

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY

April 5, 2022 7:00PM

In Person meeting Two

Administrative Items

Co-Chair Steve Stonehouse brought the meeting to order at 7:00PM, at the Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station meeting room.

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

Excused: Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Diane Carter, Shane Parmely.

Item #2: Approval of minutes of March 1, 2022. There were two corrections. Mark moved to approve with corrections. Uwe Seconded. Vote-10 Aye. One abstention: Michael Garrod. Four excused: Tony and Judy Tieber, Diane Carter and Shane Parmely.

Item #3: Opportunity of others to speak on items not on the agenda: Jan Mellinger spoke at length about a situation along Acacia where two parties were contesting a right-of-way which the County had abandoned between 1985 and 1988. Apparently, the person who purchased land on one side of the abandoned right-of-way had fenced the person on the other side away from her driveway. The County send a Code Compliance officer out who told the fence maker that he could no longer to work in the right-of-way.

Several people came to stand by the Ms. Mellinger's right to use the land. There was also a discussion of the VMT (vehicular miles traveled) and whether Sweetwater was considered a Village to allow it to remain a green zone. If you have any input or would like to participate contact San Diego County. By website. It will have the links you need there.

Non-Action Items

Item #4: Presentation concerning 4753 Sweetwater Road subdivision: Alex Parra: Egson LLC presenting. A little background first. We saw this subdivision at an earlier meeting and asked that the proposed retaining wall be rethought. Mr. Parra came to tell us that the retaining wall had been abandoned and that there would now be two 18-inch pipes leading from the catch basin for groundwater redirection into the river bed. He also said that the Group he represents are required to extend the sidewalk from the Church to the corner.

Item #5: Presentation by Redistricting Commission: David Bane presenting. He is the Chair of the Commission. Long story short, the redistricting takes place every ten years and follows the Census figures. What is then done is to attempt to keep such things as ethnic groups or communities of interest, as close together so that they can be a voting bloc. This redistricting has only to do with

VOTING. Sweetwater is still in district one. There is a voting rights consul as well as a special analyst to assess all issues and all criteria are met. San Diego has borrowed from other places in figuring this out.

Item #6: Harriet Taylor with Community Updates. John and I went to Nora Vargas' last town hall in Spring Valley. It was not as well attended as the one in Bonita, but some of the ideas we expressed have been followed such as acknowledging attendees from other places. Still no name tags though. Summit Park has a new Ranger. Update from La Finca: the property has been sold. There is a massive grand opportunity to get money for infrastructure's impact on communities and residents. The grant is to be in excess of \$300,000.

Item #7: Andrew Harvey with County updates: Andrew is not here.

Item #8: Trails report: Mark Kukuchek: BVH is clearing the riding trails now that most of the rain is gone for the year. They went out to see the damage and will start repairs soon. Darly mentioned that a streetlight at Sweetwater and Central was replaced but no 'horse crossing' button was put on. There was a short discussion of the trail in the Highlands that is always full of water and rocks. Perhaps a bridge could be built?

Item #9: County Training and Form 700. Liz Stonehouse presenting: Both your form 700 and the County Ethics training are due by March 31. I don't know about the State yet. I went through the State Ethics test. If you took it in 2020 you do not need to do it again. Since this meeting, I have discovered that County Consul has stated that we do not need to do it, but I'd do it anyway to be indemnified.

Item#10: Adjournment: 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary
Sweetwater Community Planning Group

Next meeting Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at the Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Department Training Room. Meeting will start at 7:00 P.M.