

County of San Diego
BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP
MEETING AGENDA

Thursday March 5, 2015 at 4:30 P.M.
Borrego Springs High School Community Room
2281 Diegueno Road, Borrego Springs, California

Administrative Items

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call of Members
- C. Approval of the Agenda
- D. Members' review of maps and other printed materials for meeting: 15 minutes
- E. Consideration and approval of Minutes from the meeting(s) of February 5, 2015
- F. Public Comment: an opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Sponsor Group on any subject matter within the group's jurisdiction that is not already on today's agenda, with a time limit of three minutes (3:00) per speaker.
- G. Correspondence & Chair's report
- H. Committee reports
 - a. Study Groups

Non-Action Items

- A. none.

Action Items

- A. [Park Lands Dedication Ordinance Priority List Committee Report](#) adoption.

The next regular meeting will be held April 2, 2015 at 4:30 P.M. at the Borrego Springs High School Community Room, 2281 Diegueno Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004. **If this Agenda is revised, a revised copy will be posted 72 or more hours prior to the meeting. The final Agenda may include additional Administrative or Non-Action items.** For further information contact the Chair at Rich@BorregoValleyInn.com or (760) 767-3319. Address all U.S. Mail to: Rich Caldwell, Chair, Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group, P.O. Box 1371, Borrego Springs, CA 92004-1371.

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- A. Chair R. Caldwell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
 - B. Roll Call of Members. All members were present: Tom Beltran, Rich Caldwell, Dr. Sylvia Caldwell, Rebecca Falk, Judy Haldeman, Bonnie Petrach and Sam Webb.
 - C. Approval of the Agenda. Falk moved to approve the agenda; Beltran seconded. All were in favor.
 - D. Members' review of maps and other printed materials for meeting: Not applicable.
 - E. Consideration and approval of Minutes from the meeting(s) of January 8, 2015: No corrections were noted. Dr. S. Caldwell moved to approve; Haldeman seconded; all were in favor.
 - F. Public Comment: an opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Sponsor Group on any subject matter within the group's jurisdiction that is not already on today's agenda, with a time limit of three minutes (3:00) per speaker.

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David Farley commented that various properties around Borrego Springs and Ocotillo Wells where people were camping on lots illegally. Also lots were used for dumping trash. He said that this should not be tolerated. R. Caldwell said that this Sponsor Group was responsible for Ocotillo Wells as well as Borrego Springs. Webb said that he had filed a report with the County regarding a tent and port a potty on Pecos Dr and people living in a boat and RV on Anzio Dr. The people staying on Pecos Dr had left but the people were still at Anzio Dr. Anybody can call the County to report a problem. The phone number is 855-732-6332. They will need an address, parcel number or specific location of the property. A request was made for the phone number to be in the Borrego Sun.

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- G. Correspondence & Chair's report:

Chair reports receiving a letter from Mr. Wicha in Ocotillo Wells regarding a cell tower. We will be receiving further information from him in the future.

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R. Caldwell attended the Borrego Village Association (BVA) January 30, 2015 meeting and there is no report.

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- H. Committee reports

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- a. Study Groups: **Economic Development/Christmas Circle** met on January 12, 2015 and will meet again on February 9, 2015. **Parklands Dedication/Parklands Priority List** met January 30, 2015.

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Non-Action Items

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- A. Jack Light Bighorn Minor Subdivision presentation by Jim Engelke. This Conservation Subdivision is at Bid Horn and Borrego Springs Road. The plan is for 60 acres of land to be donated to BWD for flood control and aquifer recharge. In exchange for this the zoning would change from 8 acres plots to 2 acre lots. This will allow for a total of 38 units to be built along with a park and community center. Falk asked if all lots will be 2 acre lots and was told yes. There are currently a total of 151 acres and 60 acres will be donated to BWD. Webb said that the BWD will still have to do mitigation and the BWD will be responsible for any flooding. There is no liability if they do nothing with the land but, if needed, they will insure it. R. Caldwell said that this development is the first project in accordance with the Community Plan. Beltran said that it is difficult to build in a wash. The Salton EIR says that all washes are navigational waters. He's not sure if deeding the land will give the town anything new because there are no percolation beds. Webb asked if it is economical for the

48 BWD. Jerry Rowling from the BWD said there are no plans to develop and if they do then extensive
49 studies will need to be done in the future. The Group will see this proposal formally in the future.

