

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY**

**March 7, 2017 7:00PM**

Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station 4900 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902

### **Administrative Items**

Co-Chair Steve Stonehouse brought the meeting to order at 7:00

Item #1: Roll: Sheri Todus, Steve and Liz Stonehouse, Rick Blacklock, Irene Blacklock, Diane Carter, Daryl Hern, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Mark Kukuchek, Uwe Werner, and Harriet Taylor.

Excused: Doc Stokos, John Taylor, Michael Garrod.

Item #2: Approval of minutes of January 3, 2017 meeting: Motion to approve, Mark. Second Uwe. Unanimous 11 members voting.

Item #3: Members of the public to speak no longer than three minutes on items not on the agenda:

Tony complained that although we are only an advisory body, he felt that our input as to the cell tower on Jonel way should be taken more seriously.

Diane Carter congratulated Mark Kukuchek who re-congratulated both Diane and her husband on the fine work they did clearing the trail up from Bonita Meadows to the trail along the Highlands. Along that line there was also discussion about Code Enforcement coming out to look at the land where the cocks were. Many dead birds were found but the area seems to be clearing up. The gabion between the creek and the trail is in sore need to repair as there is now a ditch where it should be. The discussion went along that nobody wants to take control of the land from Cal-Trans because then they would have to maintain it. Steve mentioned that he had gone to the meeting where the cell tower was accepted and spoke against it. He felt that the county planner did not understand where Planning Group stood on the issue.

Item #4: Michael De La Rosa: Community Update. Michael is leaving us to go to PDS as a Group Program Manager.. His replacement, Victor Avina, has been working for the past year with the Costal Commission.

Tony mentioned that there had been a serious Pit Bull attack on Country Trails and Steeplechase, where loose dogs had caught and killed a Labrador.

When questioned, he said that the Sheriff would do nothing and Animal Control would do the same.

Harriet spoke up and said that in Michael's sixteen years he had always listened to her. Liz said that he had come a very long way since he had met them during the Frisbie Street situation.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Item #5: PLDO REALIGNMENT WITH Planning Group Boundaries. Mark Kukuchek: Mark provided a clear map that showed where the existing Planning Group Boundaries differed from those of the PLDO. Once he had explained that all we want is for the two to be aligned so they work more closely to what we need, he posed this motion: I move that the Sweetwater Community Planning Group support San Diego County Parks and Recreation Departments recommendation to align the LPPA (Local Parks Planning Area) boundaries with the Sweetwater Community Planning Group Boundary. Rick seconded. Vote: 11 aye. Unanimous.

Item #6: Re-nomination of Judy Tieber as a member seat #13. After a short discussion, Liz motioned to accept Judy as a member. Irene seconded. 11 voted aye signaling a unanimous vote.

#### NON-ACTION

Item #7: San Diego District Sewer rate increase: Dan Brogadir, San Diego County Sanitation District presenting: Mr. Brogadir brought out the same information that we had heard last year concerning the rate increase, carefully mentioning that even with the increase Sweetwater would still be the second lowest rate in the County.

Item #8: Reminder that all members must complete their County Ethics Training by March 31 and send it to Lisa Fitzpatrick. They also need to fill out their form 700 for 2016 and mail it to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, (Statement of Economic Interest), 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 402, San Diego, CA, 92101-2471

Item #9: Trails report: Diane and Mark: Mark Kukuchek and his horse Bandit are on the cover of this week's Reader. The article

inside is informational. Mark noted that the author of the article had a good time.

Item #10: Updates: Harriet: She noted that she had discovered a 2012 copy of a temporary Design Review checklist when La Finca sent the maps to her for their renovation. La Finca is not adhering to the guidelines.

Michael noted that the checklist was a "short-cut" for those who believed that they had their ducks in a row.

Harriet then wanted to know whether Ace Storage had been given the same form to fill out as the only guidelines we have in total date from 1991, the checklist should have been used to bring the 1991 guidelines up to date, not to be given to prospective developers as a 'short cut' to development.

Michael agreed to an investigation into this matter.

Move to adjourn: Uwe, second Diane. Adjourned 8:48

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz Stonehouse, secretary

Next meeting April 4, 2017 Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.