

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP**

**\*\*\*MEETING MINUTES\*\*\***

**Thursday, January 4, 2018, 4:30 p.m.**

**Borrego Springs Library Meeting Room, 587 Palm Canyon Dr. #125, Borrego Springs, California**

- A. ROLL CALL.** – Call to order was at 4:29 p.m. – Members Present; Chair Rebecca Falk, Secretary David Farley, Bonnie Petrach, Bill Haneline, Judy Haldeman, Clint Brandin and Linda Haddock. No members absent.
- B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2017.** – A request for a motion by the Chair to postpone the approval of the minutes from the December 7<sup>th</sup>. Meeting due to a formatting problem. Haddock so moved and Haldeman seconded. All members voted Aye, motion passed.
- C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:** Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the Group’s jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda. – No members of the public chose to speak.
- D. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. AT&T Wireless Site, Rams Hill Road, PDS2017-MUP-17-020: A major use permit to erect a new monopole style wireless site, a public/semi-public facility, on a 2.5 acre parcel, apn 200-210-23-00, near the water tank at Rams Hill.** Discussion with AT&T representative. – Jon Rodriguez and Vince Voss from MD-7, a company contracted by A.T. and T. were present to give a presentation and take questions from the Group as well as the public in attendance concerning the new cell tower site. Questions ranged from fitting the tower to blend with the environment, an alternative site, to having multiple users as opposed to a single provider. The new site is to provide, for A.T.T users, service on the Montezuma grade and down to the Salton Sea. A vote on this issue will be an action item at the February 1<sup>st</sup>. meeting.
  - 2. Concept Presentation/Discussion and Straw Poll on the possibility of a site plan waiver to build a second story residential addition to a 1280 sq’ commercial building: apn 141-191-15-00, 2307 Stirrup Rd.** Jane Morley, architect, presenting. – Jane presented an architectural rendering of the proposed project that would consist of building a second story on an existing building, creating a residence on top of the commercial building for the owner and family. Chair Falk called for the “straw poll” of members. In favor include Falk, Haldeman, Haddock, Farley, Haneline, Brandin. Opposed was Petrach.
  - 3. Concept Presentation of a Hydroponic Project in shipping containers on fallowed agricultural land with a possible solar extension.** DiGiorgio Road (north end of valley). Bill Berkeley presenting. – Berkley explained that the project would use substantially less water (99%) for small crops such as tomatoes and up to 14 crops per year. Also the project would provide one full time job for every three containers. Chair Falk called for a “straw poll” for the project. The poll was 5 for and two opposed.
- E. ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Elections of Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair to serve through the conclusion of the January, 2019 regular monthly meeting.** – The new officers are Rebecca Falk remains Chair, David Farley remains Secretary. Vice Chair is Clint Brandin. Discussion was made that new Vice Chair Brandin would work with Chair Falk to help him learn about the position if elected chair.
  - 2. Road Maintenance Priorities for 2019, for Dept. of Public Works.** Recommendations from the Ad-Hoc Committee. – Mike Aguilar from field operations, San Diego County Road Maintenance was present to speak upon the list of roads of concern to the Committee. The Committee consisted of Roy Melling, Joe Cussens, Linda Haddock and Bill Haneline. Member Haneline moved to accept the list of roads suggested

for repair by the Committee with Haldeman seconding. Having no opposition, the motion passed and the list will be sent to San Diego Road Maintenance.

**3. Sponsor Group Comment on Draft EIR for PSR's (Property Specific Requests)/General Plan**

**Amendment?:** Two Borrego Springs Projects, Zoning Density Increases, DS8, 141-160-47-00, 34 acres, VR2 to VR4.3 [+ study area parcels 141-160-48-00 (~77 acres) and 141-370-25-00 (~58 acres)] & DS24, Borrego Country Club Estates 169 acres, SR10 to SR1. – The County, having issued new items in regards to the EIRs and PSRs asked if the Sponsor Group would like to reconsider their previous votes on these items; since the votes taken were done without a quorum, a new vote may be called for. Discussion was made concerning water issues in the Valley. Member Haddock moved that the Group vote against any changes in density to DS8 and DS24 as it is the “will of the people” of Borrego Springs with Chair Falk drafting a letter to the County stating such with Brandin seconding. The vote was called and all members voted Aye, no nays. The motion passed.

**F. GROUP BUSINESS:**

**1. Announcements and Correspondence Received**

**2. Discussion Items:** Next Steps from last Minutes, if any, Missing minutes report, Chair & Secretary (9/16, 5/17, 11/17) – Chair Falk will send missing minutes drafts to the Secretary to amend and submit to the County.

**3. Subcommittee Reports:** Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee: BWD draft emergency water shortage documents. Chair Falk gave a report on a letter she was directed to write to the GSPAC (groundwater sustainability plan advisory committee) and is being circulated to all pertinent parties for consideration.

**4. Meeting Updates:** Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission Hearings. – No report.

**5. Borrego Community Plan Review, beginning p. 46, 2.2. – Due to the length of the meeting, no reading of the Community Plan was done but the item will remain as a business item to continue when time allows during a future meeting.**

**G. ADJOURNMENT – Member Petrach moved to adjourn with member Brandin seconding. With no opposition to the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.**

**This report was recorded and transcribed by Secretary David Farley.**

**The next regular meeting will be held February 1, 2018, 4:30 pm, Borrego Springs Library Meeting Room.**

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