

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY**

April 1, 2014 7:00PM

Special meeting at Bonita Museum and Cultural Center
4355 Bonita Road, Chula Vista 91902

Administrative Items

Co-Chair Mark Kukuchek brought the meeting to order at 7:00

Item #1: Roll call and introduction: Members and guests introduced themselves with the following attendees:

Planning Group members: Mark Kukuchek, co-chair, Liz Stonehouse, secretary, Uwe Werner , Steve Stonehouse, Michael Garrod, John Taylor, Rick Blacklock, Irene Blacklock, Judy Tieber, Don Scovel, Diane Carter, and Daryl Hern.

Excused members: Harriet Taylor, Sheri Todus, Doc Stokos.

Guests: Michael De La Rosa , representative for Supervisor Greg Cox, Michael Long, Frank Arebalo, Thomas Hertzberger, from Department of Public Works, and David Kellum, PhD. Entomologist, Sandy Parks, Deputy Director AWM

Item #2: last Month's Minutes. Corrections to last month's minutes are as noted: Item #5: It was a plan not a map. Item #7B: Steve Murray is Head of Code Enforcement for San Diego County, not our liaison. Also in 7B: Complaints about water run-off, shrubs choking, improper grading and filling in of a channel have been signed off.

Item #7D: PDS (Planning and Development Services). Item #8: Harriet advised Planning Group that the number of unexcused absences in one year is three. Motion to accept with corrections: Rick. Second Don.

Item #3: Public Comment: Judy Tieber, as a private citizen, requested another hearing on her application for a cell tower on her property to be in July. It was agreed to put this request on the agenda if acceptable by the Planning Department.

Item #4: Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave this community update: There is progress being made on the trail improvement by the City of Chula Vista at Rhor Park, which includes a trail around a proposed parking lot at the Provence House, which is in the process of renovation. Right now there are discussions on the rights of way and the alignment of a proposed new 35 space parking lot. There is no time line on this project.

Action Items

Item #5: Request for capital improvement projects priorities for roadway improvement projects from DPW. Action item. The Department of Public Works sent three people, Michael Long, Frank Arebalo, and Tom Herzberger to discuss the situations associated with road improvement in our area. After Presentation by DPW and discussion Liz motioned : to have members of the Community look around to see whether there are other roads in the area that are in need of repair and report back next month. Diane seconded. Unanimous.

Also in this section is the CIP (Capital Improvement Project) list. A handout was given but our current project, the Acacia Road Pathway, was not on it. After a discussion as to what else should be put on this list, Michael Garrod made this motion: Planning Group should put this back on the agenda and collect our top ten items to return to DPW. Rick seconded. Unanimous.

Item #6: South Bay Expressway-Reorganization of landscape irrigation districts. LAFCO has requested that we vote on the reorganization of irrigation districts within the South Bay Expressway right of way so that those in the Otay Water District are served by Otay Water and those in the Sweetwater Water District are served by Sweetwater Authority. Apparently this is not currently the case. Rick motioned to accept the realignment as proposed. Liz seconded. Unanimous

Item #7. Proposed revision to San Diego Beekeeping Ordinance by San Diego County AWM (Agriculture, Weights and Measures):

David Kellum, PhD handed out several sheets, one of which had the new criteria for beekeeping regulations in San Diego County as proposed by the Department of Agricultural Weights and Measures. Discussion regarding Africanized honey bees, European honey bees and their behaviors was conducted. Several beekeepers present pointed out that the AWM proposed regulations were much more conservative and restrictive than those passed two years ago by the City Of San Diego. A second comment sheet was handed out for members to feed back comments to AWM regarding their proposal. Presentation only, no action was requested or taken.

Item #8: Updates:

a. Trails report-Diane Carter

Diane reported that a low effect habitat permit was submitted by Sweetwater Authority to the US Department of Fish and Wildlife. This permit was printed in the Federal Register: the opportunity for public comment will end on April 15, 2014. Fish and Wildlife stated on April 1, that they are aware of this trail issue and unless there are any unforeseen circumstances, approval will be granted and the trail can be re-opened immediately, following the permit approval and installation of the trail bridges.

The Bonita Valley Horsemen has written a letter on behalf of the Bonita/Sunnyside Trail Users Group urging the approval of the permit to US Fish and Wildlife Service with copies to Supervisor Greg Cox and Brian Albright, the County Director of Parks. A second letter was written to Sweetwater Authority requesting prompt action after permit approval as uninformed trail users are going around the closure through the sensitive habitat.

Move to adjourn Steve second Michael Garrod. Adjourned 9:00P.M
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary

Next meeting May 6, 2014 Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.

