

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 5, 2019 4:30 p.m.

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

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WE REPRESENT YOU WHEN ADVISING THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ON LAND USE ISSUES

- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Meeting called to order at 4:31. Present were Chair Falk, Vice Chair Brandin, Secretary Haneline, Farley, Haldeman, Haddock. Absent- Petrach
- B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF November 7, 2019**
Motion Farley to accept seconded by Brandin. Unanimous vote to approve. Discussion- Falk had some minor changes and the vote was unanimous to accept changes to November minutes.
- C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:** None
- D. ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Presentation from Jim Wermers from the Revitalization Economic Development/Tourism and Infrastructure Committees on the Palm Canyon Drive Vitalization Project.**
Jim Wermers and Richard Orne gave a presentation about their Downtown Revitalization plans to the BS CSG for comments/feedback. There would be major changes to appearance and traffic flow of the downtown area on Palm Canyon Drive from Country Club/Ocotillo Circle to Christmas Circle. Chair Falk opened up discussion starting with the Group.
Questions/clarification- Will the median impact the annual parade? Trees and vegetation along the route, who would pay for water and maintenance? Bump outs into the street with trees, who takes care of those?
Public Questions/clarification – a Crosswalk with stop sign. Would the stop sign be wasted?
Chair Falk asked for a motion. Farley made a motion to support this project being pursued by the County, seconded by Haldeman. Discussion followed;
Angled parking is illegal when the double yellow is crossed over from the opposite direction (resulting in an illegal u-turn). Right now law enforcement ignores this, but with the planned angled parking along the entire length from the Mall to businesses to the east this will not be ignored by law enforcement any longer. *Bike traffic* could be more dangerous with the extended angled parking and views blocked by added trees. *Cross walks* could give false sense of safety. *Extended angled parking* takes away parking for vehicles that for years has been using the unmarked area between the Mall and businesses to the east. School busses, tractor trailers, desert rigs, motor homes, etc. would have to use the 2 streets off Christmas Circle and walk a distance to get to the business they want to visit.
Improvements are more inviting for visitors to stop and walk.
Public comment/question: Who pays for this and cost? Another public member said this is a good idea for downtown. Will the plants be watered? Will the sidewalk extend to the CoC? Will signage at the bottom of the grade be added?
Vote after discussion was a unanimous Aye
 - 2. Election of Sponsor Group Officers for 2020, results to be effective at the end of this meeting.**
Haddock made a motion to have Falk stay on as Chair, seconded by Brandin. Vote – unanimous Aye. Rebecca Falk will stay on as Chair.

Haddock made motion to have Bonnie Petrach as the new Vice-Chair, seconded by Brandin Vote – Unanimous Ayes.

Motion made by Brandin to have Judy Haldeman as Secretary. Seconded by Haddock. Vote was unanimous Ayes. Judy Haldeman will be the new Secretary. Falk asked for a backup if Judy was absent. Everybody but Brandin said they'd do it.

3. Discussion on using our Rules of Order (Rosenberg's) when Sponsor Group discussions become heated. Optional action.

Chair Falk read a section Rosenberg's Rules that dealt with Courtesy and Decorum. Since it is always best for one person to speak at a time, the Chair may ensure that all speakers are first recognized by the Chair before speaking, and any Member can request this. "Point of order" can indicate that this is needed, or "through the Chair". The Chair can also limit the time allotted to speakers, including members of the body, in the interest of time. Motions can also be made to limit debate or call a question (stop debate and vote) but these require a supermajority (double the "no" votes for the number of votes needed to pass). No vote taken.

4. Discussion about how we want to handle minutes. Optional action.

The group would like minutes to be minimal with summary. Haddock made a motion to make the minutes minimal with a summary. Vote was unanimous Ayes.

5. County Planning and Development Services (PDS) Report and Recommendation on the Threshold Decision on the Rams Hill Development Agreement is now out for public review.

Chair Falk brought up that we already voted on this. John Leavitt, project manager with the County gave a short talk on the process of the project.

A public member asked about water and what will be done by Rams Hill. Another asked about length of time to final decision.

E. GROUP BUSINESS:

1. Announcements & Correspondence Received: Correspondence from BWD regarding Master Water Board Community Member.

a) Geoff Poole talked about upcoming meetings for the Stipulated Plan

b) Discussion about a Dollar store might be built in Borrego Springs.

c) Solar Project in triangle in front of La Casa del Zorro. Will be on next month's agenda. A public comment was that they don't like it as they are neighbors.

d) Water Master Board; the CSG GSP Representative will work with GSP AC Representatives for BWD Ratepayers, the Park, and the Stewardship Council to elect a slate of three nominees for the Watermaster Board Community Member and Alternate Community Member. The School District will elect one nominee. Watermaster Board Members representing BWD, Ag and Rec will select the Community and Alternate Members from the slate of four nominees.

e) Land Development Code Comprehensive Update. Workshops being held through the County and Chair Falk will try to get our suggestions to the County.

f) Does our Sponsor Group name make sense to the public or would Planning Group be a better name?

2. Discussion Items: None

3. Subcommittee Reports: Code Compliance: Farley said that a shed that was being built by the La Casa triangle and it has been removed

4. Meeting Updates: Report back from Nov 16 Chair Quarterly Meeting in San Diego.

It would be helpful if Group members read the CEQA document.

5. Policy I-1 Review: Postponed to a later meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Haddock, seconded by Farley. All voted in favor. Meeting over at 6:35

**The next regular meeting will be held January 2, 2020, 4:30 pm, Borrego Springs Library Community Room,
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