

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY**  
**September 7, 2021 7:00PM**

**In Person meeting two**

**Administrative Items**

Co-Chair Steve Stonehouse brought the meeting to order at 7:00PM, at the Bonita Valley Community Worship Center, 4744 Bonita Road

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

Item #2: Approval of minutes of August 3, 2021. Move to approve, Mark Kukuchek, seconded, Sharmane Estolano. Vote: 11 aye, 4 abstentions: Diane, Mark, and Michael Garrod, Shane Parmaly.

Item #3: Opportunity of others to speak on items not on the agenda: No speakers

**Action Items**

Item #4: Vote by Group to allow presentation of revised plans by Ace Self Storage-PDS2016-MUP-16-010. After discussion by the Group about why they had to hear this presentation again, and why the Group did not get to read or hear the last round of Public comment: Michael Garrod motioned: Is it or is it not allowable for SCPG to hear Ace Self Storage again. Liz seconded the motion. Vote: 13 aye, one abstention: Tony Tieber.

Tony wanted to know by what criteria we were using to allow another vote. County wanted us to do this because apparently the applicant had suitably changed the project to reflect our community character and respond to written comments.

**Non-action Items**

Item #5: Presentation by Brian Sorensen. Proposed Self-storage facility at 5780-5790 Quarry Road. PDS-2019-TM-5632. He gave roughly the same presentation as last month, using concept drawings, not actual ones. From the Group: Mark liked the way the riding trail was situated: Shane wanted to know where the picture of the proposed park was: Tony wanted to know whether the land was still being donated to County: Harriet asked about solar and mentioned that the property needed to be solar ready to handle elevators, air conditioners and lighting, and Daryl wanted to know about the speed limits on Quarry Road and Sweetwater Road.

The public had some good questions, among them: What about the homeless? How are you planning to keep people out? What about the drug paraphernalia, human waste, and the risk of fires? Big buildings don't belong on Quarry Road. "You can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig."

The rest of the comments on this matter centered around just not wanting it because it was not within the scope of our community character.

Item #6 Presentation by Ace Self Storage PDS2016-MUP-16-010 on revised plans: Brad Bailey presenting. Nicolas Gustafson presented instead. This was the first time we had ever had a project planner discuss changes instead of the applicant's representative. "The reason that the County was representing and not the applicant was because the changes to the project were a result of County direction to the applicant. Based on feed back received from the community to the MND, the County determined that the findings for the MUP could not be made as it related to harmony, bulk, scale and community character and that the intensity of the project needed to be reduced. *It was not an applicant-initiated change.* The intent of the meeting was to 1) communicate that the County had heard some of the concerns raised, and 2) was soliciting specific design recommendations related to the proposed redesign."

They went like this: How will the fire department get out with that building next door? Why does the County want this and why are they so assertive toward this? Why did the County not provide specific answers to questions asked about this project? Does the County not understand that we don't want this build here? How will the storage unit impact schools, children and traffic? The last comment was instructional: If we were given the first set of plans, why do we have to look at a second if we didn't like the first?

Item #7; Adjournment 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted  
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary  
Sweetwater Community Planning Group

Next meeting Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library  
Community Room. This meeting will start at 7:00PM