

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 7, 2021 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** Chair Rebecca Falk, Vice-Chair Bonnie Petrach, Secretary Judy Haldeman, Clint Brandin and Bill Haneline present. David Farley absent.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF 12/3/2020** MOTION: Approval of Minutes of 12/3/2020. Petrach 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. None
- 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. This item was continued (decision postponed) at the January 2020 Sponsor Group Meeting with a request to relocate the project, and a recommendation was deferred at the June 2020 Sponsor Group Meeting until technical reports as part of the environmental review were completed. Project has been resubmitted for consideration before the reports are completed, but reports to date were provided by Mark Linman. County Project Manager Regina Ochoa will be present. Mark Linman, Consultant for La Casa Del Zorro, presenting.
Jim Kelly, Project Developer, stated that there would be substantial setbacks from the roads around this project and that it would be fully fenced. Falk asked the presenters to come back to the Sponsor Group if there were any changes to the fencing, sight distance, etc. MOTION: Recommendation that this project go forward to the county. Haldeman M, Brandin S. Unanimous approval.
 - 2. Brief on the San Diego County Water Authority's proposed Regional Water Conveyance System, which currently has a preferred path through Borrego Springs to bring Colorado River Water to San Diego. No action required.** David Garmon, President, Tubb Canyon Desert Conservancy and John Peterson, Certified Hydrogeologist, presenting. Garmon outlined the costs of construction for this project as well as the timeline and impacts to Borrego Springs and the surrounding valley. Brandin asked if there were any positive aspects of this project for Borrego Springs and both Garmon and Peterson said that in their opinion there were none.
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Update on the Sponsor Group request to Supervisor Jim Desmond to forward our recommendation to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to expand the Sponsor Group by two seats and to seat two recommended applicants. Information still being gathered as of the writing of this agenda.** Chair Rebecca Falk presenting. Falk stated that Desmond had suggested that our group remain at 7

members or increase by 6 for a total of 13. Falk stated that she had received a letter of resignation from Linda Haddock.

- 2. Discussion/Reminder from the annual Sponsor/Community Planning Group Training about non-agendized items including those under Group Business/Correspondence: Action or discussion of non-agenda items by planning/sponsor groups is prohibited. For non-agenda items, Groups may:**
 - Place the item on a future agenda
 - Ask a question for clarification
 - Make a brief announcement
 - Make a brief report on activities
 - Provide a reference for factual information
 - Ask to report back at a subsequent meeting.**Also, once all members have taken the annual training this year, we'll talk again about ad hoc versus standing committee meetings and requirements for those.**

F. GROUP BUSINESS:

- 1. Announcements & Correspondence Received:** Annual Sponsor Group Training "in-person" online dates are Saturday, January 9, 2021 and Saturday, February 6, 2021, from 8:30 am – 1 pm, with advance RSVPs required or requested. Reappointment letters from the County should have been received; if not, please let the Chair know. Report on correspondence regarding putting street numbers on street signs. Update on Palm Canyon Sidewalks Project in process, will be given at Feb meeting if ready. Correspondence from the County of San Diego's Community Action Partnership, with an invitation and raffle to participate in a community needs assessment online survey included in the agenda packet.
- 2. Discussion Items:** None.
- 3. Subcommittee Reports:** Code Compliance, if any; PLDO (Park Lands Dedication Ordinance) Priority update, if any. Falk announced that the county will be working on getting address number ranges on street signs in Borrego Springs.
- 4. Meeting Updates:** None.

- G. ADJOURNMENT MOTION: To adjourn meeting. Haneline M, Haldeman S. Unanimous approval.**
Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held February 4, 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

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