

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY

July 2, 2024, 7:00PM

Administrative Items

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

Item #1a: Roll call: Secretary Liz Stonehouse read the roll. Steve Stonehouse co-chair, Judy Tieber, Tony Tieber, Uwe Werner, John Taylor, Harriet Taylor, co-chair, Michael Clowers, Daniel Diaz, Lori Noe (late), Michael Garrod, Penni Neely (late), Diane Carter. Excused: Shane Parmely.

Item #1b: none

Item #2: Approval of minutes from June 4, 2024, 2024. Mark Kukuchek motioned to accept as written: Uwe Werner seconded, Vote: 12 Aye: One excused: Shane Parmely, 2 late did not vote, Penni Neely, Lori Noe.

Item #3: Opportunity of others to speak on items not on the agenda:
No one spoke at this time.

Action Items

Item #4: Vote to reimburse Co-chair Harriet Taylor for venue rental (May 7, 2024 meeting at Valley Vista School) and for out-of-pocket printing expenses in the amount of \$622.13. Vote: 11 aye, 2 abstentions: Harriet and John Taylor, one late, Lori Noe: one excused: Shane Parmely. Motion carried.

Item #5: Road vacation of Dairy Road in Summit Park, Richard Chin and Tom McCabe presenting: After presentation there were several comments: Susan Heavlin wanted a sign to show where the road had been as it is a historic landmark. Mark Caro explained that the road went further than just the Summit Park area. Mark made a motion to approve the vacation of Dairy Road provided that Parks and Rec maintain what is left of the Road. Diane Carter Seconded. Vote: 14 aye: one excused. Motion carried.

Non-Action Items

Item #6: Sweetwater Bike Park Phase 2: restrooms and parking lot: Mark Caro presenting: most of the Bike Park comments came during the discussion for the road vacation. Comments were mostly about the cost of prefabricated restrooms and whether the parking lot and restrooms would be properly attended at night. The answer to that was they would be locked up. Judy wanted to know whether two additional would be sufficient. Michael Garrod volunteered to look into the issue and report back. In answer to a question about grading, there will be no grading on the parking lot at this time. Andrew said he'd look into port-a-potties

Item#7: County Streamlining Affordable Housing and Selling of ADU's: Sara Thornberg: presenting: Basically, she came to tell us about State Law AB 803 which allows owners of small lots who want to split their lots, with an ADU attached can do so and sell one. After her presentation there was a long discussion about Sweetwater Design Guidelines and how the County did not appear to adhere to them. John Taylor wanted to know whether San Diego had ever looked at Portland Oregon's way of handling this issue. It seems the idea behind AB803 was to secure more Senior housing or accessibility for senior housing.

Diane wanted to know whether there was provision for board and care facilities in Sweetwater. There followed a discussion on parking for ADU's. That dovetailed into a discussion of Air B&B's.

Item#8: Harriet Taylor with community updates: Harriet gave the floor to a woman who said her name was Veronica and she came from the Valley Vista area: she complained that she lived next door to a party house Air B&B where the owner lived out of state. She had tried several methods of getting the people to tone down their loud parties, but none had worked. The Sheriff's wouldn't come timely, and the owners didn't seem to be interested. There were several ideas floated to help her: call code compliance, put in ring cameras, and get a court order were several.

Harriet then went into her next issue, which was the Starbuck's signage: she got ahold of sign people and things we don't want agreed to do the backlit signage, on the gooseneck light on lady drive through backlit directed signs let us remove because they are not needed just exit only and drive through this is all not put in sign company agreed to keep slim one, height of bars we're going to keep order windows allowed got rid of external signs which were annoying. Got them to say ok blue dots arrows removed get around area. Small area she said they would agree. She sent guidelines to sign people today. Harriet then presented a flyer about the solar panels on Sweetwater Reservoir.

There was a consensus that Harriet should take the issue of the Air B&B's to the Chair's association and get their regs.

Item #9: Andrew Harvey with County updates: There's a new ap called Tell Us Now. Using this ap you can report to County: Air pollution, Code compliance, Grading and Construction, inoperable vehicles. Liz asked whether this ap could be used to report water wasters. It can. The Tiny Homes Project was passed then rescinded. Someone told Andrew that Max Branscome had not been paid yet for the Bonitafest melodrama. There is weed abatement between Sweetwater Road and Briarwood.

Item #10: Trails report, Diane Carter-Mark Kukuchek: the Sunnyside trail bridge was fixed. It cost \$200K.

Item #11: Mike Clowers with Traffic Advisory updates. The CHP number is 858-293-6000 A three-way stop sign is needed between Wild Oats and Central. Harriet asked whether there was any change in the road markers along Loping Lane. The answer was that County was not going to do anything else.

Item #11. 9:15

Respectfully submitted:
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary
Sweetwater Community Planning Group

Next regular meeting is Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at the Bonita-Library Community Room at 6:pm