

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 4, 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.** Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. Present: Chair Rebecca Falk, Vice-Chair Bonnie Petrach, Secretary Judy Haldeman, Bill Haneline, Clint Brandin, David Farley.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF 2/4/2020 MOTION:** Approval of the Minutes of February 4, 2021. Brandin M, Haneline S. Falk, Petrach, Haldeman, Haneline and Brandin voted aye. Farley abstained as he was not present at that meeting.
- 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. Re-Vote to recommend an applicant for noticed Sponsor Group vacancy for seat #6 since the vote last month can be interpreted as needing a majority of remaining seat-holders rather than a majority of remaining seat-holders who were present.** Procedure will be: Sponsor Group vote, with applicants named in reverse chronological order by last name, until all members have voted. Additional rounds if necessary will be held until one applicant has four or more votes. As of publishing this agenda, there are four applicants: John Peterson, Julie Gerson, James Dax and Bill Berkley.
Vote to fill vacancy by roll call. Falk – John Peterson, Petrach – Julie Gerson, Haldeman – John Peterson, Haneline – John Peterson, Brandin – Bill Berkley, Farley – John Peterson. Peterson will be the applicant forwarded to the county.
 - 2. Update on the Sponsor Group request to Supervisor Jim Desmond about expanding our group with our recommendations. Discussion and vote on whether to accept the Supervisor's offer to expand the Sponsor Group by four new seats.**
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Cannabis.html> held by the four remaining applicants for those seats. Those applicants are the three remaining after the vote to fill seat #6 is held and Nancy McRae.
MOTION: To expand membership by 4 additional seats. Brandin M, Falk S. Falk commented that the desire was to expand by 2 seats. Falk, Haldeman and Brandin voted in favor of the motion. Petrach, Haneline and Farley voted against. Another vote was taken after some discussion. Falk and Brandin voted in favor. Petrach, Haldeman, Haneline and Farley voted against. Motion failed.
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Update on the Board of Supervisors Directive on Cannabis cultivation, dispensaries, and environmental justice component.** County Staff will provide a presentation on this topic at the April 1st Sponsor Group meeting. See Agenda Packet and the County web page:
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Cannabis.html>

Falk gave a brief report from the Chair meeting that she attended on Cannabis on February 11, 2021. Comments were heard from concerned citizens outside of Borrego Springs as well as Elena Thompson, Bill Berkley and Michael Trueman. Falk asked that comments at the April 1, 2021 meeting focus on Borrego Springs specifically, but that she would allow those outside of Borrego Springs to comment with a limit of 2 minutes.

F. GROUP BUSINESS:

- 1. Announcements & Correspondence Received:**
- 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 6:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held April 1, 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