

# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

## \*\*\*MEETING MINUTES\*\*\*

Thursday, November 5 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.**

**THE PUBLIC IS ALWAYS WELCOME TO OUR MEETINGS  
WE REPRESENT YOU WHEN ADVISING THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ON LAND USE ISSUES**

### A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF 10/1/20 and the Special Meeting of 10/15/20

**MOTION:** Approval of the Minutes of October 1, 2020. Farley M, Haddock S. Correction to change wording to Secretary for Judy Haldeman. Unanimous approval. **MOTION:** Approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting of October 15, 2020. Haddock M, Petrach S. Falk added a few sentences of clarification to the wording. 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. Scot Martin expressed concern for the speed of traffic on roads in Borrego Springs and also asked what could be done about some of the burned out homes that had not been razed. He also had a concern about trash burning.

### D. ACTION ITEMS:

**1. Sunset Road Pedestrian Gap Improvement Project.** These ideas and plans have been worked on under different names for ten+ years locally in Borrego Springs. Known as the Downtown Palm Canyon Drive County Sidewalk and Traffic Flow Plan more recently in Revitalization Infrastructure Committee work, this project proposal brings together County Park plans for the Shadeway between the Library Park and Xmas Circle and previous work on a sidewalk plan. Richard Orne's Palm Canyon Drive Conceptual Plan that he created for the Borrego Village Association incorporated earlier sidewalk plan work, which also predated the Pocket Park tree plantings along Palm Canyon Drive. So this is long in coming and in being funded and many hands have worked over the years to make this happen. **Sambath Chrun, San Diego County Dept of Public Works Project Manager, will present to the Sponsor Group the conceptual plans for Palm Canyon Drive from their consultant for comments and a letter of support.**

Chrun stated that \$1,025,000 of One Time Only funds were available for design and construction of this project. Lawrence Thornburgh was also present to answer questions about lighting for the proposed crosswalks. Haddock commented that she had concerns about marked crosswalks and wondered if the county staff had had any discussions with the Christmas Circle board or the local Sheriff's office regarding this proposed project. She also expressed a preference for the sidewalk on Sunset being located on the east side of the street. Elaine Tulving stated that safety is her main concern and supported the crosswalk proposal. Diane Johnson stated that she is comfortable with staff from the county making this decision on crosswalks. Brandin suggested possible alternatives to the crosswalk design to avoid the island configuration proposed. John Peterson and Kathy Dice supported the embedded lights option for the

crosswalks. Betsy Knaak commented that she would like to have a crosswalk from the liquor store to the Nature Center. Haneline commented that he is in favor of the embedded lights for the crosswalks. Jim Wermers stated that he is in favor of the island configuration for the crosswalks in order to give pedestrians a chance for a safe landing and suggested that a crosswalk between the Mall and the Center would be helpful as well. Haddock asked that the county meet with Jim Wilson from the Christmas Circle board as well as the sheriff. Chrunch agreed to do that and will come back to the Sponsor Group at a later date for further discussion.

**2. Vote on recommendations for expiring seats on the Sponsor Group.** Procedure will be first public statements from all applicants and from members with expiring seats who wish to continue to serve (why each wants to be on the Sponsor Group and what each brings to the position), including Q & A's, followed by votes on expiring seats by seat number. Since one applicant has requested being considered for all four expiring seats as well as for the potential two new seats, in order to be as fair as possible, the votes on each expiring seat will be called for the person currently holding the seat and all new applicants, in alphabetical order.

Vote for Clint Brandin, Bill Berkley, Viki Cole, Jim Dax, Julie Gerson, Nancy McRae and John Peterson for Seat #1. Unanimous approval of Brandin to retain his seat on the Sponsor Group.

Vote for Bill Haneline, Bill Berkley, Viki Cole, Jim Dax, Julie Gerson, Nancy McRae and John Peterson for Seat #5. Falk, Petrach, Haldeman, Haneline, Farley and Brandin voted for Haneline. Haddock voted for Bill Berkley. Haneline will retain his seat on the Sponsor Group.

Vote for Judy Haldeman, Bill Berkley, Viki Cole, Jim Dax, Julie Gerson, Nancy McRae and John Peterson for Seat #9. Unanimous approval of Haldeman to retain her seat on the Sponsor Group.

Vote for Bonnie Petrach, Bill Berkley, Viki Cole, Jim Dax, Julie Gerson, Nancy McRae and John Peterson for Seat #11. Unanimous approval for Petrach to retain her seat on the Sponsor Group.

**3. Vote on recommendations for the two proposed new seats on the Sponsor Group.** The Sponsor Group voted on September 3rd to recommend adding two new seats to the Group. This recommendation and our recommendation for two applicants to fill those seats will need to be approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, which will make the appointments. A vote on recommendations for the two proposed new seats will occur first for seat A and then for seat B (we won't have seat numbers until the Board of Supervisors decides to expand our group and assigns seat numbers). Certified applicants for the proposed new seats are, in alphabetical order: Bill Berkley, Viki Cole, James Dax, Julie Gerson, Nancy McRae and John Peterson. Each Sponsor Group Member will vote for one person for seat A and one for seat B.

MOTION: To recommend two new members. Petrach M, Haneline S. Unanimous approval. Each member of the Sponsor Group recommended two names to fill the new Seat A and B. Brandin recommended Bill Berkley and Viki Cole; Haneline recommended John Peterson and Julie Gerson; David Farley recommended John Peterson and Julie Gerson; Linda Haddock recommended Bill Berkley and Viki Cole; Haldeman recommended John Peterson and Jim Dax; Petrach recommended John Peterson and Nancy McRae; Falk recommended John Peterson and Julie Gerson. John Peterson received five votes and was elected to Seat A. Each member of the Sponsor Group then voted for one person to fill Seat B.

Brandin recommended Bill Berkley, Farley recommended Julie Gerson, Haldeman recommended Jim Dax, Haneline recommended Julie Gerson, Haddock recommended Bill Berkley, Falk recommended Julie Gerson, Petrach recommended Julie Gerson. Julie Gerson received four votes and will fill Seat B.

**4. Discussion and possible vote on whether to recommend increasing the Sponsor Group by two additional seats, which would bring the total of recommended additional seats to four and Sponsor Group seats to 11. We currently have seven seats and have already recommended increasing that number to nine.** If a recommendation to do this is agreed to by the Sponsor Group, the additional seats would then be publicly noticed.

MOTION: To increase the number of seats on the Sponsor Group to the number of current applicants. Haddock M, Brandin S. Falk suggested that we wait until the two new members are seated and consider adding more seats later. Farley agreed that we should move forward with the two members seated today. VOTE: Falk, Petrach, Haldeman, Farley and Haneline voted nay. Brandin and Haddock voted aye. Motion fails.

**E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

**F. GROUP BUSINESS:**

- 1. Announcements & Correspondence Received:** Follow-up email on Subdivision Ordinance question
- 2. Discussion Items:**
- 3. Subcommittee Reports:** Code Compliance if available
- 4. Meeting Updates:**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: To adjourn meeting. Farley M, Brandin S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**The next regular meeting will be held December 3, 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**

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