

BONSALL COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP (BCSG)

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Bonsall Community Center, 31505 Old River Road, Bonsall, CA 92003

A. CALL TO ORDER:

- Chair Larissa Anderson called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 PM.
- Members Present: Larissa Anderson (Chair), Jared Rowley, Mike Collier, Jennifer Haider, Steve Norris
- Absent: Meghan Van Leeuwen, Seat #2 (Vacant)

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Chair Anderson led the attendees and members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Motion by Jennifer Haider to approve the agenda as presented.
- Seconded by Mike Collier.
- VOTE: Aye: Anderson, Rowley, Collier, Haider, Norris | No: 0 | Abstain: 0 | Absent: Van Leeuwen | Vacant: 1

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Special Meeting (March 18, 2025)
 - Motion by Jennifer Haider to approve minutes from the special meeting.
 - Seconded by Mike Collier.
 - VOTE: Aye: Anderson, Rowley, Collier, Haider, Norris | No: 0 | Abstain: 0 | Absent: Van Leeuwen | Vacant: 1

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- Regular Meeting (May 6, 2025)
 - Motion by Jennifer Haider to approve minutes from the regular meeting.
 - Seconded by Mike Collier.
 - VOTE: Aye: Anderson, Rowley, Collier, Haider, Norris | No: 0 | Abstain: 0 | Absent: Van Leeuwen | Vacant: 1
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E. REPORTS:

- Association of Planning Groups: No new information or updates.
- SANDAG: No new information provided.
- I-15 Corridor Design Review Board: No updates presented.
- Traffic Advisory Committee: Reminder provided about the upcoming meeting on June 6, 2025.
- Bonsall Unified School District: Recognized teacher of the year; community pride and acknowledgment noted.

F. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Bonsall Community Park Progress

- Progress update by Chair Anderson detailing improvements and projected timelines.
- Park development progressing on schedule, expected completion is Spring 2026.
- Positive community feedback received; continued community involvement encouraged.

2. Equestrian Trail Connection - Guajome Park

- Detailed presentation by Tamara Couzens, Oceanside resident and equestrian, highlighting significant safety concerns crossing North Santa Fe Ave.
- Proposal included dedicated equestrian pathway extending the Santa Fe Trail to avoid traffic risks.
- Board members discussed potential environmental challenges such as stream crossings requiring detailed planning and environmental compliance.
- Consensus reached on the importance of prioritizing this safety issue.

3. San Luis Rey Equestrian Hospital Expansion

- Comprehensive review of proposed expansion plans including new facilities and improved amenities for equine care.
- Community generally supportive; some minor concerns about traffic and environmental impacts noted.
- General acknowledgment that project would positively enhance local veterinary services and community reputation.

4. Innovative Energy Station (H & T Land & Cattle)

- Address: Intersection of Interstate 15 & Old Hwy 395.
- Extensive and detailed community opposition was presented by several residents:
 - Jack Fox: Raised significant concerns about increased traffic congestion, potential environmental degradation, and negative impacts on local rural aesthetics. Emphasized the redundancy of existing fuel stations already sufficiently serving the area.
 - Sarah Chapney: Highlighted environmental concerns, specifically risks to local wildlife and water runoff impacts, and questioned the necessity of the project given existing infrastructure.
 - Rick Hatcher: Expressed strong objections related to increased commercial development pressure, potential decline in property values, and feared subsequent loss of the area's rural character.
 - Cathy Ollin: Noted inconsistencies with community planning documents emphasizing rural preservation, criticized potential light and noise pollution, and raised safety concerns with increased truck traffic near residential zones.
 - Peter Darsey: Provided detailed points about inadequate infrastructure such as sewer and water services to support such a facility and raised specific safety concerns around proximity to residential neighborhoods.
- Approximately 22 community members explicitly stood in opposition to the project.
- No attendees spoke in support of the project.
- The Board recognized the community's strong consensus and seriousness of the concerns raised.

5. Congressional Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act

- Steve Norris presented details of the act and potential benefits for local infrastructure.

- Board agreed on importance of advocating for local needs through Congressman Issa's office.
- Motion by Steve Norris to support sending a letter of endorsement to Congressman Issa's office.
- Seconded by Mike Collier.
- VOTE: Passed unanimously (Anderson, Rowley, Collier, Haider, Norris - all Aye; Van Leeuwen absent).

6. BCSG Standing Rules Review

- Chair Anderson reviewed current rules, noting several areas requiring updates.
- Members agreed on a detailed review to identify specific changes.
- No immediate decisions or votes; ongoing review scheduled.
- VOTE: Passed unanimously (Anderson, Rowley, Collier, Haider, Norris - all Aye; Van Leeuwen absent).

7. Seat #2 Candidate Review

- Candidates: Dorothea Flanigan and Sophia Kittell.
- Discussion included review of applications and qualifications provided by candidates.
- Jennifer Haider formally nominated Sophia Kittell, seconded by Mike Collier.
- Questions and Discussion followed regarding candidate qualifications, community involvement, and alignment with group values.
- VOTE: Aye: Anderson, Collier, Haider, Norris | No: Rowley | Abstain: 0 | Absent: Van Leeuwen | Vacant: 1

G. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:

1. Roadway Considerations

- Jennifer Haider updated on tree removal at 1906 Gopher Canyon and ongoing traffic calming measures.
- Community appreciation noted for efforts to manage roadway safety and beautification.
- Steve Norris reported ongoing community engagement and progress with trash pickup initiatives along local roadways.

2. Ethereal Gardens Wedding Venue

- Scoping process ongoing, detailed discussion around community feedback and concerns.
- Community encouraged to participate actively through official county feedback channels.

H. FUTURE PLANNING:

- Reminder of next regular meeting scheduled for August 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

- Location to remain Bonsall Community Center; continued community engagement strongly encouraged.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned by Chair Anderson at 8:15 PM.
- Appreciation expressed for community participation and constructive dialogue.

Respectfully submitted,

Jared Rowley

Secretary