

# Alpine Community Planning Group

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**FINAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - REVISED 7/27/2017**

**Thursday, May 25th, 2017 at 6:00pm**

**1. Meeting was called to order @ 6:01pm**

**2. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call of Members:**

Present:

George Barnett

Jim Easterling

Roger Garay

Charlie Jerney

Jim Lundquist

Travis Lyon

Mike Milligan

Leslie Perricone

Richard Saldano

Larry Watt

Absent (Excused):

Glenda Archer

Jennifer Martinez

Kippy Thomas

Vacancy Seat # 13

Absent (Unexcused)

Louis Russo (due to censure for conduct during 5/25/2017 meeting, action taken by group at 6/22/2017 meeting)

**4. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Announcements:**

**1.** Approval of March 23 and April 27 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion to approve March & April minutes by J. Easterling. Second by C Jerney. 8 Yes votes, 0 No votes, 2 Abstain, 5 Absent/Vacant – J. Lundquist & L. Perricone. Motion passes.

**2. ACPG Statement is read aloud:** 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 an advisory body only.

**3. Open Discussion:** Travis Lyon provided a statement explaining his decision to not accept a request for an agenda item for a special presentation regarding an Alpine Fire Protection District (AFPD) proposal to LAFCO. Lyon stated that he believes the proper venue for that discussion would be at the AFPD or LAFCO public meetings. The ACPG has no jurisdiction over this matter and Lyon believes it would be confusing to the public if it was on the ACPG agenda. In addition, Lyon reiterated that because the ACPG advises the County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission and neither body plans to hold hearings on the matter, the ACPG meetings would not be the proper venue for this discussion. Lyon encouraged members of the public who wish to speak on the matter to do so in open discussion. Jim Easterling provided a summary of the AFPD process for agenda items and encouraged members of the public interested in the matter to attend AFPD meetings. Lou Russo provided a summary of guidelines for Roberts Rules of Order and County policy I-9. He commented that according to Roberts Rules of Order the Chairman of the group should not participate in discussion unless he turns the meeting over to the Vice-Chairman. George Barnett provided an update that the Back Country Land Trust (BCLT) is working to acquire 600 acres located in the Palo Verde Ranch ("New Ranch") that is for sale. BCLT is seeking partners in the conservation community to fund the acquisition. The property has the potential to be conserved open space that could incorporate active hiking and riding trails that could be open to the public, similar to Wright's field. Eric Wray, Alpine Union School District (AUSD) board trustee provided an update about the district to keep the ACPG aware of the events and programs the district offers. He also thanked Dr. and Mrs. Haven and Alpine Education Foundation for everything they have done to support education in Alpine. Lou Russo addressed the Alpine Fire Chief and promised a forthcoming letter outlining his concerns with the proposal to LAFCO regarding annexation of lands in and around Alpine. The statements from Mr. Russo included an accusations of lying and attempts to mislead the public by the AFPD. George Barnett called for a point of order. The Chair stated that inflammatory statements without supporting evidence would not be tolerated, and if it continued we would call the meeting to a close. The comments were discontinued and the meeting went forward.

**5. Organized / Special Presentations:**

**1.** G.1 The Padre Dam Municipal Water District Representative had a family emergency and was not able to present. They will try to reschedule for the June ACPG Meeting.

**2.** G. 2 Owner of property at terminus of Country Meadows Rd at West Victoria Drive has applied for Discretionary Permit. Owner not present. Motion to table item made by J. Easterling, second by T. Lyon. Vote 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 5 Absent/Vacant. Vote passes by acclamation.

**3.** G. 3 Owner of vacant lot property is out of town and not present at the meeting. Board discussed that the recommendation for a Discretionary Permit for the purpose of agricultural clearing was unnecessary. Motion to recommend approval as submitted with a note to the County that the ACPG believes this permit is unnecessary and should

be at no cost to the applicant. Motion made by J. Easterling, second by G. Barnett. Vote 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 5 Absent/Vacant. Vote passes by acclamation. T. Lyon will inform the applicant.

**6. Group Business:**

1. None.

**7. Consent Calendar:** None

1. **Subcommittee Reports:** Circulation Subcommittee Report - Jim Lundquist requested that T. Lyon send copy of April meeting minutes to County Traffic Advisory Committee who could then reach out to the Alpine Cemetery regarding traffic control near its property. The issue of safe walkways was also discussed – specifically that there is lack of pedestrian safety walkways for student traffic on Tavern Road near school campuses and around the culverts at Alpine Creek Lane. J. Lundquist has been researching and recommends to the group a 4' wide DG walkway be installed at the very minimum in these areas. Mike Milligan suggested reaching out Joe Perricone (who has addressed the ACPG and the county on this issue in the past) and ask AUSD for its support. Circulation Subcommittee will seek a partnership with AUSD and hopes to apply for state and federal grants to make improvements to Tavern road from Interstate 8 to South Grade on the east side of the road. Circulation committee also reported on a proposal to establish "25 seconds" signs to bring community awareness to safety issues related to speeding. A request was made for an agenda item on this issue at a future ACPG meeting.

**8. Officer Reports:** Chairman, None. Vice Chairman, None. Secretary, None.

**9. Open Discussion 2:** None

**10. Request for Agenda Items for Upcoming Agendas:** None

**12 Approval of Expenses / Expenditures:** None

**13. Announcement of Meetings:**

1. Alpine Community Planning Group – June 22, 2017
2. ACPG Subcommittees – June 15 6:00pm Circulation Subcommittee Meeting at Alpine Library
3. Planning Commission – June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017
4. Board of Supervisors – June 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> 2017

**14. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn: Travis Lyon, Second: Leslie Perricone. Passed by acclamation, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 5 absent/vacant

**Adjourned @ 7:05 pm**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie A. Perricone, ACPG Secretary  
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