

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY**

March 4, 2014 7:00PM

Special meeting at Bonita Museum and Cultural Center
4355 Bonita Road, Chula Vista 91902

Administrative Items

Co-Chair Mark Kukuchek brought the meeting to order at 7:00

Item #1: Roll call and introduction: Members and guests introduced themselves with the following attendees:

Planning Group members: Mark Kukuchek, co-chair, Harriet Taylor, co-chair, Liz Stonehouse, secretary, Uwe Werner, James Stokos, Steve Stonehouse, Michael Garrod, John Taylor, Rick Blacklock, Irene Blacklock, Sheri Todus, Judy Tieber, Don Scovel, Diane Carter.

Guests: Daryl Hern, Candidate for vacant seat, Michael De La Rosa, representative for Supervisor Greg Cox, Charles Terry Consultant for Acoustics, Dan Davis from Verizon, and the following concerned citizens: Charles Terry, Anna Hodgkin, August Gomez, Moris Adato, Bill Routhier, Jo Routhier, Michelle Kantor, Karla Beckman, Jim Beckman, Leonel Gurrola, Steven Roa, Shaylene Gahey, Archie Orozco, Erin and Raudel Jimenez, Rusene and Adriana Hernandez, Alma and Elias Aquino Charles and Jessica Malouf, Krystal Westcott, Edwin A Beltran, Anthony P Tieber, Marco A Gonzalez and William Turbin.

Item #2: last Month's Minutes. There were no corrections to last month's minutes. Motion to approve by Rick B. Second Uwe. Carried unanimously. Thirteen voting, one seat vacant.

Item #3: No Public comment.

Item #4: Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave this community update: There will be a person from County Roads at Civic Association tomorrow to discuss the state of the roads in Bonita.

They need a 45 day window in order to answer concerns. They plan to come to April's Planning Group meeting.

Action Items

Item #5: PDS2014-MUP-14-007 Major Use Permit to install wireless antenna at 6556 Jonel Way. There was major discussion along with a map presentation on this issue. The petitioner, Judy Tieber, was willing to allow Verizon Wireless to erect a faux pine tree on her property. The neighborhood was against it for various reasons.

Vote to accept major use permit for this property. Yea 5, Nay 6 (Steve, Diane, Don, Doc, Sheri, Uwe,) one abstention Harriet. Judy recused herself.

Motion failed.

Uwe motioned: Not to locate the tower there because to the esthetics of the neighborhood: Doc seconded. Yea 8 Nay 4 (Rick, John, Michael, and Irene). Judy recused herself.

Item #6: Request for capital improvement priorities for roadway improvement projects from DPW. Action Item.

Sheri moved to table as the DPW was coming next month. Doc seconded. Motion carried unanimously with thirteen voting.

Item #7A: Updates:

- a. Diane Carter gave the following Trail report: On the Quarry Loop Issue: CWA indicated they would approve the alternate route but they would have to amend the existing trail agreement to allow equestrian use for the section of the trail alignment that currently does not allow equestrians.
- b. River Bottom Trail from the Western Gateway to Willow Street (Sweetwater Trail Phase III) Construction is anticipated to begin in September of 2014 with completion by February of 2015.
- c. Rice Canyon Loop Trail through Glen Abbey Cemetery: The northernmost segment of the trail will require engineering due to the steepness of the area. DPR is preparing a cost estimate for engineered plans for this segment.

- d. Sweetwater River Trail through Sweetwater Authority Land just East of Summit Park (Bernal Polls on Segment XI/ Southern Trail): A permit application has been submitted that will allow the trails to remain open for up to five years as long as the permit conditions are met. The permit conditions include construction of temporary bridges over the existing depressions containing fairy shrimp.
- e. Acacia Avenue Pathway: DPW indicated that any pathway/sidewalk projects in the County are identified and prioritized by the affected Community Planning Group. If the Sweetwater Community Planning Group supports a pathway, they should contact their DPW Capital Improvement Program (CIP) representative to identify and rank a project of this nature.
- f. County Trail Behind Houses on Tim Street: The Department of Parks and Recreation will be conducting an assessment of the easement to determine whether it is physically and financially feasible to construct the trail within the boundaries of the existing easement.
- g. Homeless Encampments on Mesa: DPR continues to work with the Sheriff to address these encampments as they appear in other locations and regularly patrol areas to prevent the establishment of encampments.
- h. Removal of Invasive Plants in Sweetwater River Corridor: DPR staff determined that private citizens initiated the majority of the invasive plant removal. DPR staff is working with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) to remove the vegetation piles.
- i. Provence House: DPR and the City of Chula Vista are currently exploring the feasibility of re-routing a trail onto Rhor Park behind the Provence House and the potential for development of a parking lot adjacent to the Provence House, but within Rhor Park.
- j. Sweetwater Loop Trail Segment III Bridge: Construction is anticipated to begin in the Fall of 2014.

Item #7B: Neighborhood concerns regarding equestrian facilities and activities at 5600 block of San Miguel Road: John Taylor reported: Code Enforcement has been out: Steve Murray, our liaison, has

stated that all permits are current and in effect, that complaints about water run-off and shrubs choking a channel have been addressed and signed off. Any recommendations for this committee are out of our area of responsibility. The area has been designated as for Sporting Events only and needs a private permit from the Sheriff's to be staged. They may have only six a year. The representatives have been made aware of the laws and ordinances concerning this issue. We as Planning Group can take no action.

Item #7C: Form 700 due March 31. You need to contact Lisa Fitzpatrick: Lisa.Fitzpatrick@sdcountry.ca.gov and email then mail your forms. The mailing address is on the form.

Item #7D: PDS has an agricultural promotion going. Among the things they want to promote is microbreweries, cheese making, and other small-scale agricultural operations.

Item #8: Planning Group members-concerns and comments: Harriet reminded members that three unexcused absences is grounds for dismissal from the Group.

Uwe congratulated Mark on keeping the lid on the rodeo discussion, also there are cars without engines on San Miguel Road. Michael Garrod mentioned that it is not allowed to take action on issues brought up under public comment unless they are agendaized at a later date. Liz said that people who speak are not required to give their names, though she often asks for them, it is permitted for people to refuse. We still have to hear what they want to say.

Move to adjourn Liz second Rick. Adjourned 9:00P.M
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary

Next meeting April 1, 2014 Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.

