

County of San Diego
Valle De Oro Community Planning Group
P. O. Box 936
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: February 19, 2013

LOCATION: Otay Water District Headquarters
Training Room, Lower Terrace
2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd
Spring Valley, CA 91978-2004

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** 7:02pm Jack L. Phillips, Presiding Chair
Verified Members Present: Brownlee, Chapman, Fitchett, Henderson,
Manning, Mitrovich, Myers, Phillips, Schuppert, Tierney, Wollitz

Members Not Present: Feathers, Hyatt, Nichols, Reith

- 2. FINALIZE AGENDA:** As shown

- 3. OPEN FORUM:** No discussion or comment.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 15, 2013. **VOTE: 9-0-2 to approve**

5. LAND USE

a. W13-001: Site Plan Permit Exemption for new construction at 9485 La Cuesta Dr. including a new garage of 463 sq. ft. (12'-16' high) and a single-story addition to the house. Property is within the scenic view corridor of SR-125.

FITCHETT presented the proposed project. A site Plan is required because the property is in the SR-125 Scenic view corridor. This identical project was reviewed and approved unanimously by the VDOCPG in August 2008. The new owner of the property has resurrected the new site plan. There was no opposition to this proposal.

FITCHETT moved to recommend approval of the Site Plan Permit Exemption (Phillips seconds). **VOTE: 11-0-0 to approve** the motion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Equine Draft Ordinance: Proposed new ordinance which establishes new requirements for keeping or boarding horses (type of permit, setbacks, number per acre, etc.)

BROWNLEE summarized the Equine Ordinance changes that most affect the Valle De Oro region, specifically the changes to the Horse Stables and Horse Keeping. She highlighted that the Draft document includes Best Practices with respect Stormwater Drainage, Vector control and so on. Members discussed how the new ordinances were basically eliminating the permit process, treating the equine business in a manner equivalent to boutique wineries. Discussions of whether 10 horses per acre were too many took place as well as potential inconsistencies within the definition of 'Usable Acres'.

BROWNLEE moved to not take formal action on the Equine Draft Ordinance (Myers seconds). **VOTE: 11-0-0 to approve** the motion.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. Form 700 was distributed to all committee members present
- b. On March 19, 2013 a representative of the County will attend our meeting to discuss a major project concerning the construction of a vertical retaining wall on the southeast corner of Fuerte Drive and Mt Helix Blvd. Mr. Schuppert is taking the lead on this item
- c. In their General Plan update the La Mesa City Staff are pushing to modify the Land Usage designator of the northwest corner of Lemon Avenue & Bancroft to 'Commercial'. This modification was rejected when the VDOCPG evaluated it over 10 years ago.
- d. Chairman Phillips stressed the importance of each member's attendance to our March 5, 2013 meeting so that we can fill the committee's vacant seat.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 7:57pm

Submitted, Lori Myers