

Minutes: January 18, 2012 meeting of the
TWIN OAKS VALLEY COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

Agenda Item 1: - Roll Call and Advisory Role Statement

Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Farrell read the advisory role statement. Present: Sandra Farrell (Chair), Gil Jemmott (Co-Vice Chair), Karen Binns (Co-Vice chair), Ben Morris (secretary), Tom Kumura.

Agenda Item 2: Review of minutes of previous meetings: November 2011 Minutes were reviewed and corrections discussed, Morris made motion to approve as corrected, Binns seconded and the motion was approved 5-0-0.

Agenda Item 3: Public Forum: Farrell reported that the Escondido General Plan Update draft Environmental Report is out with comments due back by February 27. Farrell reported that Henry Palmer had submitted his resignation effective immediately. Morris announced his intention of resigning during the first part of the current year due to relocation.

Agenda Item 4: Community Plan Update: The Community Plan for the Twin Oaks provides owners and residents with an understanding of the unique character of the area, describes the resources that are important to preserve, and provides guidance to developers on future development within the Twin Oaks Valley Community Planning Area. Farrell reported the Palmer and Morris had worked on the old Community Plan to put it into the new format, and that she had sent their work into the County. Morris asked if Palmers work on the history section had been submitted and Farrell reported that she sent in the last draft she had. Morris indicated that Palmer had continued working on it and that most likely there is something more current. Farrell asked if Morris could ask Palmer to send her the latest version.

Agenda Item 5: General Plan Update (was GP-2020): Review any updates and directions from Board of Supervisors regarding the General Plan update. Property owners are requesting different designations than what was proposed and studied under the adopted General Plan. Information can be found under Item 4, sig.dplu gpu Jan 9 workshop BL.doc and Support cob bl document C.10 NCM 01092011 Part 2.pdf <http://bosagenda.sdcountry.ca.gov/agendadocs/materials.jsp> Requests are NC22, NC37, NC38, NC 41, NC 42, NC 48. Farrell reported that Jemmott had attended the meeting and would provide additional information. Farrell explained that our position on NC 48 and NC 38 needed to be completely clear for clarity. NC 48 as reviewed and we agreed with the staff position, and later we reopened the item to hear additional information and take a new vote. Jemmott indicated that it was his impression that during the meeting the supervisors specifically discussed this item and that there is nothing further for the Sponsor Group to do, the final decision had been made. Binns recused herself on the next item, Merriam Mountains. From the audience Binns indicated that there was a new letter from Newland indicating that they are doing a compromise project so that it will not be considered a "Major Request". Binns indicated that a lot of people had spoken in opposition and that Newland had made a very brief presentation at the meeting, the BOS agreed to do further study. The members discussed what action should be considered in order for any proposed changes to the Merriam Mountains project are brought back for community review. Following discussion Farrell made motion to request staff to provide all data and proposals and communication regarding NC 42 so that our group could bring it forward for discussion at a community level with a vote of the Sponsor Group. Morris seconded the motion and it passed 4-0-1 (Binns recused). Following this discussion Binns returned to her seat on the Sponsor Group.

Agenda Item 6: Red tape Reduction Task Force Report and Recommendations: Review of recommendations presented at the December 7th hearing that may eliminate or change many process including the County's Resource Protection Ordinance and the Twin Oaks Valley Community Sponsor Group. Staff is accepting comments on this and the other Task Force recommendations to be included in the report back to the Board. Comments are requested by January 31, 2012. Information can be found under Agenda Item 3 at: <http://bosagenda.sdcounty.ca.gov/agendadocs/materials.jsp> Farrell reported that this effort is being considered for ways to cut cost and streamline County processes. Incentives are being considered for planners to be more motivated if they can put projects through quicker, possibly even allowing consultants to sign off on approvals in lieu of staff. Under consideration is elimination of Sponsor and Planning Groups so that projects aren't slowed down. Farrell has written with Jemmott help a letter representing our groups concerns. Binns made a motion to approve the letter Jemmott seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-0. Farrell announced that there are two upcoming meetings on February 2 and February 29 which will be important to attend. Farrell made a motion for our support of other community Sponsor Groups position on this matter, and that we form a subcommittee to review other community letters and other suggestions for consideration for support related to the issue. Jemmott seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-0. Subcommittee to be Jemmott, Binns and Farrell.

Agenda Item 7: Brown Act violations: Review of article dated Dec. 17th in San Diego Union Tribune regarding past Brown Act Violations by the Twin Oaks Community sponsor Group. See: <http://utsandiego.com/news/2011/dec/17/county-streamling-efforts-targets-planning-groups>. Farrell reported that the article indicated there were several Brown Act Violations; Jemmott indicated that he was on the Sponsor Group at the only time in the past that there had been a lawsuit and it wasn't about a Brown Act Violation. Farrell indicated that the source of the information from the article based upon information supplied by Devon Mutto. Farrell said he later found that his information was wrong and she attempting to get the newspaper to retract the statement concerning the Twin Oaks Valley Sponsor Group.

Agenda Item 6: Update on ongoing projects:

Agenda Item 10: Old Business:

Agenda Item 11: Administration and correspondence: Morris made a motion that a letter of appreciation be sent to Palmer for his service, and Jemmott amended the motion to include a plaque be made for Palmer. Jemmott seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-0.

Farrell adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Ben Morris, Secretary

The next regular meeting of the TOVCSG will be on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Twin Oaks Elementary School.