

Alpine Community Planning Group

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FINAL MINUTES

Thursday, September 28th, 2017 at 6:00pm

Alpine Community Center | 1830 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, CA 91901

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

Present:

Travis Lyon

Charles Jerney

Lou Russo

Jim Easterling

Jim Lundquist

Leslie Perricone

Sharmin Self

Jennifer Martinez

Richard Saldano

George Barnett

Mike Milligan

Larry Watt

Absent Excused:

Kippy Thomas

Glenda Archer

Roger Garay

- D. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Announcements

- 1. Approval of Minutes

- i August 24, 2017

- *Travis Lyon motioned to postpone approval of minutes until the October Meeting. Jim Easterling seconded the motions.*

- Vote:** All in favor.

- 2. **ACPG 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 an advisory body only.

- *Travis asked that members of the public and board wait to be recognized before speaking. The group will strive to stick to 3 minute time limits for speaking as per the standard rules of order. He asked that everyone not interrupt others while they are speaking.*

- E. **Open Discussion:** Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the ACPG on any subject matter within the ACPG's jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda.

- Al Haven spoke and feels that someone should donate an American Flag for the Community Center for ACPG meetings Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Jim Easterling stated that he received an email regarding an email about the Alpine Fire Protection District and its lack of funds. Jim states that they have enough funds and equipment to operate for two years without any help.
 - Tommy Hart – He states that recently purchased 2157 Alpine Blvd. He has an issue with the eucalyptus trees that pose a hazard. He spoke with the County and they say that if it poses a major traffic control problem then they can do the trimming. It is scheduled. County recommended he come talk to ACPG for a long-term solution. Travis states that it can put it on a future agenda to recommend to the County. Mike Milligan says with the betterment of Alpine that issue has come up in the past. He states that review of the eucalyptus trees was supposed to be part of a betterment program.
 - Jim Lundquist. – agrees with Al Haven. On the tree issue, does the community plan talk about trees being an asset and if so does it include eucalyptus trees. Travis states that the community plans talks about trees and that it may be a good idea to talk about it during the community plan update. Richard Saldano states we should go to the county and say these are a hazard and needs to be dealt with. Richard requests that this be a future agenda item. Travis noted for next month's agenda so ACPG can vote on it.

- CJ Rasher – Director of Transportation at Grossmont High School District & Alpine resident. As students come down W. Victoria there is an asphalt sidewalk and kids are having to walk on the street because cars are parking on the sidewalk. This is unsafe and it needs to be painted red. Jim Lundquist states that he will have this on the Circulation Subcommittee agenda next month, as well as on the ACPG agenda, then traffic advisory committee to get it dealt with.

F. Prioritization of this Meeting’s Agenda Items

None

G. Organized / Special Presentations

1. An application for a Tentative Map Time Extension (PDS2017-TM-5475TE) has been filed for the Rancho Nuevo subdivision, TM 547RPL, previously approved by the Planning Commission July 20, 2012. The 60.14-acre project consists of 16 lots ranging in size from 2.0 to 8.5 net acres. The project site is located at Via Tesoro inside Rancho Palo Verde. The project would be served by on-site septic and imported water from Padre Dam Municipal Water District. The site is subject to the General Plan Regional Category Semi-Rural, Land Use Designation – SR2, 1 dwelling unit /2acres. Zoning for the site is A70, (APN 520-060-08, 520-160-02). The group will consider a recommendation to county on the Tentative Map Time Extension application. **Presentation, Discussion & Action.**

Motion:

- Jim Easterling motions to approve as submitted.
Richard Saldano seconds the motion

Discussion:

- Travis Lyon and George Barnett both recused themselves from this item as it has been a topic considered by the Back County Land Trust and they are board members.
- Bill Snipes – engineer for this project. Filed time extension a few months ago. He states he has had a hard time getting storm water management documents approved by the County. This project includes 13 residential lots 3 street lots. Did not file for any change, just additional time extension.
- Jim Lundquist – He went by the site today. He asked what legal access do they have to this site?
 - Bill responded that legal access is through the front gate. Jim asked why they are proposing a 52 ft wide street instead of 56 ft. Bill states there are only 2 houses taking access from that street.
 - Jim asked if they were going to provide access to the trails. It will annex into Rancho Palo Verde. Currently in discussion.
 - Mike Milligan – We have had a circulation issue in the past where we end up with dead end roads.
 - Bill – They would be completing a looped road that residents would be able to use to exit out of Firebrand. Reason for time extension is due to funding issue.
 - Jim Easterling – Clarified that all that is being asked for is a time extension.
 - Mike – thinks approving time extension with the understanding that it will come back in front of the ACPG for discussion.

Motion:

- *Jim Easterling withdrew his motion in order to submit new motion.*
- *Richard Saladano withdrew his second.*
- ***Mike Milligan motions to extend time frame with scoping letter evaluation.***
- ***Leslie Perricone seconds the motion***

Jim Lundquist states he will not support the motion because he hasn’t seen the project.

