

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL  
PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 13 February 2012.

Item 1. Chairperson Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 1903 hours, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Planning Group members Bowen, Ulm, Slagill, Darsey, Walls, Krickhahn, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Vandover, Hertel and Gabler were present, forming a quorum of 12.
- Planning Group member Myrick was absent but excused. Member Harris was absent, not excused. Seat 14 is vacant.
- Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group approves the minutes of the meeting on 9 January 2012 as submitted. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Darsey).
- There were no expense reimbursement requests.

Item 2. Announcements. Wally Riggs announced that the County sent a Notice of Intent to prepare a tiered environmental impact report for the proposed revision of the Equine Ordinance; and that the County requires each Planning Group member to complete an Ethics Training session every 2 years, so that Group members who have not met this requirement need to do so (available at: [www.ca\\_ilg.org/ab1234compliance](http://www.ca_ilg.org/ab1234compliance)).

Item 3a. Open Forum. Dave Richardson commented that the issue of Ethics Training might be used as a wedge or argument against the County's continued support of Planning Groups; and he also questioned how SRA funds would be used locally or regionally for protection against wildfires.

Item 3b. Group Forum. No one requested to speak.

Item 4. Committee Reports. None.

Item 5. Private Project Proposals. None.

Item 6a. Public Project Proposal. Recommendation on Single Family Residential Design Guidelines (POD 11-008). Chairman Riggs asked for comments from Planning Group members about the proposed guidelines for single-family residential development. Pat Ulm led discussion about the logic of Guideline 9.0, Designing Multi-Family Homes for Single-Family Neighborhoods. Members also discussed the enforceability of the guidelines.

Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group recommends elimination and removal of Guideline 9.0 from the proposed Single Family Residential Design Guidelines (POD 11-008), so that there is no encouragement to locate multi-family homes in areas that are zoned for single-family residences. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 6b. Public Project Proposal. Continuation of closure of Camino Monte Sombre. Chairman Riggs noted that at the 9 March 2012 meeting of the Traffic Advisory Board the topic of the locked gate maintained by the County Sheriff's Department at the junction of Suncrest Truck Trail with Camino Monte Sombre would be considered.

Discussion of the Group and public considered the history of locked gates, and the need for gated control of access to the road by the Sheriff.

Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group inform the Traffic Advisory Board that the Planning Group supports the Sheriff's proposed action to maintain its locked gate at the west end of Suncrest Truck Trail that closes the end of Camino Monte Sombre. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Darcey).

Item 6c. Property Specific Request, 102.2 acres, 6 parcels at eastern portion of Granite Hills, 0.2 miles east of Valley View Blvd., via Euclid Avenue (Sam Gazallo, owner). Chairman Riggs decided to continue this item to the 12 March 2012 meeting, since the property owner was not present to explain the basis for requesting Planning Group consideration and action.

Item 6d. Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Priority List Proposal. Planning Group member Judy Bowen reported on her work to prepare a revised, current project list for the County's PLDO program, telling the Group that the County staff did not like the lengthy list of many projects for the Subregion's three parks that included a number of ineligible maintenance projects. She provided a handout of a revised 2011/2012 Priority List that detailed 8 projects for South Lane Park, as well as a 2011/2012 Recreation Program Priority List requesting support for after school programs at Nancy Jane Park for elementary and middle school children, and discussed with the Group the reasons for the items included.

Phil Hertel moved that the Planning Group approves the revised 2011/2012 PLDO Priority List prepared by Judy Bowen and reviewed by the Group, and directs her to forward it to the County staff. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 7a. Unfinished Business. Report on Red Tape Reduction proposal meeting with Supervisor Jacob and Chairs of all Planning Groups in San Diego County. Chairman Riggs reported the substance of two meetings Supervisor Jacob held with the Chairs of all of the Planning Groups to discuss the recommendations of the Red Tape Reduction Task Force (RTRTF). He provided a handout to the Planning Group members that listed 11 bullet points developed by the Chairs that summarize their consensus response to the proposals of the RTRTF. The bullet points oppose the RTRTF proposals 1) to eliminate the planning and sponsor groups, 2) to arbitrarily decrease and limit the size of planning groups to seven members, 3) to eliminate the Resource Protection Ordinance, 4) to set term limits for planning group members, 5) to reduce Environmental Impact Report requirements that are determined by the California Environmental Quality Act, 6) to eliminate the free appeal rights of the Community Sponsor Groups and Community Planning Groups, and 7) to allow only one planning group opportunity to review a project and its EIR, without allowing additional review for project changes or new information. The other bullet points disagree with the notion that Planning and Sponsor Group expenses and legal liability to the County contribute to "red tape"; disagree with the concept that project applicants should self-certify their environmental and planning documents without independent review by Department of Planning and Land Use; and recommend that a new task force with representation from all stakeholders should examine ways to reduce planning delays and other true "red tape" aspects of project

processing. Chairman Riggs asked for a motion for the Group to formally approve of the bullet points prepared by the planning group Chairs.

Lory Walls moved that the Planning Group approves and supports the Planning Group Chairs' document "Bullet Points: CPG/CSG Chair RTRTF Report Responses." The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 7b. Unfinished Business. Distribution of required Form 700. Chairman Riggs distributed to each member a packet of Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, and reminded everyone that the properly completed Form 700 must be submitted by 31 March 2012. The County is threatening to fine persons required to file Form 700 \$10 per day for each day after 31 March that the form is not submitted.

Item 8. New Business. Discussion of letter to City of El Cajon regarding possible vacation of portions of SC 1960, requested by community member David Richardson. Chairman Wally Riggs introduced David Richardson, Crest resident, who provided a handout of information to Planning Group members and began a discussion concerning issues related to keeping Suncrest Truck Trail and its connection to Camino Monte Sombre maintained and available to the public as an official emergency evacuation route from Crest. He requested that the Planning Group takes action in support of preventing the vacation of a portion of the road and closure of this emergency evacuation and fire response route between Crest and El Cajon. He asked the Group to send a letter to the City of El Cajon, with copies to various relevant agencies and parties, supporting the creation of a cooperative plan to maintain the section of Suncrest Truck Trail that is located on City property.

Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group sends a letter to the City of El Cajon in support of creating a cooperative plan for maintaining the portion of Suncrest Truck Trail that is located on City property, with copies of this letter to be sent to Cal Fire, San Miguel Fire District, Crest Fire Save Council, County Department of Planning and Land Use, Supervisor Jacob, the Endangered Habitats' Conservancy, and Tory and Stacy Whillock. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 9. Adjournment. Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 2106 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)