COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

SWEETWATER COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY

February 7, 2012 7:00PM

Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station 4900 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902

Administrative Items

Roll: John Taylor, Harriet Taylor, Steve and Liz Stonehouse, Rick Blacklock, Mark Kukuchek, Sheri Todus, and Andrew Valencia, Doc Stokos, Alan Sachrison, Don and Georjean Jensen, Don Scovel, Karen Henry and Uwe Werner. Also visiting former member John Riess.

Sheri Todus called the meeting to order at 7:05.

The agenda numbering was modified to so that the second 1-4 became 6-10.

1. Minutes: Corrections, Sheri requested that the minutes indicate that she had chaired the meeting last month and that this be noted on future minutes. Harriet asked for a clarification on a traffic issue mentioned in the minutes Rick moved to approve as corrected.

Seconded Steve Stonehouse. Thirteen approved. Uwe abstained.

2. 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 and no action can be taken.

3. Michael De La Rosa shares from Supervisor Greg Cox’s office: The lock on the trail easement along Proctor Valley Road has not been removed. The County is going forward to get a Master Agreement with the Water Authority to use their easements much the same way they now use SDG&E easements for trails.

The long pole pine fencing along Sweetwater Road before Quarry Rd. is being placed. It will be two feet six inches high. The center lane of the road is being changed to accommodate this. The work should be completed by the end of February or early March at the latest.

Tomorrow will be the State of the County address by Chairman Ron Roberts, in the Hall of Champions at Balboa Park. Supervisor Cox is the vice-chair this year. This meeting will be at 6 P.M.

10a. Red Tape Reduction Task Force; Michael agreed to answer Item #10 out of sequence.

The Red Tape Reduction Task Force is made up of members appointed to try to streamline development policies, reduce redundancies, lower cost avoidance.

In November, this task force came up with the removal or change of the Planning and Sponsor Groups, with only two alternatives: remove them altogether, or assign staff and legal consul to them. The Board heard this recommendation and gave Staff directions.

Since then, Staff has heard a great deal of feedback from the Groups concerning how the Task Force 'sprang' this on them without giving them time to comment.

Design Review Compliance Checklist Workshop. This guideline list is being designed to expedite implementation of the B designator.
The Supervisor believes that Planning Groups play an important role in the community. That some of the suggestions are valid, among them: to adhere to Robert's Rules of Order during meetings, adhere to the Brown Act in actions, and perhaps adjust the number of members in each Planning Group.

At the end of this report, Harriet and several other members asked whether they could request a meeting with the Supervisor. Michael responded that calendar permitting, of course. The discussion turned to how to control members who violate rules without sanctioning all the other groups. It was stated that a good developer wants to gain the trust of a Planning Group by adhering to their rules because it makes their situation less expensive.

Mark raised a question about the DPLO status for us.

Items four and five have been accomplished. Item #4 is for additional trail user amenities at Morrison Pond such as a horse pen and picnic tables.

Item #5 is for a challenge course for hikers, horses, and mountain bikers at Morrison Pond Staging Area. This has been accomplished.


5. POD 11-1011 Tiered Equine Ordinance-Action Item.
Mark gave a short summary of the real point of this ordinance, which is to put actual limits on the number of horses a 'small stable' can have on it's property and the procedure of management that will be used for it. This is instead of getting a major use permit. The numbers at this time are 10 per one acre and 50 per five, with a zoning variation.

6. State Mandated Ethics Training: (AB 1234) ca-ilg.org/ab1234compliance. Required training every two years. Certificates to be mailed to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

7. Distribution of form 700. Done at the beginning of the meeting and deadline noted.

8. AICP Design Review Compliance Check List in response to Workshop presented at previous meeting. Action Item.

Site Preparation: Mark moved that another item be added to Site Preparation; new development will dedicate rights-of-way for trails designated in the Sweetwater Riding and Hiking Trails Plan.
Motion made by Mark, seconded by Rick. Unanimous

In Site Preparation: existing #2 cuts and fills are balanced on site removed.
Motion by Karen to delete, seconded by Rick. Thirteen voted aye. Don Scovel opposed.

Building Location & Orientation-3: Moved by Karen to break up into bullets to require that each check list item to refer to as one guideline reference including #18 which be listed in separate boxes. Seconded by Uwe. Unanimous.

#19 The bullet stating that Plastic materials made to resemble masonry to be deleted. Motion by Rick seconded by Doc Stokos. Unanimous.

#20 Delete Unanimous.

#32 Delete the whole thing. Motion by Rick seconded by Karen. Vote split six each way. Sheri voted against. Did not pass.

#25 To change the verbiage "long, unbroken roof lines" to roof lines over fifty feet. Motion by Rick seconded by Liz. Thirteen voted aye. Doc abstained.

#27 To change "low to moderate" pitch to a ratio such as 2:12 to 5:12. Motion by Rick. Second by Liz. Unanimous.
#38 Rick motioned to include highlighted verbiage: or any two trunks with as combined diameter of sixteen inches within the guidelines. Liz seconded. Unanimous. 

#43. To delete entirely. Motion by Rick seconded by Karen. Did not carry.

#47

a. Sign illumination is external
b. Sign to be fully shielded.
c. Sign to be top mounted.
d. Sign to be downward directed.
e. Internally illuminated plastic signs and neon signs will not be used.

Motion by Harriet Taylor, seconded by Uwe. Unanimous.

Additionally, Signage to be allowed verbiage to read:
  • Back-lit signs
  • LED signs with lights recessed in frame
These signs are allowed. Motion by Harriet seconded by Rick.

#52 Delete the verbiage "of wood or metal". Motion by Rick seconded by Uwe. Unanimous.

#54 Within this item add the following at portable or mobile signs; “such as lettered flags and lettered plastic banners”. Motion by Harriet seconded by Steve. Unanimous.

#64 Rick believes that fifteen feet is to low. Need recommendation on this.

#71 Delete verbiage "solar collectors". Motion Rick, second Mark. Unanimous.

#66 Verbiage should be changed to read:
  • Along walkways overhead lighting should be less then eight feet.
  • Along walkways, low-level lighting in the form of bollards or short posts.
  • Shatter-proof coverings are recommended.
  • Posts should be located to avoid hazards for pedestrians or vehicles

#74 Deleted.

#77 Delete highlighted items which read
  • Open space on sloped sites is terraced to provide level spaces.
  • Provide outdoor spaces receive good sun penetration in winter months, and are shaded by deciduous trees in summer.

Motion by Rick, seconded by Harriet. Unanimous.

#79 Rick motioned to delete whole item. Seconded by Harriet. Unanimous.

#80 Rick motioned to change verbiage "one" to "two"

Seconded by Harriet. Unanimous.

Item#9: Motion to remain with current officers Mark Kukuchek, seconded by Rick Blacklock. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #10b: Otay Water District Pipeline announcement: The district is working on both plans but the Procter Valley Road one is not their favorite.

Georjean mentioned that the city of Chula Vista is sponsoring a regulation to require all dogs in the city be spayed or neutered. She also told us she had an animal in the Westminster Kennel Dog Show.

Meeting Adjourned 9:15 pm by Sheri Todus.
Next meeting: March 6, 2012 7PM, Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.
Respectfully submitted
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary.