

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

***MEETING MINUTES ***

Thursday, January 2, 2020 4:30 p.m.

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

- A. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. Present: Chair Rebecca Falk, Vice-Chair Clint Brandin, Secretary Bill Haneline, David Farley, Linda Haddock, Bonnie Petrach and Judy Haldeman.
- B. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF December 5, 2019** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes. Farley M, Brandin S. Falk had 2 written amendments to the Minutes. MOTION: Approval of the amended Minutes. Farley M, Brandin S. Brandin, Farley, Falk, Haneline and Haldeman Aye. Haddock Nay. Petrach abstained.
- 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. None
- D. **ACTION ITEMS:**
1. **La Casa Solar Project, Administrative Permit for consideration and recommendation.** Mark Linman presented on behalf of La Casa. The permit is for a 750 KW photovoltaic solar energy system at 3845 Yaqui Pass Rd on a 6.72 acre parcel, which is a triangular lot bounded by Yaqui Pass Rd, Borrego Springs Rd, and Deep Well Trail, across from La Casa. The solar array will utilize single axis trackers with 2,322 395W panels, 6 125 KW inverters and related equipment.

Farley commented that this will be in the viewshed of all residents of Deep Well; Haddock commented that while she supports La Casa this project doesn't represent what the community is trying to accomplish; Haldeman stated that this was not acceptable in this location; Petrach stated that there would be safety concerns on this busy intersection; Falk cited safety concerns as well as this location at an entrance to our town. Numerous citizens expressed concerns with property values being affected as well as safety concerns. Linman stated that he would return to La Casa for further discussion regarding this location for the solar array. MOTION: Disapproval of this site and asked that La Casa come back to the Sponsor Group with another location. Final vote will be continued. Brandin M, Haddock S. Unanimous in favor of the motion.
 2. **Update on Dollar Store.** Option to send a letter to the County. The project itself will not be sent by the County to the Sponsor Group for consideration and it is unclear if our thoughts can impact the permit process.

Falk explained that there are currently three permits moving through the county on behalf of the Dollar Store. Numerous citizens spoke against the location of a Dollar Store in our community due to the impact on existing retail businesses and non-compliance with the Community Plan. MOTION: To write a letter to the county on behalf of the Borrego Spring Community Sponsor Group and the community against the Dollar Store. Haneline M, Haldeman S. Unanimous in favor of the motion.
- E. **NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Informational presentation on Save Our San Diego Countryside (SOS) initiative, which will be on the ballot on March 3, 2020. Presenter: Jacqueline Arsivaud, Board member, San Diegans For Managed Growth.

Susan Baldwin presented this on behalf of SOS.

F. GROUP BUSINESS:

- 1. Announcements & Correspondence Received:** Job Opportunities with the US Census toward the end of January, jobs last a few weeks.
- 2. Discussion Items:** Update Stipulation Judgment/Water Plan/Community Member
- 3. Subcommittee Reports:** Code Compliance.
- 4. Meeting Updates:**
- 5. Policy I-1 Review.** Please read pp. 1 through the top of p. 3 in advance for the discussion. Postponed.

G. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Haddock M, Petrach S. Unanimous in favor of the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held February 6, 2020, 4:30 pm, Borrego Springs Library Community Room, 2850 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs, California

Judy Haldeman, Secretary

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