

# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

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

Thursday, December 3, 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, David Farley, Bill Haneline. **Absent:** Clint Brandin, Linda Haddock.

### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF 11/5/2020

MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of 11/5/2020. Petrach M, Farley 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.

Petrach reported that the county had approved funds for emergency rental relief and that more information could be found at [www.sdhcd.org](http://www.sdhcd.org). Bob Krasowski commented that he had been participating in a ZOOM meeting regarding the new covered shadeway and that he had objected to the expenditure of \$650,000 for this project. He said that he was not invited to continue participating due to his comments in the meeting.

### D. ACTION ITEMS:

**1. Presentation on the County of San Diego Renewable Energy Overlay Project.** This project was presented to Community Planning/Sponsor Group Chairs at the November 7, 2020 quarterly meeting. It has to do with what areas in San Diego County large renewable energy projects could be located and would involve a zoning code update based on the map and recommendations generated by the consultant hired by SD County. This update will be on the BOS Agenda on December 9<sup>th</sup>, so this is our chance to provide comments and a formal response if we choose to do that prior to that meeting. The updated version of the map in the agenda packet will be shown. Don Chase, SD County Advance Planning and Timothy Vertino presenting. Kathy Dice and Julie Gertsen commented that it would be preferred to locate these facilities on land that has already been disturbed. John Peterson commented that these should be located outside of the Borrego Valley. Bill Haneline stated that the viewshed of the Borrego Valley should be considered as tourism is important to the valley. Rebecca Falk stated that she was opposed to concentrated solar in general and suggested that solar be located on the rooftops in all of San Diego. MOTION::To send a letter to the Board of Supervisors with comments. Farley M, Petrach S. Unanimous approval.

### **2. Presentation on the County of San Diego Update on Streamlining Progress Report, including updates on CEQA Submittal Requirements, Final Engineering Flexibility, and Expanding Exemption Checklists.**

These presentations were also presented at the Chair Quarterly Meeting on November 7, 2020 and include CEQA submittal requirements to streamline drainage and stormwater requirements, expanded checklist exemptions beyond those we previously knew about that shift discretionary permits to

ministerial ones. On 12/9, PDS will provide an update on progress to implement the streamlining options directed by the BOS in February. Mark Slovick, PDS Deputy Director and staff presenting.

**3. Nominations and Votes to determine officers for 2021 for the following positions: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.** MOTION: That current Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary retain their positions for the coming year. Haneline M, Haldeman S. Unanimous approval.

**E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:** None.

**F. GROUP BUSINESS:**

**1. Announcements & Correspondence Received:** Annual Sponsor Group Training “in-person” online dates are Saturday, December 12, 2020, Saturday, January 9, 2021 and Saturday, February 6, 2021, all from 8:30 am – 1 pm, with advance RSVPs required. Recommended Appointment/Reappointment update, if any. Correspondence from Nancy McRae regarding the Nov 20 agenda item on the Downtown/Sunset Road Sidewalk Improvements presentation--see agenda packet. Scot Martin and Elaine Tulving suggested a slower speed limit around Christmas Circle. Farley suggested that solar be added to the shadeway on Sunset Road.

**2. Discussion Items:** None.

**3. Subcommittee Reports:** Code Compliance, if any; PLDO (Park Lands Dedication Ordinance) Priority update, if any.

**4. Meeting Updates:** None.

**G. ADJOURNMENT** MOTION: To adjourn meeting. Farley M, Petrach S. Unanimous approval.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

**The next regular meeting will be held January 7, 2021, 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**