

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 4, 2020 4:30 p.m.

DUE TO RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, WE WILL MEET VIA A SCHEDULED ZOOM MEETING.

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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 was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Present: Chair Rebecca Falk, Vice-Chair Bonnie Petrach, Secretary Judy Haldeman, Bill Haneline, Linda Haddock, Clint Brandin. David Farley absent.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF May 7, 2020

MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of May 7, 2020. Haddock M, Haneline S. Unanimous approval of the Minutes.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (may be limited to 3 min): 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.

D. ACTION ITEMS:

1. PDS2019-AD-19-028 La Casa Del Zorro Solar Project, at the same location as previously proposed, an administrative permit for consideration and recommendation. 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.

Jim Kelly and John Wells explained the rationale for La Casa del Zorro to have chosen this triangle as their preferred location for placement of a solar array and referred interested parties seeking further details to go to lacasadelzorro.com/resort_solar. Falk stated that this administrative permit for La Casa del Zorro will come back to the Sponsor Group for CEQA review. MOTION: To postpone action of this item for CEQA review. Petrach M, Brandin S. Unanimous approval.

2. County presentation on SB 743, which changes the way traffic considerations for projects under CEQA are determined, including updated changes to County policy proposed to the Board of Supervisors. Vote by the BOS on June 24. This may or may not need any action by the BSCSG. County Staff Robb Efrid presenting. Falk thanked Efrid for the presentation and stated that the group would not be taking any action on this item today.

3. County of San Diego Traffic Engineering Special Events 2020 Update. The revised draft ordinance, the environmental questionnaire, and frequently asked questions (FAQ) received from the community during the update process, for review and comments. See materials in the agenda packet. Murali Pasumarthi and Kenton Jones available to answer any questions.

4. Shall Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group meet in July and August since we are meeting via the internet or telephone? We did not meet in July and August in 2019. The group decided to be dark for July and August 2020.

E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Connecting with Community Groups: A Discussion with a Member of the Borrego Valley

Stewardship Council. Dick Troy, BVSC. Community members that would be interested in attending future meetings of the Stewardship Council can contact Martha Deichler at mdeichler@bsusd.net

2. Presentation and Discussion about a possible alternate location for the Dollar General Store. This is not a project that will be formally presented to us by the County of San Diego, but it is of high interest to the community. Second location under consideration is the 3.92 acre lot just west of Jake's Tire Shop on Palm Canyon Drive, west of DiGiorgio Road. Jim Wermers presenting.

Wermers reported that over 1000 residents had signed a petition against the Dollar Store on the original site that was chosen. As a result another site is being considered just west of the AT&T building on Palm Canyon Drive. All members of the Sponsor Group expressed their appreciation for Dollar General's consideration of this alternate location.

F. GROUP BUSINESS:

1. Announcements & Correspondence Received: Traffic Engineering, temporary sign removal; Library Cool Room – open from 8 to 5 when there is a heat advisory; Borrego Springs COVID-19 Task Force letter about financial support for businesses and residents; Next Meeting “Connecting with Community Groups” with BS COVID-19 Task Force; upcoming state legislation , AB 992, about social media and the Brown Act.

2. Discussion Items: Facebook and the Sponsor Group: Balancing 1st Amendment Right, the need for Due Process (no prejudging) on possible upcoming decisions, and avoiding crosstalk under the Brown Act. **Falk stated that Supervisor Jim Desmond had asked Jim Bennett to be the county member of the Watermaster Board.**

3. Subcommittee Reports: Code Compliance

4. Meeting Updates:

5. Policy I-1 Review. Postponed until we can physically meet.

G. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjournment of meeting. Haddock M, Petrach S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held July 2, 2020, 4:30 pm, if the Sponsor Group votes to meet in July at the June Meeting (if not, then the next regular meeting will be held September 3, 2020) via teleconferencing or, if County and State directives allow it, at the Borrego Springs Library Community Room, 2850 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs, California

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Approved September 3, 2020