

# BONSALL COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

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**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BONSALL COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 7:00PM  
In Person at The Bonsall Community Center**

**A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Members Present - Steve Norris, Larissa Anderson, Dawn Apsley, Jennifer Haider, Ray Botta, Jared Rowley. Members Absent - Meghan Van Leeuwen

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE**

**C. APPLICANT REVIEWS**

Apsley will not be renewing her seat in January 2025. The members received applications from two applicants. Michael Collier sent in an application in 2023, and it was kept on file for one year. He re-submitted an application online in 2024, and Dorothea Flanigan also submitted an application online in 2024. The members allowed time for questions and answers with both applicants.

**D. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MINUTES**

**Motion by Botta to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 12, 2024. Second by Haider. VOTE: Aye: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 0**

A vote on the Special Meeting Minutes dated September 11, 2024, will occur at the next meeting.

**E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

A community member commended the Public Works Department regarding the removal of debris along the roads and suggested the "Adopt-A-Road Program" (858) 694-3850. Norris mentioned that large items are often dumped on our roads. Another community mentioned that dump fees are expensive and should be lowered.

Mike Kenney, County Traffic Engineer with the Department of Public Works, stated that there is a change regarding a new state law on how speed limits are determined. California Assembly Bill AB-43 was passed, and it will allow lowering speed limits if certain conditions are met. One of the categories allows local agencies to designate 20% of their roads as safety corridors, which may allow them to lower the set speed limit by 5mph. A radar certification is required, 25mph residential roads are not eligible, and 55mph highway roads are not eligible. On December 6, 2024, ten roads will be presented to the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) with the recommendation to lower the speed limit using AB-43. One of the ten roads being recommended is Gopher Canyon Rd. Currently, Gopher Canyon Road has a 50mph zone from Old Hwy 395/Champagne Blvd. to Spa Havens Way, and 45mph from Spa Havens Way to E. Vista Way. The recommendation will be to reduce the 50mph area on Gopher Canyon Rd. to 45mph, so the entire road is 45mph.



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Norris asked about other roads in Bonsall, and stated that there are motorcycles that go 70 to 80mph down Bonsall roads on the weekends. It's a "recipe for disaster". Kenney stated they will start with the ten recommended roads and then look for more opportunities and compile another list.

Haider asked if the 5mph reduction will affect the traffic signal that is supposed to be installed on Gopher Canyon Rd, and Kenney said it is a separate issue. Haider also asked about radar certification. Kenney responded that the 5mph reduction for "serious and fatal collisions" and will allow radar enforcement.

A guest asked about enforcement, and Kenney stated that it is a separate issue. Norris mentioned that a degree of enforcement is required to lower the speed limit.

A community member mentioned that rural roads with unposted speed limits are 55mph. Kenney confirmed and added that the TAC has recommended a speed limit for Old River Road, posted speed limit signs will be installed, and it will be radar enforced.

## F. REPORTS

### 1. Bonsall School Board Report

Anderson reported:

- a. The new Bonsall Unified School District Superintendent is Dr. Heather Golly.
- b. There will be community engagement forums in 2025.
- c. Measure V was run by volunteers with campaign dollars that were raised, and it is illegal to steal political signs.

### 2. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board - None. The October meeting was cancelled.

## G. ACTION ITEMS: (Voting Items)

### 1. PLDO Priority List – Continued from Nov. 12, 2024

A list of 25 PLDO eligible recreational uses was provided by Parks and Recreation Department: Adventure play areas, amphitheater, bike parks, children's play area, community garden, community gathering or event space, disc or frisbee golf, dog parks or leash free areas, equestrian facilities, exercise areas or fitness stations, gymnasiums/recreation centers, improved overlooks, open lawn areas, picnic areas, plazas, skate park, splash pad/wading pool, sport court and fields, swimming pool, and trails (outside of open space and right of way).

Apsley stated that Parks and Recreation informed BCSG that there is a balance of \$844,084.81 in the PLDO account. Discussion occurred among the members, and community attendees were asked for their suggestions. Guests offered no opinions.

**Motion by Haider to send a PLDO priority list to direct the funds for: 1) Equestrian facilities along the western area within Bonsall Community Park, and 2) Connectivity to trails outside of open space and right of way. Second by Rowley.**

**VOTE: Aye: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 0**



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2. Bonsall Oaks / The Havens – Continued from Nov. 12, 2024

Clarification on Fire Evacuation Route for The Havens – South on Vista Valley Dr.

Haider stated that she received confirmation from the Vista Fire Department that the south end of Vista Valley Drive, connecting to Par Valley Drive, is not an evacuation route. It is an access route for emergency vehicles. More fire evacuation research is needed. No vote was needed.

3. BCSG Applicant

**Motion by Anderson to recommend Michael Collier to fill seat #1 on the Bonsall Community Sponsor Group. Second by Haider.**

**VOTE: Aye: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 0**

Dorothea Flanagan’s application will be kept on file for one year, and if another seat is vacated, it will be reviewed again.

4. BCSG Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary for 2025

**Motion by Haider to nominate and approve Ray Botta as Chair of the Bonsall Community Sponsor Group, Larissa Anderson as Vice-Chair, and Jared Rowley as Secretary. Second by Norris.**

**VOTE: Aye: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 Vacant: 0**

## H. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

1. Bonsall Community Park (BCP)

Apsley stated that bidding was extended until November 25, and the County is currently reviewing the two bids they received for approximately \$39 million and \$47.1 million.

2. Rumble Strips

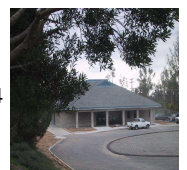
Michael Kenney, County Traffic Engineer with the Department of Public Works, stated he’s in charge of the signs, stripes, and traffic signals on county roads. Rumble strips are one of the tools used for safety. They are installed in the center of rural roads to avoid and decrease head-on collisions. The rumble strips on Gopher Canyon Rd. are not a candidate for removal at this time because the collision rates are still high.

3. Socially Equitable Cannabis Program

The County’s Socially Equitable Cannabis Program (Cannabis Program) will allow for new commercial cannabis businesses in the County of San Diego’s unincorporated area. More information can be found at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Cannabis.html>.

4. Next BCSG Meeting:

The meeting on January 7, 2025, has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 7pm.



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I. ADJOURN at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Apsley  
Secretary

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