

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY

June 6, 2023 7:00PM

Administrative Items

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

Item #1a: Roll call: Secretary Liz Stonehouse read the roll. Steve Stonehouse co-chair, Harriet Taylor, co-chair, Mike Clowers, Judy Tieber, Uwe Werner, John Taylor, Tony Tieber, Lori Noe, Diane Carter.

Excused: Michael Garrod, Shane Parmely. Two seats vacant.

Item #1b: Change to agenda: No changes at this time.

Item #2: Approval of minutes from April, 2023. Uwe motioned to accept. John Seconded. Vote: 9Aye, two abstentions, Diane Carter and Judy Tieber. Two seats vacant. Approval of minutes from May, 2023. Uwe motioned to accept as mailed. John seconded. Vote 10aye, one abstention Diane Carter, two seats vacant.

Item #3: Opportunity of others to speak on items not on the agenda: There was a complaint about speeding on San Miguel Road and there is not enough light on the road. A comment was made about County using speed cameras there.

Action Items

Item #4: Review and vote to request County DPW Flood Control to address the flooding issue on San Miguel Road. Many people came to give their stories about damage both to property and people, and why County should fix the issue. Diane made the following motion: That the Sweetwater Community Planning Group as a body, write a letter to DPW, Flood Control, and the County in general with the request that this issue be addressed and someone report back to Planning Group with the results with due haste as the rainy season is right around the corner.

Member Mark Kukuchek seconded the motion. The vote to adopt this motion was unanimous with two members excused and two seats vacant.

Non-Action Items

Item #5: Report on County meeting regarding the CEQA process. Director Mark Slovic and Chief Project manager Ashley Smith met with Steve and Liz Stonehouse, Harriet and John Taylor and Mark Kukuchek to discuss various topics concerning community character and answered some of our questions. Warehouses are RR. Storage facilities are MUP. In deciding size qualifications, the County uses Bonnie Brae Shopping Center as it's the only shopping center in Sweetwater not in the City of Chula Vista.

There was a statement that County did not get our information to us timely so as to give it to our members before a vote. This has to do with Storage Facilities right now. We do not have a updated definition of 'Community Character'

Item #6: Harriet Taylor with community updates. There will be a meeting with County Staff concerning the new Zoning Ordinance at the library community room on June 14th at 6PM.

County is going after homeless again.

Item #7: Andrew told us that Penni and Daniel will be accepted soon. The grants for county funds close July 1 so get your grant in. Harriet wanted to know when we get to meet Ginger.

Item #8: Diane said there was a notice in Monday's paper about Rhor Park, Chula Vista and the riding arena. Apparently Janine Reed finally got it reopened. There was some comment on that. Trails are overgrown, so be careful out there, Remember fire is our enemy on trails.

Item #9: Mike Clowers report from TAC: nothing from our area. Next meeting will be in six weeks.

Item #11: Adjournment. 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted

Liz Stonehouse, Secretary

Sweetwater Community Planning Group

Next meeting Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at the Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Department Training Room. Meeting will start at 7:00 P.M. We will be dark in July as the meeting date is the 4th.