

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY

July 1, 2014 7:00PM

Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Department
4900 Bonita Road Bonita CA 91902

Administrative Items

Mark Kukuchek brought the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Item #1: Roll call and introduction: Planning Group members: Mark Kukuchek, Liz Stonehouse, Uwe Werner, Harriet Taylor, Steve Stonehouse, Doc Stokos, John Taylor, Rick Blacklock, Irene Blacklock, Judy Tieber, Don Scovel, Diane Carter, and Daryl Hern.

Excused members: Sheri Todus and Michael Garrod

Michael De La Rosa, representing Supervisor Greg Cox.

Guests: various members of the public.

Item #2: Last month's minutes. Corrections to last month's minutes are as noted: Don S. noted that there is a possibility of 30 homes at the end of Jonel Way, not that it was fact. Liz noted that Stephanie Rossi is the correct spelling for the trail. Move to approve Rick, second Doc. Approved

Item #3: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject within Planning Group's Purview but not on the agenda. Presentations are limited to three minutes. No action can be taken on items not on the published agenda but can be added to future agendas for action. No speakers.

Item #4: Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave this community update: The State of Bonita will be July 23rd at 6P.M. at the Community Room next to the library. Supervisor Cox will be discussing the planned projects within the area for the coming year as well as the budget. The County Trails meeting went well. Though there was a low turn-out, most of the affected groups were well represented.

Action Items

Item#5: PDS2014-AD-14-035 Administrative Permit for second dwelling unit at 5217 Nannette Street. Brandt and Carrie Pile presenting. Action item. After discussion about rules concerning second dwelling units, Doc motioned to accept permit as presented, John T. seconded. Vote: 10 aye, Steve noe, Liz abstained. Vote passed.

Item #6: PDS-2013-TPM-21197 3364 Randy Lane. Hector Martinez-review revised plan for Drainage, Grading and Site/Lot Plan. Action item. Harriet requested tabling of this item, John T. Seconded. Unanimous.

Item #7: Request from DPW to eliminate a gate requirement on Tennis Court Lane. Although a gate was approved for a previous project the new owners do not want it. Stewart Engineering requested that this be put to Planning Group as a formality. Move to accept; Rick, second Liz. Unanimous with twelve voting.

Non-Action Items

Item #8: Summary of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge's draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan by Jill Terp, USFWS: Jill Presented the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan that details how the Refuge will be maintained for the next 15 years. The Plan contains four alternatives for management with choices that range from no action to a preferred option that the USFWS is recommending. There will be a Public meeting at Steel Canyon High School Auditorium on July 15th from 6 to 8 to review the plan and accept public comment. Comments on the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan are due no later than August 18th.

Item #9: Updates: Trails Report-Diane Carter

- a. First up, the Trails meeting with Supervisor Cox: the meeting was on June 18th and hopes to have this annually. Many groups were represented: Parks Department, Sweetwater

Authority, and of course many County representatives. Many questions regarding trail issues were answered.

- b. The Quarry Loop Trail has been funded and the CCC will build the trail from September to February. Sweetwater Authority still has to grant an easement.
- c. The River Bottom Trail from the Western Staging Area to Willow Street is ready to go. The CCC group will build the trail from September to February. There will be two CCC groups working to maximize the limited time.
- d. There is a trail under discussion from Rice Canyon along Glen Abbey land. It is not funded and there is no start date. The budget for this one is in excess of \$440,000.00.
- e. The County is looking for funding for the Acacia Avenue Pathway. There is some hope for 'safe routes to school' funding. This project is on the SCPG Capital Improvement List.
- f. The homeless encampment at Sweetwater River and Plaza Bonita is said to contain 250-350 people. Thirty day notices have been given out and any removal activities will begin after that time frame. The SCPG requested that we would like an update from County Parks at the State of Bonita about this issue.

2. The South Side Trail through the Fairy shrimp area is now reopened. It took six months which was considered very short considering the environmental factors involved. The trail will stay open for five years while all parties try to find a permanent solution to the trail issue.

3. The Bonita Meadows trail is damaged and a Gabion is washed-out from runoff from new Chula Vista development. County Parks and Cal-trans are looking into the issue. Hopefully they can put in a bridge like the one on the Tieber Trail.

General Comments: Harriet mentioned that La Finca De Adobe has serious code enforcement issues. Someone has also pulled all the surveyor stakes from the lot where The Phair Company wants to put in the cottages next to the fire station.

Daryl mentioned that there had been another Bonitafest 2014 meeting. Max Branscomb is writing a melodrama, and is working with Bonita Vista High School to get their parking lot for the Fest. They are hoping the golf tournament, Miss Bonita, and the street fair survive. Oh, and The Taste of Bonita had between 300 and 350 people. The silent auction made money.

Rick made a mention of the argument from a resident about there not being enough parking in the Phair Companies proposed new development. There is a mobile home park up Sweetwater Rd. by Worthington that has small streets and little parking. No one seems to have an issue there.

Motion to adjourn Rick, second Doc.

Meeting adjourned 8:30

Next meeting August 5, 2014 Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary