

# *Hidden Meadows Community Sponsor Group*

*Covering the area bordered by Escondido, 1-15, Valley Center, & Circle R*

*Meeting location: The Hidden Meadows Community Center 28208 Meadow Glen Way West*

**Thursday March 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

## **Minutes**

<p><b>Assistance for those with disabilities:</b> If you need accommodation to participate in this meeting, please call Bret Sealey at 619-808-3020 so necessary arrangements can be made.</p>
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(Please note that persons desiring to speak on any action or information item are required to fill out a speaker slip, available from the Secretary.)

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Bret Sealey, Chairman
- 2) ROLL CALL: Quorum establishment: Sealey, Coultas, Chagala, Clark, Cox, Dauber, Kapp, Targia. Cook's absence has been authorized due to illness.
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- 4) MINUTES
  - a) Approval of minutes of December 5, 2013. Motion to approve by Cox, seconded by Kapp. Motion passes unanimously.
- 5) OPEN FORUM: No Speakers
- 6) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE:
  - a) Training status of Group members for Annual Sponsor Group training and bi-annual ethics training  
  
Form 700 will need to be mailed by April 1. Link has been sent out regarding annual training and ethics training.
  - b) Nomination of a representative to the I-15 Design Review Board  
  
Discussion regarding what I-15 Design Review Board does. Motion by Chagala, seconded by Kapp that Joan Van Engen be reappointed as our representative on the I-15 Design Review Board. Motion passes unanimously.
  - c) Chairman Sealey indicates that Cook and he will both be absent on April 24 and is concerned that there will not be a quorum. He suggests the possibility of moving the meeting date to April 17. It is pointed out that there is a Neighborhood Watch Meeting that night at the Pavilion. Decision is made to keep April date on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 7) PUBLIC REVIEW / ACTION ITEMS:

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- a) PDS2014-MUP-14-010 (MUP14-101) Tran (Phap Vuong) Monastery Major Use Permit. The project site currently has an existing building used as office space and book storage. The new Monastery Hall will be a two story, 32 foot structure with 8,272 square feet, complete with a kitchen, four bedrooms, a guest room, a social room, and a small and large meditation rooms (1,200 square feet). There will be a bell and a drum (gong) enclosed in the small two story towers on either side of the front entrance, and will only be used on special occasions. The facility expects to host 1 day retreats on the third Sunday per month for special Buddha days, and special events throughout the year such as the Lunar New Year, Buddha Birthday, Mother's Day, Kwan Yin Boddhisatva, etc. There will be an 80-space parking lot. The facility is mainly used for individual meditation. Noise is forbidden within the facility and will be well controlled. The monastery will be open 4 hours daily, M-F, and 6 hours Sat-Sun.

Len Coultas did a walkthrough last week.

James Leung Speaks for the proponents. He describes the proposal, saying that this will be a place to meditate and pay respects to ancestors. There would also be a structure for the Master to stay when he visits. Noise would be very limited and would only occur when there are the 3-4 events per year. There would only be living quarters for the Master.

Coultas expressed about parking all going directly onto Ash with no traffic control. Also that the view is dominant in the area and some neighbors might have objections. Other than that, this looks like a quiet and well planned use.

Sealey states that the Scoping letter has come out from the County. The letter said that road improvements will need to be looked at as a possibility.

Deron DeReiux, a neighbor in the area, expressed his concern about the size of the structure and its location on a high part of the property. In addition, there was considerable congestion when the Historical Buddha came to visit. It was stated that this happens very seldom, but there is no control as to how often this could occur. There was also concern expressed about traffic on Ash. School traffic already makes it difficult to get out on Ash.

Chagala points out that the County is requiring a Visual and Traffic Study which will answer some of the issues we are dealing with. Moves that the project be continued until the technical studies are prepared and provided to us. Motion is seconded by Dauber. Motion Passes unanimously.

- b) PDS2014-VAR-14-003 (VAR14-003) May Setback Variance Supplemental Application. 26111 Sky Drive, Escondido, CA 92026. Request that the front yard setback be changed from 60 feet to 30 feet to support the building of 2-bedroom house (1,476 square feet) with a 2-car garage (400 square feet). The slope of the property restricts the building area and the variation in offset will allow the house to be built away from the steep slope.

Steven May speaks for the Variance, pointing out that there are 2 other houses in the area that are as close to the road, and that there is very limited traffic.

Motion by Cox, seconded by Targia that the Group recommends approval of the variance. Motion passes unanimously.

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- c) Watershed Protection Call for Water Quality Project Ideas. The County of San Diego needs your help in identifying potential storm water quality improvement projects within the unincorporated portions of San Diego County. Recently adopted regulations require that we identify and pursue a variety of on-the-ground projects to improve regional storm water quality. The first step in this process is to assess and locate potential projects that could be implemented in the future. Inputs due by March 28, 2014.

Motion by Cox, seconded by Sealey to recommend that the headwaters of Deer Spring Creek be considered. Motion passes unanimously. The Chair will prepare a letter to be sent out tomorrow.

- d) Department of Public Works (DPW) Prioritization Request for Roadway Pavement Maintenance and Capital Improvement Projects. DPW is requesting assistance to develop priority plans that will be used to prioritize work, best utilize the limited funds that are available, and provide the most beneficial impact to our roadway users. Inputs due by May 10, 2014.

Chair suggests that we take the packet home and see what thoughts we have and bring back and prepare on consolidated list.

## 8) INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:

- a) APN 1862902300, north corner of Mountain Meadow Road and Hidden Meadows Road. Presentation on possible development options and initial comments from County planner.

Proponent did not attend.

- b.) On April 11 at 9:00 the County Planning Commission will consider the Major Use Permit for the storage facility that we have previously supported.

## 9) ADJOURNMENT 8:28

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Hidden Meadows Community Center, 28208 Meadow Glen Way East.

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