Vote:

Yay:

Jim Easterling
Sharmin Self
Charles Jerney
Jennifer Martinez
Mike Milligan
Lou Russo
Leslie Perricone
Richard Saldano

Nay

Jim Lundquist

Recused

Travis Lyon
George Barnett

Absent

Glenda Archer
Kippy Thomer

Larry Watt

Yay: 9, Nay: 1, Recused: 2, Absent: 2. Motion carries

2. The ACPG Circulation Subcommittee will present a proposal to the ACPG regarding a recommendation for a roundabout at the intersection Harbison Canyon Road and Arnold Way. **Presentation, Discussion & Action.**

Jim Lundquist— A roundabout would allow traffic to proceed through the all-way at Harbison and Arnold. They design them now so that they are safe for pedestrians. He would like to ask the county to review it.

Motion:

Jim Lundquist motions that the ACPG support installation of roundabout at Harbison Canyon and Arnold and asks that the chairman submit it to the county for their discussion and approval.

Jim Easterling seconds the motion

Discussion:

- Travis Lyon states these type of recommendations are submitted to the Traffic Advisory Committee which then explores the recommendation.
- Sharon Haven states that with the Community Plan coming up we may have more of the county's ear by submitting all of these as a packet type plan.
- Al Haven states one of the things that would emphasize the need would be the school traffic at the beginning and end of school, plus the freeway traffic in the morning and afternoon. The County will be looking at the numbers and seeing if they are significant enough.

Vote:

All present in favor Motion carries

3. The ACPG Parks and Recreation Subcommittee will provide an update regarding the proposal to renovate the sports/playing fields at Joan MacQueen Middle School. **Presentation, Discussion & Action.**

Public Discussion:

- Jennifer Martinez recused herself from this agenda item
- Travis Lyon clarified about a conflict of interest question. He received a letter from FPPC – which determined he has no conflict of interest on this item. He also addressed the question of whether PLDO funds can be directed through a non-profit. Travis wrote to the County Parks and Recreation Department. Travis asked about a park project on a school property. He was advised that this cannot be funded with PLDO funds through a non-profit.
- Mike Milligan asked Travis to clarify what PLDO is for the citizens in attendance. Travis explained what PLDO is and where the funds come from. There is approximately \$895k. PLDO funds can only be used for the development of a new park or upgrading a current park. The funds cannot be used for maintenance. County Board of Supervisors will make final decisions on use of PLDO funds.
- Dr. Richard Newman – Superintendent of the Alpine Unified School District (AUSD) presented on behalf of the district and its support of the project. AUSD created two working committees, Maintenance Operations and Endowment & Specifications. Mike Milligan asked Dr. Newman to clarify about whether lighting and a PA system were being considered for this project. He would like that to be clarified in the proposal. Per Dr. Newman, AUSD plans on having a town hall forum type event, there are no plans for a PA system or lights.
- Jim Easterling – As chairman of the Parks and Recreation subcommittee states that there is not yet a complete design for the project. There are conceptual designs. At the September Parks and Recreation Subcommittee meeting the subcommittee unanimously approved support for project and recommended to move it forward for ACPG approval.
- Members of the public that spoke in opposition to the project: Ben Locke, Cynthia Bonsignore, Elaine Stout, Barbara, & Mary Harris
- Members of the public that spoke in favor of the project: Glenn Dickey, Sharon Haven, Al Guerra, Joe Perricone, Chad Hines
- Members of the public that put forth neutral comments and questions: Al Haven, CJ Rasher

- General comments from board on the topic. Request that the board consider the project for a vote once a full scope is ready to review.

No motion made. No vote taken

H. Group Business:

1. Subcommittee Chairs to submit list of subcommittee members for Group approval. **Discussion & Action.**

Jim Easterling – Chairman of Parks and Recreation

Would like to appoint Coby Ross, Ryan Lawler, and Charles Curran to the subcommittee

Motion:

Travis motioned to approve the addition

George Seconded

Vote:

All in favor

I. Consent Calendar

None

J. Subcommittee Reports (including Alpine Design Review Board)

Circulation Subcommittee

Jim Lundquist states that they met on Monday September 18, 2017. Distributed minutes to the board. Will be bringing forward items. States that the Alpine Cemetery wall was hit again. Next Subcommittee meeting Monday, October 16 at the Sheriff's Substation.

K. Officer Reports

Travis states he received a request from the County for Parks and Recreation to provide updated priority list. Jim Easterling states that once the minutes from Parks and Recreation are approved he will forward them.

L. Open Discussion 2 (if necessary)

Jim Lundquist – States to Travis that he spoke during the TM Time extension item and requested putting items before the Circulation Subcommittee meeting. Travis said that those items would be under the purview of the Private Actions Subcommittee and Jim should attend those meetings and give his input there. Lou Russo stated that he made a post on the Alpine Community Network that there are two openings on the GUHSD for members at large.

M. Request for Agenda Items for Upcoming Agendas

- Recommendation was made the address the trees behind the Chamber of Commerce as a potential safety issue.

N. Approval of Expenses / Expenditures

None

O. Announcement of Meetings:

1. Alpine Community Planning Group – October 26th, 2017
2. ACPG Subcommittees – Circulation - October 16th, 2017 - 6pm
Circulation = alpine library community room
3. Planning Commission – October 6th, 2017
4. Board of Supervisors – October 10th & 11th, 24th & 25th 2017

P. Adjournment of Meeting

Jim Easterling – motions to adjourn
All in favor.

Travis Lyon– seconds the motion
Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm