

**County of San Diego
Valle De Oro Community Planning Group
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: February 7, 2012

LOCATION: Otay Water District Headquarters
Training Room, Lower Terrace
2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd.
Spring Valley, California 91978-2004

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM Jack L. Phillips, Presiding Chair

Members present: Brownlee, Feathers, Fitchett, Henderson, Manning, Mitrovich, Myers, Nichols, Phillips, Reith, Schuppert, Tierney

Absent: Forthun, Hyatt, Wollitz

2. FINALIZE AGENDA: As shown

3. OPEN FORUM: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 3, 2012 **VOTE: 12-0-0 to approve** with a correction to a misspelling of Myers near the end of the report.

5. LAND USE

a. POD11-008, Countywide Single-family Residential Design Guidelines (DRAFT):

The proposed residential design guidelines will be a resource tool that provides direction and guidance on how best to design subdivisions that meet the objectives of applicants and the County's General Plan, while maintaining the existing character of unincorporated communities.

Phillips discussed. In the General Plan Update, County staff did away with minimum lot sizes related to zoning. Compact development called clustering was included. To mitigate the effect of this change on rural San Diego County, they created the Single-Family Residential Design Guidelines. This applies to clustering in the back country and in our area. It addresses how to design Multi-Family housing in Single-Family Residence zones. They act as if they have no effect in Single-Family Residence zones. Discussion ensued.

Feathers, noted that on the visual description on the top left corner of page 2 states that the described resources "should be preserved" and is repeated again on the same page under Section 2.2 Furthermore, as the visual description on the top right corner of page 3 includes the word preserve twice, she recommends that Section 3.0 on page 3 should be changed in the first and third bullet to add the words "and preserve" after Avoid to read "Avoid and preserve."

Mitrovich recommended that on page 2 Section 2.1 Community Character Defined should also include existing housing, lot size, setbacks and architectural design.

Phillips **moved** to comment on the previous 2 recommendations of the Single-Family Residential Design Guidelines. (Brownlee seconds.) **VOTE 12-0-0 to approve.**

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Phillips reported on the Washington Heights project, an annexation to El Cajon which lies within the Valle De Oro jurisdiction. Three parties had asked him about the history of the property. The City said they can't reduce density. This issue will be heard at LAFCO in April or May.

8 AT&T cell phone sites (down from 10) were requested. The site on top of Mt. Helix was just approved for AT&T and covers their area. Next-G lost their request at the Planning Commission meeting. They have filed an appeal. It will probably be heard in April.

The Red Tape Reduction hearing at the Board of Supervisor's meeting has been postponed from February 29th until March 28th.

Chairman Phillips distributed Form 700 to the Planning Group members and requested they be submitted as soon as possible.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 7:45 PM

Submitted by: Jösan Feathers