

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 8 December 2014, at Harbison Canyon, Old Ironside Park, 326 Harbison Canyon Road, El Cajon.

**A. CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL.** Planning Group members Ulm, Carroll, Walls, Krickhahn, Riggs, Bretz, Manning and Harris were present, forming a quorum of 8. Members Bowen, Hertel and Underwood were absent, but excused. Member Slagill was absent, but not excused. Seat 10, Seat 12 and Seat 15 are vacant.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Chairman Riggs noted the following errors to correct in the minutes of the 10 November meeting: 1) page 3, Item G4, paragraph 3, line 2 – change “January 3” to “January 31”; 2) page 4, Item G5, paragraph 3, line 1 – change “December 12” to “December 8”.

Pat Ulm moved the Planning Group approves minutes of the 10 November meeting with the corrections noted by Chairman Riggs. The motion did not pass (7 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Harris).

**E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION.** Kandy Franklin invited everyone to attend a meeting on 10 December 2014, 2:00 PM, convened by County Supervisor Diane Jacob at the County Building in El Cajon, on the topic “Alternative Route for Crest Emergency Egress.”

**F. ACTION ITEMS.**

**F1. Discussion and action on Traffic Advisory Committee’s recommendation to continue temporary closure of Camino Monte Sombre, in Crest.** Chairman Riggs informed the Group that the Traffic Advisory Committee will consider a renewal of the temporary closure, by locked gate with controlled access, of a portion of Camino Monte Sombre road in Crest. He reviewed for the Group the history of the road’s temporary closure, which was initiated 1 December 2001 by action of the Board of Supervisors, following the 10 October 2001 recommendation of the Traffic Advisory Committee. This closure was recommended and approved in order to deter significant dangerous and criminal activities (e.g., illegal fires, car stripping, etc.) occurring there. According to California Vehicle Code Section 21101.4, this type of temporary road closure may be continued, once initiated, for eight periods of 18 months each, but no longer than that. The currently proposed continuation of temporary closure is the final 18-month period allowed by Vehicle Code Section 21101.4, and no succeeding extensions are permitted.

Members of the Group expressed concerns that if the locked gate is not there, it is likely that there would be unsafe, illegal and criminal activities on the end of Camino Monte Sombre and Suncrest roads. The possibility of a permanent closure of some sort was also questioned and discussed.

Bill Bretz moved that the Planning Group recommends the Traffic Advisory Committee approves a renewed, continued temporary closure of the portion of Camino Monte Sombre road in Crest as proposed. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

## **G. GROUP BUSINESS.**

**G1. Announcements and correspondence.** Chairman Riggs announced that the Board of Supervisors re-appointed Karla Carroll (to Seat 4), Pat Ulm (to Seat 2), and Bill Bretz (to Seat 8), as members of the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Community Planning Group, for terms to expire 7 January 2019; and he distributed to each of them a Certificate of Election from the Registrar of Voters, declaring them elected at the General Election held on 4 November 2014.

Lory Walls announced that at a meeting of the Dehesa Valley Community Council at 6:30 PM, Wednesday, 10 December, a representative from the County Department of Public Works would review and discuss proposed safety improvements on Dehesa Road, including 1) a right hand turn lane on eastbound Dehesa Road at the intersection with Harbison Canyon Road; 2) a traffic control signal at that intersection; and 3) a traffic control signal at the intersection of Dehesa Road and Casino Way.

**G1a. Consideration of applicants for vacant seats.** Chairman Riggs announced that applicants are needed for three vacant seats: two for the Harbison Canyon area (Seat 10 and Seat 12), and one for the Granite Hills area (Seat 15). He asked Group members and the public to encourage potential candidates to submit applications.

### **G1b. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Group officers for 2015.**

Chairman Riggs called for three volunteers from the Group to form the Nominating Committee for Group officers for 2015. Pat Ulm, Jason Harris and Karla Carroll volunteered, and Riggs designated Ulm as Chair of the committee.

Bill Bretz informed the committee and the Group that he is willing to continue as Secretary for the 2015 term, if that satisfies the interests of Group; Wally Riggs likewise stated his willingness to continue as Chairman, but emphasized the need for potential candidates for Chairman to plan and become prepared for his inevitable replacement (perhaps at the end of the 2015 term); Jason Harris informed the Group of his willingness to be replaced as Vice Chairman, if another member of the Group is interested in succeeding him for the 2015 term.

**G1c. Review of Group Standing Rules of Order.** Chairman Riggs distributed copies of the Group's Standing Rules of Order (effective October 20, 2003), and informed everyone that the same 2003 version is available for review on the County website for Community Planning Groups. He then opened a discussion of possible changes to the Rules that might be constructive improvements, and pointed out that Rule No. 5, Officers, contains a discrepancy: election of officers in January of each year at the regular meeting results in the January meeting and the officers' election being conducted by Group members whose terms of office expired at the end of December of the previous year.

Pat Ulm proposed that the Planning Group amends Standing Rule No. 5 to change “The Group shall elect officers in January of each year...” to “The Group shall elect officers in December of each year...”. Chairman Riggs requested and obtained the consent of the Group, to include a vote on this proposed amendment to the Standing Rules on the agenda of the January 12, 2015, meeting.

**G2. Expense reimbursement requests.** There were no expense reimbursement requests.

**G3. Subcommittee reports.** Judy Bowen was not able to attend the meeting, and Chairman Riggs reported in her behalf: the PLDO Project Priority List approved by the Group at its November meeting was submitted to the Department of Parks and Recreation, and no Group action is needed until the Department responds to it.

**G4. Declaration of Seat 6 (Dehesa) vacancy.** Chairman Riggs reminded the Group that Herb Krickhahn was attending his last Planning Group meeting, and expressed his appreciation and thanks for Herb’s service to the community as a Group member. All the other members of the Group likewise expressed their appreciation and thanks to Herb.

Chairman Riggs moved that the Planning Group declares Seat 6, Dehesa, to be vacant as of January 1, 2015. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**G5. Meeting updates.** Chairman Riggs announced that the next regular meeting of the Planning Group will be at 7:00 PM, 12 January 2015, at the Crest Community Building, 113 North Park Drive, Crest. Arrangements have been made for access to the meeting room at that time and place.

**H. ADJOURNMENT.** Jason Harris moved adjournment at 8:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)