Barron asked why no one keeps track of speeders on Sweetwater Road in early morning and early evening but did not tell us which section of Sweetwater Road was in question. She also wants Procter Valley Road widened one to two feet or failing that, get the County to establish some sort of road width standard.

Action Items

Item #5: PDS2021-AD-21-007 Timrick Lane Open Space Encroachment: 4034 Timrick Lane: Mario Church presenting: Lauren Yzaguirre County Planner
Attending: Mr. Church told us about his fences, his attempts to keep the natural vegetation going and how he had put in retaining walls to help curtail erosion. Mark mentioned that the vegetation in open space was supposed to be left there. Judy asked who maintained the open space. Tony said that if the fence as in front of the open space it would still be the homeowner's responsibility to maintain. Harriet added that even designated open space was the landowner's responsibility to maintain. That the space was there to allow space for endangered nesting birds and other animals was brought up as well. Mark motioned: The Sweetwater Community Planning Group moves the following: That the fence enclosing the 'open space' be removed but the necessity for a fence on the property is recognized as well as a gate to access the area for maintenance; that the area enclosed by the fence be returned to its native condition and that the fruit trees be allowed to remain. Sharmane seconded the motion. Vote: fourteen aye, one excused, Daniel Diaz.
In ending, Michael Garrod mentioned that the rules for endangered species such as the Gnatcatcher are very strict, and in some cases can be prosecuted.

Non-action Items

Item #6: Brian Sorensen to discuss a prospective storage facility at Quarry Road and Sweetwater Road. Brian brought Tim Karp from Insite Property Group. This group has done storage facilities all over the country. The presentation showed a facility which will be three stories with one underground. There will be no roll-down doors near homes. The group will give five acres of land back to the community, but the nature of the land and the use have yet to be determined. They agreed that there would be no floodlights and that the unit would not be open at night.

Harriet mentioned that the storage at the Swap Meet was mostly used by the Swap meet people. Wasn't this one a little close to that?

Daryl wanted to know if the solar panels would be enough for the facility.

A citizen stated that storage facilities created havens for homeless.

Mark noted two trails, the 201 and the 205 which cross the land. Were they going to be continued as these are multi use trails, not just for equestrians?

Item #7: Harriet with Community Updates: There were none.

Item #8: Andrew Harvey and Rosa Olascoaga with County updates: Supervisor Vargas covered what we had to say.

Item #9 Trails Report: Mark spoke about the repair to the water at the Community Garden and that at the next meeting on Thursday, they may limit the number of people allowed to drive vehicles on the land as the water situation was caused by traffic.

Item#12: Announcements: None at this time

Item #13; Adjournment 9:14 PM

Respectfully submitted

Liz Stonehouse, Secretary

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