

Alpine Community Planning Group
P.O. Box 1419, Alpine, CA 91901-1419

MINUTES

Thursday December 12, 2013

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call of Members**

Jim Archer	P	Travis Lyon	P	Lou Russo	A
George Barnett	P	Nicole McDonough	E	Richard Saldano	P
Aaron Dabbs	P	Mike Milligan	P	Sharmin Self	P
Jim Easterling	E	Tom Myers	P	Kippy Thomas	P
Roger Garay	E	Leslie Perricone	P	John Whalen	E
P = Present		E=Excused T=Tardy		A = Absent	

D. Correspondence / Announcements

1. APG Statement: *The Alpine Community Planning Group was formed for the purpose of advising and assisting the Director of Planning, the Zoning Administrator, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors in the preparation, amendment and implementation of community and sub regional plans. The Alpine Community Planning Group is only an advisory body.*

E. Approval of Minutes - Sept 19, 2013—October 24, 2013 and October 28, 2013

All Minutes approved by those present 10 yes, 2 absent, 3 excused

F. Open Discussion

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Per Representative of the project- Alpine Creek Site Map - 4x4 box culvert with 5 clean outs, going up to 72 inches, it is currently 48 inch, separating them into two systems and meeting at the existing system. This will go up to Tavern Road and tie into the existing system. This is on the north side of Arnold Way between Tavern Road and Alpine Creek Lane. They have environmental documents to proceed. Permits are related to the outlet. There are impactual wetlands. Kippy Thomas states that Arnold Way water is being channeled in a new system. They are stating that it will not have an impact. Concern is expressed by members of the ACPG that the road be paved and not just patched, perpetual maintenance is getting tiresome. Representative of the First Baptist Church of Alpine states that they have a concrete slab that is falling into the channel. The County states that it is not a county maintained channel. Rep

says that the soil is eroding around the roots but he's not allowed to reinforce area. County representative states that the state and Fish and Game are the ones to talk to. That it is their area not the County's, due to that area being considered wetlands. CEQA did get involved. An environmental document was prepared. They found that the only real impact was to the wetlands and could be mitigated by planting of some plants around the edges. The project would last about 3-4 months. The funding is not yet obtained. ACPG would like the county to look at repaving 1000 foot stretch of road. It was questioned about a seasonal creek being considered a wetlands area. Representative for the project states that the fact that it connects to a creek downstream makes it a wetlands. Mike Milligan asks if there is any responsibility from the county prior to it getting to the church property to take care of the channel. It is stated that the County portion has pipes. The open channel is all on private land. Kippy Thomas thinks this project is a good idea. Travis – we will vote on it at the next meeting and get our recommendation to the county.

G. Prioritization of this Meeting's Agenda Items

H. Organized / Special Presentations:

1. Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2-12 **Presentation, Discussion**
Tabled as no one is here to present the information.

2. AT&T cell site at 2598 Dortmund Place, Alpine PDS 2013MUPn13-08 **Presentation, Discussion & Action**

Representative received information from Mountain View Ranch. AT&T cell site at 2598 Dortmund Place, Alpine PDS 2013MUPn13-08. This is for a replacement of the existing cell site that is on existing Padre Dam property. Over the years there have been a number of different violations by the adjacent homeowners association. After numerous violations Padre let the owner know that they were not renewing Crown Castle's lease on that property. AT&T needed another location. They contacted Mr. Bron (?) who was a neighbor of the property. He was interested with conditions such as hours of access and visual aspect. Mr. Bron did speak with all of his neighbors and got their input and consent. The proposal is for a replacement mono tree on the property. The ideal location is about 25 feet off of the south property line. One of the things about the county ordinance is that all structures have to maintain a 50 foot setback from the residential property line. The setback is 1 foot for 1 foot, so for this 78' tree it would have to be 78'. The setback they are proposing is 83'. The county has requested in the scoping letter that the height be lowered. They asked for a waiver from the County regarding the setback from the property line.

Travis read letter from the Mountain View Ranch Owner's Association. Dated December 5, 2013. Letter of Support. They support this project.

Mike Milligan asks if the existing monopoles going to be removed. AT&T will be removing their blue pole. The Verizon tower is under a separate lease agreement. The Ham Radio set up is Don's and is used by American Red Cross for emergencies. He requested that it be allowed to put it on the tree. The Ham radio tower is a very small tower that would come down.

Don has the final approval of the tree, as part of his contract. (States Larson and Cell Trees are the only two companies that make a halfway decent tree).

Richard Saldano thinks that the open space behind the tank would be a good idea to use for setback. He also feels that we have enough information to go ahead and vote without it going back to subcommittee. He thinks we will have another shot at looking at this again, but thinks that we need to make sure a few issues are addressed, such as the setback, the tree design, etc. Travis Lyon feels that the property owner and surrounding neighbors are pleased with

the design then the setback is what we would need more information on. The fact that the neighbors have a consensus on the design of the tree is a plus.

Richard Saldano Motions to approve with the following conditions:

1. reduce setback due to location on property to open space and approval of adjacent neighbors, not less than 25 feet.
2. Look at broadleaf tree
3. Socks on antennas

Motion is seconded by Jim Archer

Discussion: There is discussion about the appearance of the tree. Mr. Bron said that the homeowners association agreed on a tree that was on page 106-108 on the Cell Trees brochure. They based their decision of approval on that particular cell tree.

Motion passes = 10 Yes, 3 excused, 2 absent

Jim Archer	Y	Travis Lyon	Y	Lou Russo	A
George Barnett	Y	Nicole McDonough	E	Richard Saldano	Y
Aaron Dabbs	Y	Mike Milligan	Y	Sharmin Self	Y
Jim Easterling	E	Tom Myers	Y	Kippy Thomas	Y
Roger Garay	A	Leslie Perricone	Y	John Whalen	E
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I. Group Business

None

J. Consent Calendar

None

K. Subcommittee Reports (Including Alpine Design Review Board)

1. Private Actions – Richard Saldano

Richard wants to know if we need to have a meeting, regarding the Alpine Community Center fence. He is working with the community center to take care of their violation. The county is in limbo until we give a recommendation on what to do.

We can ask for a waiver. Wants to make sure it is something that the ACPG is willing to address. County says we can ask for a waiver or we can take a vote and forward to the county. The gate issue is in limbo. Discussion is that the group is not comfortable weighing in on this issue.

Regarding subcommittees - Richard asked Jim Archer for the definition of recusal. He is working with the Crest community Planning Group. Richard states that they run their group a lot more relaxed. Their chair stated that when you recues yourself you can sit in the audience and speak. That is incorrect. The exemption to that is if it is your own personal property.

2. Trails & Conservation – Travis Lyon

3. Parks & Recreation – Jim Archer

Meeting 2nd Wednesday of January.

4. Public Facilities, Services, & Major Public Policy - Sharmin Self

5. Circulation – Tom Myers

6. Communications – Louis Russo
7. Alpine Design Review Board – Kippy Thomas

L. Officers Reports

1. Chairman – Jim Easterling
2. Vice Chairman – Travis Lyon

Jim gave Travis emails regarding two ABC permits. (PC&N – Public Convenience and Necessities) . Recommendation from chair is that the county wants to have an answer by the end of December. Without the information it is extremely hard to make a decision. Consensus is that the ACPG needs time to review the matter due to it being a charged matter. Travis read a letter to Jim Easterling regarding the Parking Prohibition on west side of Tavern Road. There is 50mph speed limit along that section. A mid-street crosswalk causes more accidents, due to a false sense of security. Travis read letter regarding Annual Community Planning and Sponsor Group Member Training. Travis spoke about which map the Planning Commission approved. Travis also spoke regarding the Minority Opinion Lou Russo submitted a day after the September 19, 2013 meeting. This is acceptable under the Policy I1. The vote at that meeting was 4 nays, representing a minority. Travis spoke to a member that voted not, but was not aware of this Minority Opinion and was concerned about it and him being represented by someone without his knowledge. Travis thinks it is a violation of the Code of Ethics. Tom Myers stated that he did review it before Lou Russo submitted it. Tom stated he didn't agree with the approach, but did agree with the reasoning.

3. Secretary – Sharmin Self
4. Immediate Past Chair – N/A

M. Open Discussion 2 (Only if Necessary)

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N. Request for Agenda Items for Upcoming Agendas

1. (All requested Agenda Items MUST be submitted to ACPG Chair by the 2nd Thursday of each month to be included in the Preliminary Agenda.)

O. Approval of Expenses / Expenditures

P. Announcement of Sub-Committee Meetings

Parks and Recreation – next meeting January 8, 2014

Q. Announcement of Next Meeting: January 23, 2014

R. Adjournment of Meeting

Mike Milligan motions to adjourn the meeting

Travis Lyon seconds the motion

All present vote in favor

Meeting adjourned by at 8:19