

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 3, 2020 4:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Rebecca Falk, Secretary Judy Haldeman, Bill Haneline, David Farley, Clint Brandin, Linda Haddock. Vice-Chair Bonnie Petrach absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF 6/4/2020 and the SPECIAL MEETING OF 8/13/2020

MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of June 4, 2020. Farley M, Haneline S. Unanimous approval.

MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 13, 2020. Farley M, Haneline S. Unanimous approval.

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.

Farley commented that there are properties with no legal access that are being sold and owners are using private roads. He has talked with the county but had not received any results. Falk stated that she would check with the county.

D. ACTION ITEMS:

1. CA052 American Legion Borrego Springs Wireless Major Use Permit, PDS2020-MUP-20-008, 4515 Borrego Springs Rd, APN: 200-051-12. The project includes the installation of an 80' foot lattice tower with 17' windmill feature on top within a 60' x 60' CMU block walled equipment compound. The project will consist of multi carriers' antennas on a 97' foot faux windmill. See attachments sent with the agenda packet. Presentation by Debbie DePompei or other representative of IntelliSites.

DePompei stated that a formal application had been made with the county with the only change to the original presentation to relocate the tower just south of the original location. Discussion followed regarding the use of the windmill at the top of the tower. While all 6 members present were in favor of the project, there were two motions that specified project conditions. **MOTION:** To approve this Major Use Permit with the condition that the American Legion make the decision regarding whether to add the windmill feature at the top of the tower. Farley M, Brandin S. **MOTION:** To amend the motion to remove the windmill from the tower. Haddock M, Haneline S. This last motion failed. The vote was 3 for (Falk, Haddock and Haneline) and 3 against (Brandin, Farley and Haldeman). Vote on original motion. Farley, Brandin, Haldeman and Haddock voted aye. Falk and Haneline voted nay.

2. Request for a letter of support for the Stewardship Council's application to the Department of Conservation for a grant to support outreach and community visioning work in preparation for the Community Plan update process. See letter in the agenda packet. David Garmon and others presenting for the Stewardship Council.

Garmon stated that the Stewardship Council had already received some letters of support from the community and were requesting a letter of support from the Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group. This grant will provide up to \$150,000 to support an outreach effort to create the widest tent possible to receive input for the updated Borrego Springs Community Plan process over the next two years. **MOTION:** To write a letter of support for this grant application. Haldeman M, Haneline S. Falk, Brandin, Haneline and Haldeman voted aye. Haddock nay. (Farley was temporarily off ZOOM for this vote.

3. Request for Sponsor Group signature of support on a letter to SDGE from the Borrego Minister's Association, asking for financial relief for Borregans who are experiencing economic hardship under COVID-19. See letter in agenda packet. Judy Haldeman presenting.

Haddock and Haneline did not think this fell under the purview of the Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group. MOTION: To add the name of the Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group to the letter to SDG&E. Haldeman M, Brandin S. Falk, Brandin, Farley and Haldeman voted aye. Haddock and Haneline voted nay.

4. Discussion and vote on increasing the number of Sponsor Group seats from seven to nine, as long as there are sufficient applicants by the November meeting that the Group would like to recommend. If so, Chair is to formally request this of Supervisor Desmond/San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

MOTION: To increase the membership from seven to nine members. Farley M, Haldeman S. Falk, Brandin, Haneline, Farley and Haldeman voted aye. Haddock nay.

E. GROUP BUSINESS:

1. Announcements & Correspondence Received: Update on any Sponsor Group applications received Falk will get an announcement of Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group vacancies into the Borrego Sun. Falk announced that there were PLDO funds available for the Borrego Springs Park and suggested that the park subcommittee convene to suggest priorities for the use of this money in the park.

2. Discussion Items:

3. Subcommittee Reports: Code Compliance

4. Meeting Updates:

F. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn this meeting. Farley M, Haneline S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held October 1, 2020, 4:30 pm via teleconferencing or, if County and State directives allow it, at the Borrego Springs Library Community Room, 2850 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs, California