

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 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.**

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- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Chair Rebecca Falk, Vice-Chair Bonnie Petrach, Secretary Judy Haldeman, Clint Brandin, Bill Haneline, David Farley, John Peterson present.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF October 7, 2021** MOTION: Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2021. Farley M, Peterson S. Falk asked to have language added under E. 1. "that members informally expressed appreciation for the Stewardship Council efforts." Farley M, Peterson S motion as amended. 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.** Bob Krasowski asked what had become of his suggestion to add DiGiorgio Road to the Road Maintenance Standing Committee list. Falk responded that she would follow up with the county on that suggestion.
- D. ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Discussion about whether to continue to meet virtually or some other way in December.**
*The Borrego Springs Covid-19 Task Force currently makes the following recommendation:
Meet in person only if*
 - all are vaccinated*
 - rates of infection are low in the area*
 - some distancing is possible*
 - masks on all*
 - If not all are vaccinated, don't meet in person.*If the Sponsor Group decides to continue to meet virtually, then the following would apply. MOTION: To continue to meet via Zoom for another month. Haneline M, Petrach S. MOTION: To use official language from county. Falk M, Peterson S. **Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), a motion to find the legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency and state and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.** Unanimous approval.
 - 2. Changing our meeting time to accommodate working members of the community.** There are 27 Community Groups/Sponsor Groups in San Diego County. Twenty of them meet at 7 pm, one at 7:30 pm, two at 6:30 pm, two at 6 pm, one (Borrego Springs) meets at 4:30 pm, and one doesn't publish a meeting time. Shall we change our meeting time so those who work can attend our meetings? What time is best? The library can accommodate an evening meeting. MOTION: To continue meeting at 4:30 p.m. Farley M, Brandin S. Diane Johnson commented that the Community Plan meetings may change attendance at the Sponsor Group meetings and suggested that we look at this again in 6 months. Bruce Durbin and Julie Gerson both expressed a preference for later meetings due to their work schedules. MOTION: To amend previous motions to revisit this item in 3 months. Farley M, Brandin S. Unanimous approval.
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **County of San Diego will be back on our agenda in December regarding Smart Growth Alternatives and incentives/disincentives we might want to suggest for our VMT efficient area, yet to be finalized. post-covid movement of professionals to outlying areas, now able to work from home, as an encouragement for developers seeking to build housing and to help build up our downtown area? Also for discussion, the idea of asking the County to include post office street delivery twice a week as part of the Climate Action Plan to encourage less need for frequent vehicle miles traveled to the post office.** Farley suggested the addition of a possible golf cart lane and Petrach suggested that this be raised at the meeting in December with the county so that they can do the research regarding golf carts.

F. GROUP BUSINESS:

1. **Announcements and Correspondence Received:** FEMA Forum cancelled for Nov 9th, will be rescheduled for January or February.
2. **Discussion Items:** Falk said that SANDAG had responded to the County of San Diego's comment letter on the Regional Transportation System draft. This is the link for more information: <https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?meetingID=5899&fuseaction=meetings.detail>. Petrach reported that she had spoken with the sheriff and that he had asked that 18 wheelers not be allowed on Montezuma Grade and that the county had refused to support his request. Falk stated that she would try to get someone from the county to come and talk with the Sponsor Group about this issue.
3. **Subcommittee Reports:** Any subcommittee reports.
4. **Meeting Updates:** See next subcommittee meeting notices at the end of this agenda.

G. ADJOURNMENT MOTION: To adjourn meeting. Farley M, Peterson S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 2, 4:30 pm (unless the meeting time is changed at the November 4th meeting) at the Borrego Springs Library Community Room, 2850 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs, California or via Zoom and possibly in person with a telephone/virtual option.

UPCOMING STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

County Programs and Regulations (CPRS), November 15, 4:30 pm. Email Chair Rebecca Falk at rebfalk7@gmail.com to be put on the email list for the agenda and link to attend.

Water and Land Use, November 17th, 3:00 pm, email Chair John Peterson at petersonenv@hotmail.com to be put on the email list for the agenda and link to attend.

Road Maintenance, TBA, email chair Bill Haneline at desertwrx15@gmail.com to be put on the agenda email list. The public can submit suggestions for roads in Borrego Springs that need road resurfacing to the Sponsor Group's Road Maintenance Standing Committee. Any suggestions for next year's recommendations should be sent to Bill Haneline at desertwrx15@gmail.

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