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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BONSALL COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 6, 2021
7:00 PM Pacific Time
Zoom Meeting Online - Bonsall, California

A. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Steve Norris, Larissa Anderson, Dawn Apsley

Absent: Richard Hatano, Gary McGiboney

No quorum. Therefore, no voting occurred.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No pledge.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 4, 2021

No quorum. Approval of minutes from May 4, 2021, will occur at the next BCSG meeting.

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None.

E. REPORT FROM BONSALL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

- Anderson stated that the Bonsall Unified School District (BUSD) Board voted unanimously to hire the new Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Clevenger, who began his new position on July 1, 2021. Their first School Board Meeting is on July 7 regarding their mission and vision for the community.
- 2. There is a link at www.bonsallusd.com regarding community input for the BUSD Facilities Master Plan. The BUSD Board is requesting community input before the draft is presented for a vote in the fall.

A few areas of concern include:

- There are over 40 portable classrooms at the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools.
- Sullivan Middle School shares its 17 acres with the High School. A separate high school is needed, but it was voted down by San Diego County in 2018.
- There are concerns regarding capacity issues since approximately 2,200 new residences are scheduled to be built in Bonsall over the next decade.

F. ACTION ITEMS (Voting Items)

None





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G. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

1. Permit Streamlining

Denise Russell, Planning Manager for the County of San Diego Planning & Development Services (PDS), presented a slideshow regarding an overview of permit streamlining.

There are four goals:

- Provide clear guidance and submittal requirements
- Update internal PDS procedures to increase consistency and coordination
- Reduce the number of different applications and forms
- Expand online services

There are four site plans:

- Application Guidelines
- Submittal Requirements
- Flowcharts
- Updated Procedures

Improvements may include:

- They are considering a larger radius regarding notices to the public after an applicant applies for a project permit. Currently, notices are required to property owners within radius of 300 feet from the project or to 20 unique property owners. It may change to a radius of 500 feet or 1,000 feet.
- Currently, applicants are required to post a clear public notice on the project site for the duration of the project. They would also like to include confirmation of the posting and enforce the posting.
- They are also considering an e-mail system notification system regarding those interested in certain projects and/or where projects are located.
- Larger square foot projects may need a higher level of noticing.

Formally, improvements will probably take one year to update everything, from changing ordinances to updating the website. In the meantime, they will be updating and posting policies as they go.

Norris expressed concern about the state over-riding what the cities or counties are doing. General plans regarding projects seem to take a long time getting through the system.





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Russell stated that exemptions may occur if projects meet all the criteria. The Climate Action Plan is in the early stages of being finalized regarding state requirements.

Norris mentioned concern for applicants and the costs that they incur before a project application is submitted. He would like to know if there is something that can be done to help the applicant avoid additional expenses before an application is submitted, especially if a project of concern only needs some small changes to become an approved project. Russell stated that they cannot require an applicant to have an initial consultation regarding a project before an application is submitted. Norris mentioned that it appears an applicant project seems to get through the process more easily if the applicant communicates with the community before an application is submitted. Russell stated that some applicants are good at communicating with the community, and some developers will go door to door to talk to the neighbors. Internal procedures regarding the permit streamlining process will include information to the applicant of the importance of communication to the community early and often.

Apsley asked if it's possible to know about the sale of land in Bonsall if it's purchased for commercial development. Russell stated that they don't know until documents are filed by the applicant. Norris mentioned there are only two large developments pending, Ocean Breeze Ranch on West Lilac Road and Bonsall Oaks on Gopher Canyon Road.

2. Traffic Issues

Norris stated that there are traffic issues near Bonsall Elementary School on Camino Del Rey, and The Department of Public Works (DPW) is communicating with the school.

DPW is also continuing the resurfacing effort east on Camino Del Rey toward the I-15. Norris would like to ask them to attend a future BCSG meeting regarding future capital improvements and where they will occur.

Norris would also like an update regarding the parks.

Anderson stated there were traffic issues when the schools opened, especially in front of Bonsall Elementary School at Camino Del Rey and Old River Road. DPW came out and talked to the new superintendent. Discussions will be occurring in the future, especially since 9-1-1 was called back in May or June.

Norris mentioned that traffic also gets backed up to the 76 and is affecting those who are driving south on Olive Hill Road. It is also a safety issue on the 76.



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Anderson stated that when traffic backs up, emergency vehicles cannot get through.

Anderson mentioned one parent has had two fender benders in front of Bonsall Elementary School near the entrance during when parents pick up or drop off their kids.

Norris stated it appears that San Diego County needs to prioritize the traffic need in front of the Bonsall Elementary School, especially knowing that Bonsall Community Park will be built across the street.

Anderson mentioned that the issues being discussed are about traffic in front of Bonsall Elementary School and do not include more traffic problems regarding Sullivan Middle School on West Lilac Road.

Anderson was asked by some people in the community about the BCSG meetings. They would like to attend as they have drone footage regarding the traffic problems.

Apsley asked Anderson if Bonsall Elementary School will have access through the new traffic light located at Camino Del Rey and Calle de las Brisas. Anderson replied she can ask at the next BUSD Board meeting on July 7.

Apsley asked Norris if future BCSG meetings will be online or in person. Norris replied he will look into it. Anderson mentioned that emergency orders lift on September 1, and we have a standing room at the Bonsall Community Center each month.

H. ADJOURN - 7:54pm

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Apsley

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