

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM, Thursday, February 5, 2015 at the Boulevard Fire Training Room behind the Boulevard Fire Department located at 39919 Ribbonwood Road, Boulevard CA 91905

A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum):

- Members present: **2)** Earl Goodnight **3)** Kevin Keane **4)** Donna Tisdale; **5)** Michele Strand; **6)** Paula Byrd **7)** Jeffrey McKernan
- Absent: **1)** Robert Maupin – excused

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8TH MEETING:

- Approval of January 8th minutes postponed due to the trusty old tape recorder breaking.

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- CHP Officer Ed Ketchum attended the meeting to say he fielded his second complaint about speeding on Old Hwy 80 in front of the school. He will start patrolling the area more often.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. SITEMASTER MAJOR USE PERMIT 14-005 FOR VERIZON BACKHAUL SITE; 36549 OLD HWY 80, PINE VALLEY; WEST OF GOLDEN ACORN CASINO:

- Steve Laub was present for the applicant.
- The Chair shared e-mail message received from project neighbor, Oscar Trauble, stating his ongoing objections and that he would not be attending in order to avoid any disruption.
- Laub reported they had reduced the height to 35' from 40' to remain within allowed limits.
- Reduced the size of equipment enclosure to avoid vegetation disturbance.
- Using faux water tank design.
- Fencing reduced to 6' with no barbed wire on top.
- Native landscaping using Palo Verde trees.
- Trenchless boring to connect to SDG&E utilities.
- New 6' tall block wall to reduce noise from emergency generator.
- 500 gallon tank and drip irrigation. No on-site well.
- They will stipulate that lights must be shielded.
- Planner Keane asked if landscaping will impair co-location options.
- Laub responded that project is not for cell service and reduced height would eliminate co-location.
- Keane stated that the project will not serve our area ; White Star is 4G but may have better connection with fiber connection at Level 3; excessive promises; service will not even be up to Broadband speed technically; not competitive with cable speeds; would like to see Verizon bring Broadband to area.
- Laub restated that this project will be a direct beam to White Star and there is no local cable option available.

- Chair Tisdale thanked Laub for making project changes based on community input and then repeated her concerns over proximity to the Trauble home and potential for related health and safety issues.
- Tisdale asked for motions. None were made.
- Tisdale made a motion to deny the project which failed for lack of a second

FAILED M/S: BYRD/KEANE: to recommend approval of the proposed project: 3 Yes, 2 No, 1 abstained, 1 absent; NO MAJORITY VOTE=NO RECOMMENDATION

2. **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT REGATIVE DECLARATION: ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (OWTS); AMENDMENT TO IMPLEMENT SAN DIEGO LOCAL AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (LAMP) FOR OWTS:**

- Brief discussion of issues and need for alternative

M/S: McKernan/Goodnight: Support/approve Negative Declaration: Passed: 6-0-0

3. **ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Group member will vote to elect the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary to serve through the next election in January 2016.

M/S: STRAND/BYRD: To nominate Donna Tisdale for Chair. Approved 6-0-0

M/S: STRAND/TISDALE: To nominate Paula Byrd for Vice-Chair. Approved 6-0-0

M/S: BYRD/GOODNIGHT: To nominate Michele Strand for Secretary. Approved 6-0-0

F. GROUP BUSINESS: Announcements; correspondence; discussion items; project updates

1. **REVITALIZATION REPORT:**

- Tammy Daubach was absent but provided written reports that were included in the agenda packages.
- The Center for Community Solutions specializes in Domestic Violence and is based at the Campo Community Center.
- Parental Opportunities Programs and Services (POPS) help divorced fathers in this area. Contact Michael Huesca at 619-683-7340 x23 www.sandiegopops.org
- Next Revitalization meeting will be May 6th at 6:30pm at the Boulevard Training Center.
- No grants will be applied to Boulevard due to lack of participation and/or interest from Boulevard residents. The community members need to step up if they want to benefit from grant money.

2. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:**

- Dark days are back in Boulevard. The new Fire Dept is opening mid April due to fire sprinkler problems.
- Mercy has the contract for paramedic services at the new station.
- Call White Star for burn permits. They are good for 30 days, 8:30am-3:00pm.
- Love-Your-Heart Day is February 13th – blood pressure checks will be offered.
- White Star is moving to the new Fire Department building. Their old station on TDS will house McCain fire captains and the bay will be used for Border Patrol ATV's.
- The new fire department will be getting a new patrol unit, a Type 6 550 Ford. It holds 200 gallons and does not require a Class B license to drive.

- 4 Firefighters are being sent to Texas for electrical fire training.
 - Border Patrol is constructing their new permanent checkpoint from March-November 2015.
 - Mt. Empire HAM operators meeting on February 28th at 5:30pm at Major's Diner in Pine Valley.
3. **SOITEC SOLAR'S FINAL PROGRAMATIC EIR; REPORT ON PLANNING COMMISSION'S JANUARY 16TH APPROVAL AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FEBRUARY 4TH ACTION:**
- Tisdale reported on the February 4th Board of Supervisors' 4-1 vote to approve Soitec's controversial Rugged Solar and Tierra del Sol Solar projects, the EIR, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Community Plan Amendment, Disestablishment of the Agricultural Preserve and Rezone.
 - Supervisor Jacob was the only NO vote. She made a good statement in opposition to Soitec and in support of community opposition.
 - Litigation of County approvals by a non-profit group is pending.
4. **DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN (DRECP) DRAFT DEIR/EIS COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED BY 45 DAYS TO FEBRUARY 23, 2015:**
- No comments / notes recorded
5. **NEXTERA'S 20MW JACUMBA SOLAR PROJECT:**
- Nothing new to report
6. **2.9MW CHAPMAN RANCH SOLAR PROJECT MCAIN VALLEY ROAD:**
- Jim Whalen, project consultant, said they are still in early planning stages.
 - Pre-Application is done.
 - Meeting with Staff next week.
 - Battery storage is required; single axis trackers; working on bird impacts/lake effect; feed in tariff (FIT) Power Purchase Agreement (PPA); will likely truck water in for construction; Mr. Chapman will be the on-site operator.
 - Planner Keane stated concerns that if project is for local energy needs that SDG&E may not maintain distribution lines; asked if Group can propose more stable lead batteries in place of lithium ion.
7. **TULE WIND'S LEASE APPLICATION HEARING WITH STATE LANDS COMMISSION TO ALLOW WIND TURBINES, ROADS, INFRASTRUCTURE, HAS BEEN DELAYED:**
- Tule Wind has not submitted the required land appraisal for lease application.
8. **IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND: OPENING BRIEF WAS FILED OCTOBER 1ST IN NON-PROFIT GROUP'S 9TH CIRCUIT APPEAL OF DISTRICT COURT RULING THAT SUPPORTED BLM APPROVALS FOR THE TULE WIND PROJECT:**
- Nothing new to report.

9. TULE WIND PHASE II:

- Nothing new to report.

10. NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED FOR WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE AND PLAN AMENDMENT:

- Nothing new to report

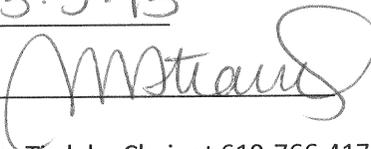
11. STATUS OF \$100 MILLION LAWSUITE FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY, SUPERVISOR JACOB, DONNA TISDALE, BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP, AND OTHERS BY VARIOUS ENTITIES RELATED TO DEVELOPER GREGORY LANSING:

- A hearing is still set for March 2015 for Case No. 37-2014-00025797 CU-MC-CTL

H. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 PM:

At end of meeting, it was discovered that the microphone plug for the new tape recorder, purchased by the Secretary to replace the old recorder, had come unplugged resulting in only partial recording of meeting.

Minutes approved by Group on: 3-5-15

Michele Strand, Secretary: 

For More information contact Donna Tisdale, Chair at 619-766-4170 or tisdale.donna@gmail.com

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