

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

SPECIAL MEETING Minutes

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Borrego Springs Library Community Room, 2850 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs, CA

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members present at roll call were Chair Rebecca Falk, Vice Chair Clint Brandin, Secretary Bill Haneline, David Farley, Bonnie Petrach, Judy Haldeman- ABSENT, Linda Haddock- ABSENT Meeting called to order at 4:30

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETINGS OF June 13, 2019

Member Petrach moved that we approve minutes, Seconded by Brandin. Discussion- Chair Falk had a few minor corrections. Vote as amended taken and was unanimous in favor.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

No comments

D. Action Items:

1. DPW SPECIAL EVENTS ORDINANCE UPDATE: The County Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering, has requested our feedback/comments on this item. Jenny Talala and Kenton Jones, from DPW Traffic Engineering, were present to discuss and hear our comments.

Kenton Jones explained about **SEC.72.249.5 Special Events** and the impact on roads in our community. Member Clint Brandin asked about issues that impacted the Borrego Days Parade. Brandin mentioned that “Permits in Hand” *is not very timely and hard to get early and the earlier the better*. Jones said the earliest application date is within 180 days of a specific event. Jones talked at length about events and permits timelines. A question came up about conflicts between 2 groups. An example was brought up about a bicycle event within 2 weeks of the parade. Jones said they wouldn’t likely be conflicting if they weren’t in the same place at the same time. Jones answered questions about “Profit” and “Non-profit” groups wanting event permits. Jones said that a “For Profit” group shall have a “Non-Profit” group involved and that a non-profit group needs to have a direct nexus with the community.

A community member asked Jones if permit holders are required to have their request sent to Sponsor/Planning Groups. Jones said they were not. But if an event is characterized as a large event, the new ordinance would require them to attend and present their event to the Sponsor/Planning group and get on an agenda as notice to the community, so members and the community could ask questions and provide advisory comments if desired. Such comments would be considered, even though a vote would not be necessary.

Another question was about political gatherings and if size mattered. Jones said if they are spontaneous political gatherings, then they have the County’s OK. Special permits are for planned events.

2. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN: Formal Sponsor Group vote on acceptance of the GSP. Jim Bennett, County Hydrogeologist and GSP Core Team member and Geoff Poole, General Manager, Borrego Water District, were present to discuss and answer questions.

After 2 ½ years the Groundwater Sustainably Plan Draft Final comes before the BS CSG thru their representative Rebecca Falk. From the core group Geoff Poole (BWD) started off by giving an overview of another plan called the Stipulated Agreement and how it will agree fundamentally with components of the

GSP. The Stipulated Agreement process started 7 or 8 months ago with the pumpers meeting together and coming up with this. Even with this independent process going on the BS CSG needs to vote on the GSP. Poole pretty much gave the impression that the Pumpers and BWD will go ahead and use the Stipulated Agreement with the GSP becoming the Physical Solution attached to the stipulated judgment. Of course there are other issues that could change the course of this and the GSP will then be submitted to the State. Anyway you look at this, there will be either plan to use to get our overdraft down in 20 years to 5700 acre feet per year from the 19,500 afp that is being drawn out now. Farley asked who is on the Water Master Board and the answer was 1) a community member 2) BWD board member 3) a recreation person 4) an agriculture person 5) 1 SD Co. person. Falk asked Bennett if the Supervisors would vote on the GSP and his answer as the County is looking at the Stipulated Agreement as the future for Borrego Springs and there will be more about that in a month or so. Bennett said the county does not determine if the Stipulated Agreement will be adopted because they are not pumpers. Farley asked about metering and who will read them and if penalties would be handed out by the Judge. The answer is the judge has legal power over pumpers. Community member Duncan would like to see the BSCSG encourage the County to participate in the process and there might be land use issues that will involve them. Chair Falk gave the Group a short overview about how we heard many things about the Stipulated Agreement and that it could fall through and if it doesn't we need the GSP as part of the Physical Solution. Voting for the GSP also satisfies the \$1.5 million grant from the State.

A motion was made by Farley that the BS CSG approve the draft final of the GSP. 2nd by Haneline. Vote- Unanimously in favor.

3. County Parks and Recreation seeks recommendation for which side of Sunset Rd. to locate a shaded walkway from Christmas Circle to the Library Park

Chair Falk read 2 letters from a business owner and an architect who like the addition to the community. But, shade is an issue at different times of the day and different months of the year. There are issues about land ownership and tree issues. During discussion Haneline would like to see the County do a physical year long study on the north and south sides with models. Audience member Diane Johnson said that they did this on the computer. Farley has concerns about driveways. Audience member Kathy Dice would like us to be able to make comments to the County about the shape and style of the covers.

Motion by Petrach to have the cover on the South side with the conditions and consideration talked about. Vote- For Petrach and Haneline, Against Farley, Falk, Brandin

Farley made a motion to have the cover on the North side Vote- Yes,-Brandin Farley, Falk Against- Haneline, Petrach.

E. GROUP BUSINESS:

- 1. Announcements & Correspondence Received:** *Chair Quarterly August Meeting updates:* see two attachments for the update. *Wireless Zoning Ordinance update:* any comments on the items already circulated. *Repair Replace Sidewalks & Curbs, Ernie Bartley update Traffic Engineering, Crosswalk at library (Revitalization).* *Rams Hill Proposal* will be on the October Sponsor Group Agenda: PDS2019-DA-19-001 - Development Agreement Threshold Decision, a proposal to update and extend the Rams Hill Specific Plan that is currently in effect. The proposal is preliminary to an agreement and we will be asked for

comments. See the two maps in the Agenda Packet for a basic idea of this proposal prior to the October meeting. The color pdf is the update; the black and white pdf maps the existing specific plan.

Cathy Milkey talked about Rams Hill Plan to build another golf course and more homes. Will be an action item next month.

The PLDO Subcommittee has been reactivated. Farley made a motion to reactivate the committee consisting of Haldeman as Chair, Haddock, and Farley. 2nd by Brandin. Vote- all in favor.

2. Discussion Items

None

2. **Subcommittee Reports:** Code Compliance . FEMA. Revitalization. GSP Advisory Committee. Integrated Borrego 2040 Plan.

Code Compliance

Petrach said the County will provide us a list monthly that will have 10 code complaints on it and an update. She also read a list of 2 the public is interested in. 855 Tilting T- Owner submitted building and grading permits in February. Certificate of Compliance approved last month. 511 Saddle- burned house. Burned in '07. Property owner has open plan and is in permitting process. Will remove building this fall.

4. Meeting Updates

None

G. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Farley and seconded by Brandin- all members voted aye.

Meeting over at 6:19

The next regular meeting will be held Oct 3, 2019, 4:30 pm, Borrego Springs Library Community Room, 2850 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs, California

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Haneline
Secretary

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