

County of San Diego
Warner Springs Community Sponsor Group
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2024, 4:00pm
Warner Springs Community Resource Center
30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs, California 92086

Members of the Public Present:

Doroty Willis
Michael Johnson
Jessica Parfrey

A) Roll Call and Call to Order: Chair Petermann called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

Members Present: Chair Hans Petermann, Kathryn Fletcher, Bob Garcia, Nina Karavasiles, Andy Krogh, Pam Nelson, Jessica Clabaugh

Absent: None.

B) Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Krogh and Seconded by Fletcher that the minutes of the February 22 , 2024 meeting. All in favor.

C) Public Communication: Mr. Johnson mentioned he is always looking for stories about the community for the Sunshine Summit Smiler if any CSG members have any topics they'd like to share.

D) Action Item:

1) **Discussion and vote on if the CSG become involved in helping the school solve its water problem:** Chair Petermann is working thru Jim Desmond's office for some solutions. The State has determined that the best resolution is to force Los Tules Water Company to provide water to the school at an estimated annual cost of just over \$1 Million. Neither the School nor the Los Tules Water Company desire this. Mr. Krogh suggests using eminent domain to secure a new well site adjacent to the school. Chair Petermann suggested an extension from the Fire Station. Mr. Krogh said this would make the Fire District a Water District as well and subject them to new requirements. Chair Petermann asks the group if they would want to take a position or make a recommendation. Mr. Krogh said it would be ok for the CSG to submit a Letter of Support but it would need to be brought forth by the School District. Ms. Fletcher said it was a surprise to the Water Company and will be discussed at their next meeting. The Highlands project had previously approached the Los Tules Water Company for connection and the Board denied it. Chair Petermann proposes having a meeting with the school express the CSG's support for their preferred course of action.

2) **Discussion and vote on starting monthly meeting later:** The group voted to start the April meeting at 6pm. Mr. Krogh would like to see if more people attend at 6pm for the April meeting before voting to change the permanent start time. Chair Petermann will need to verify with the Sheriff's liaison the time for the next meeting.

3) **Approval of Letter to CHP officer:** Mr. Garcia shared his letter and some updates from Lt. Gonsalves who mentioned he is reviewing recent incidents and reviewing with other officers and will provide a recommendation to CalTrans. Mr. Garcia asked for a copy of the recommendation. Ms. Nelson mentioned it was not clear how many signs are being requested. It was moved by Clabaugh and seconded by Krogh to remove the O in California on the first page and send. All in favor.

E) Group Business:

1) Report from the Chair:

- i. **Update on the seating Dorothy Willis and John McFadden:** Hunter McDonald reached out to Ms. Willis and incorporating Los Coyotes into the CSG area will be put to Tribal Council for a vote and then the County will approve seating her. The County offered 10 seats on the CSG but Chair Petermann felt that would be excessive and the group seemed to agree. Mr. McFadden sent a resignation letter so there is an open seat.
- ii. **Sheriff Presentation April Meeting:** Chair Petermann mentioned the Sheriff's liason will be joining the next meeting. Some potential topics include; who and how many deputies patrols us and are 911 calls necessary for non-urgent situations. Ms. Nelson recommended adding shooting and noise ordinance enforcement. Ms. Willis would like to provide them a directory of where residents are located for emergency response. Mr. Krogh shared that the Sheriff's non-emergency dispatch number for the deputy on patrol is (858) 565-5200.
- iii. **Other Items:** Ms. Nelson shared that the County approved to expand winery zoning into more areas. The County is working on an ordinance to expand permitted activities on existing wineries such as amplified music. She will continue to update the group.

2) Recurring Discussion Items

- i. **Warner Springs Ranch Development** – Chair Petermann shared he was having trouble getting communication from our liason from the County. Ms. Fletcher shared that the Ad Hoc Committee had met and compared the existing plan to the proposed plan as well as the grading program and previous presentations by the Warner Springs Ranch Resort engineering team. The plan was created prior to some zoning regulation changes and many of the components in the plan will require Major Use Permits. County fees were expected to be over \$911,000 with a decision in December of 2023. The County shared that there have been some changes to the plan but has not shared what changed but is open to meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee.
- ii. **New Warner Springs Specific Plan** – Chair Petermann emphasized that it would be great to get CSG recommendations into the Specific Plan so that development projects will not need to be addressed one by one.
- iii. **Highlands at Warner Springs** – Ms. Nelson and Ms. Willis are in communications with conservation groups about potentially purchasing land around the ranch for conservation.
- iv. **Roadways, Traffic and VMT** – Mr. Garcia shared that he received a response from CalTrans and they are requesting another 30 days to respond.
- v. **Dark Sky Community** – Lighting can be researched at the International Dark Sky Website (darksky.org). Ms. Fletcher mentioned Los Tules had provided guidelines in their directory.
- vi. **Socially Equitable Cannabis** – Nothing new to report.
- vii. **Community Park** – Nothing new to report.
- viii. **Community Survey** – There was not much participation in the survey sent out in the last newsletter. There were some technical issues and they are working on revisions. Ms. Karavasiles suggested a survey table at the upcoming Warner Springs Trail Fest on April 13th.
- ix. **Communications** – Ms. Clabaugh will get the word out on the April meeting. There was some discussion on topics for the April meeting. Chair Petermann suggested a handout with the topics covered by the group so that individuals can review and come back at the May meeting for questions. The meeting may go long with the Sheriff's presentation.
- x. **Chihuahua Valley Road** – Ms. Karavasiles shared that Resident Laurel McDonald spoke with Mark Andrews who is head of our County Public Works area about addressing storm water runoff on CVR and having proper speed signage posted and guardrails. Ms. Karavasiles

suggested roadside artwork to slow down drivers in horse crossing areas. Ms. Fletcher recommends taking photos and submitting separate forms for each issue thru their online portal. Mr. Krogh informed the group that the County app SD Tell Us Now! allows reports to be submitted directly to the county. It was recommended to add education about the app to group communications to the public.

xi. **Fire Insurance** – Ms. Fletcher shared that the issue is becoming a crisis. State Farm is leaving the area and California Fair Plan(CAFP) is having difficulty responding to all requests. In addition, CAFP does not have ample funding to cover potential losses and may impose higher fees. There are repercussions for the real estate and construction industries. The legislature has not acted on the subject and it is likely no action will be taken until at least 2025.

xii. **Undergrounding of Power and Telephone Lines** – Mr. Krogh moves to remove and Ms. Fletcher seconds. All in favor.

xiii. **SANDAG Draft Regional Plan** – Nothing to report.

F) **Closing Member Comments** – Jessica Parfrey mentioned that she is new to the area and is interested in the community engagement and participating in group matters. The group encouraged her to apply for our open seat.

G) **Adjournment** – Mr. Garcia moved and Krogh seconded for adjournment at 5:54pm. The next meeting will be held at 30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs, California 92086 on Thursday April 18st at 6PM.