

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 1, 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**, Welcome New Group Member John Peterson. Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. Present Rebecca Falk, Bonnie Petrach, Judy Haldeman, Clint Brandin, Bill Haneline, David Farley, and John Peterson.
- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF 03/4/2020.** MOTION: Approval. 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.
- D. **ACTION ITEMS:**
NOTE: Anticipating an increased number of members of the public who will want to speak on the action items on this agenda, the following procedure is being used. To be placed on a list of speakers, please call or email Vice-Chair Bonnie Petrach at bonniepetrach@ymail.com, 619-504-6197. Out of area speakers will be limited to two minutes, local speaker to three minutes, and depending on the number of speakers, we may have to limit all speakers to two minutes. Those who don't sign up in advance can use the chat feature on zoom during the meeting and will be put at the end of the list as time allows.
- 1. Downtown Sidewalk Improvements 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 presentation by Sambath Chrun, San Diego County Dept of Public Works Project Manager, will provide an update on the conceptual plans for Palm Canyon Drive, having incorporated recent public comments.
Sam Chrun from San Diego County Public Works presented this item along with Larry Thornburgh from Traffic. The schedule for this project is Board approval on June 21, bidding and award in Fall of 2021, beginning construction winter of 2021 and estimated completion summer of 2022. As suggested from John Peterson, Chrun agreed to contact the Fire Chief. MOTION: To support this project with the condition that fire department was contacted for input. Peterson M, Haneline S. Falk, Haldeman, Brandin, Haneline, Farley and Peterson voted aye. Petrach nay.
 - 2. Update on the Board of Supervisors Directive on Cannabis cultivation, dispensaries, and environmental justice component.** Project Manager Donald Chase and County Staff will provide a presentation on this topic with Q & A's, including a new timeline and extension to consider different approaches to environmental reviews. See the County web page: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Cannabis.html>. MOTION: To deny in Borrego Springs. Farley M. Motion dies for lack of second.
 - 3. La Casa Del Zorro Solar Project Environmental Review Public Comment Period.**

The environmental documents will be posted on the County CEQA Public Review webpage on Thursday, March 25th, the beginning of a 30 day public review period, see:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa_public_review.html. Individuals and/or the Sponsor Group may make comments to the County during this period. Regina Ochoa, County Project Manager, will be present to answer any questions, as well as a representative from La Casa Del Zorro. Mark Linman presented on behalf of La Casa along with John Wells and Jim Kelley. No action taken by Sponsor Group.

E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Creation of two Standing Subcommittees of the Sponsor Group. At the May 6 meeting of the Sponsor Group, the Chair will be announcing the formation of two standing committees including nominations of SG members and members of the public who will serve, and will seek concurrence of the Sponsor Group for these committees. One will have to do with water matters as they impact land use and planning and the second will have to do with tracking the many general plan changes, programs, zoning and ordinance changes coming through the County of San Diego and advising the Chair/Sponsor Group on which ones need a public presentation and closer look by the SG. Chair will be accepting requests from interested SG members and members of the public, and nominations by the Chair will be announced and will need concurrence of a majority vote at the May 6th SG meeting to affirm appointments. **NOTE: Per Policy I-1 Subcommittee Chairs must be members of the SG; no more than 50% of SG members can serve on a subcommittee; all members of a subcommittee may vote on subcommittee matters, but only SG members may vote at SG meetings; Chair will provide a written outline of purpose and scope of activities of each subcommittee; each subcommittee Chair will be responsible for keeping records of actions and reports of the subcommittee and shall submit these actions and reports to the SG on a regular basis; a subcommittee Chair shall not act as a spokesperson of the SG unless authorized to do so in writing by the Chair or by the SG as shown in the official minutes; Standing committees have fixed meeting schedules, are ongoing, have a continuing subject matter, are open to the public, and are noticed in the newspaper where possible (library and email); meetings are subject to Policy I-1 and the Brown Act.**

Falk suggested that John Peterson chair the committee on water matters and that Falk would chair the committee tracking the general plan.

2. New Environmental Justice Element of the General Plan, draft available for review at: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/GPUUpdate2021/EJElement.html>. Public comment period through April 12th, update at BOS meeting on April 7th, Planning Commission Hearing on 4/16th. There may be an opportunity to add to the currently listed EJ communities after the summer.

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 the meeting. Petrach M, Haldeman S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.¹

The next regular meeting will be held May 6, 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

If this Agenda is revised, a revised copy will be posted 72 or more hours prior to the meeting. The final Agenda may include additional Administrative or Non-Action items. For further information and to be added to the Sponsor Group email list to receive agendas and agenda packets, contact the Chair at rebfalk7@gmail.com. Address U.S. mail to: Community Sponsor Group, P.O. Box 1371, Borrego Springs, CA 92004-1371, or visit: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/gpupdate/comm/borrego.html>.

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