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51 B. Park Lands Dedication Ordinance Priority List Committee Report presentation and first reading, for
52 consideration for adoption March 5, 2015. Committee members are Judy Haldeman, Rich Caldwell,
53 Bob Blum and Richard Orne. Rich Caldwell and Richard Orne made the presentation. County
54 Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) requested the plan for a park be reviewed and updated.
55 The committee prepared the report and met with DPR to share their thoughts and learn if they were
56 on the right track. DPR was enthusiastic and requested future collaboration. The original plan was a
57 16 acre site that was set aside in 2001 near the churches with a budget of \$4 million. The
58 population forecast was for 45,000 residents but was actually 8,000. Because of this decrease the
59 estimated amount available is \$250,000. Borrego Springs offers unique challenges such as wind,
60 heat, solar radiation, lack of water, demographics, scatter sprawl of homes and no new developments
61 or HOAs. There is no one responsible to sponsor or pay for the park and ongoing maintenance. The
62 committee considered what kind of park Borrego Springs needs. They recommend an "In The
63 Village" park. This would be a compact park, densely-planned, for all-ages, low water use, well-
64 shaded, and wind-protected Park with unduplicated, year-round uses appropriate to area
65 demographics, sited within and connected to the Village Core and scaled to the likely funds
66 available. They inventoried the current recreational uses already in Borrego Springs and developed
67 a list of other uses for this park. They include a picnic area, performance amphitheater. Board
68 games, gardening, bocce, horseshoes, activity slab, shuffleboard, waterplay feature, basketball
69 backboard and children play structure. Then they included the criteria for the suggested sites. They
70 are location near to Village Core, close or on Palm Canyon Dr, existing/planned pedestrian areas,
71 public parking, public safety, leveraging existing community investments and currently
72 undeveloped. The Management Entity responsibility for the Park should be assumed by DPR
73 because they have the resources necessary. The original 16 acre site was elaborate and more than
74 the community can afford. Six sites were recommended. Site 1-1 is on Palm Canyon Drive between
75 The Mall and Jilberto's. Site 1-2 is on Palm Canyon Dr between Hacienda Del Sol and Regales de
76 Borrego. Site 1-3 is NW of Christmas Circle. Site 1-4 is SW of Christmas Circle. Site 1-5 is NE of
77 Christmas Circle. And site 1-6 is SE of Christmas Circle. Sites 1-1 and 1-2 were discussed in length
78 because they were considered best because they are on Palm Canyon Dr and already have some
79 existing shade trees. Both areas are .75 acre. Haldeman said the original 16 acre park was too much
80 and would cost too much so we could never move forward with it. They liked the idea of a small
81 urban park and hopes everyone is excited. Bob Blum said that the Village Foundation had looked at
82 the 16 acre site project and the maintenance cost was a barrier and there aren't a lot of resources. Dr.
83 Caldwell asked about the 16 acres already set aside for a park. R. Caldwell said that County General
84 Services could sell the land. Falk was concerned that .75 acre seemed small but understood cost was
85 part of the decision. She was also worried that 85 feet deep that close to Palm Canyon Dr could be a
86 safety issue. Falk asked how the funding would work and felt we needed more information. R.
87 Caldwell said that DPR would run the process and the cost. It would all be subject to vote because it
88 would be included on the property tax bills. Falk asked when a decision will be made on the
89 location for the new library and we were told they are hoping for March. Falk asked why we are
90 considering the report again in March 2015 and not waiting until the library decision is announced.
91 R. Caldwell explained that it could be considered later. The recommendation is just to give DPR
92 what the Community Group thinks would work considering the money restraints. David Farley
93 commented that the 16 acre park wouldn't be so densely packed and there would be room for more
94 activities. Bob Blum said that if we do a maintenance district for the new park then maybe
95 Christmas Circle can be combined in it for more efficiency. Once the Community Group approves it
96 then DPR will put it on the County's website for anyone to review.

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Action Items

98 Review of applications and possible recommendation to Board of Supervisors for a replacement for open
99 seat #10, term 1/5/15 to 1/5/19. Only one application was received and approved by the County for
100 consideration and it was submitted by David Farley. R. Caldwell asked Mr. Farley what his intention was
101 with serving on the Group. Mr. Farley responded that he wanted more say with the County and he is
102 concerned about Borrego Springs. His intension is to keep this town nice. He feels there is a need for

103 concerned citizens to become involved. When asked about his background, he said he worked as a
104 contract employee for the City of El Monte for 30 years. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and was a
105 Board Member for Hope House so he has experience with outreach and committees. Petrach how long he
106 had been a resident of Borrego Springs and he said since 2008. Recommendation to the Board of
107 Supervisors to appoint David Farley for seat #10. Six ayes. Dr. Caldwell abstained.

108 The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m. after Dr. Caldwell so moved, R. Caldwell seconded and the
109 motion was approved unanimously.

110 Bonnie Petrach, Secretary

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