

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 3, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

(Note: this is a new meeting time)

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 5:00 p.m. Chair Rebecca Falk, Vice-Chair Bonnie Petrach, Secretary Judy Haldeman, Clint Brandin, Bill Haneline, David Farley and John Peterson present.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF January 6, 2022** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of January 6, 2022. Peterson M, Haneline S. Petrach, Brandin and Farley abstained from the vote as they were not present at this meeting. Falk, Haneline, Peterson and Haldeman voted aye.
- 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.** Kelly McCormick commented against cannabis legislation being considered by the Board of Supervisors.
- D. ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. La Casa Del Zorro Solar Project Fencing Beautification, second check-in since project approval.** John Wells will present for La Casa. Wells stated that La Casa is ready to start installing mounts and panels and that the minor deviation in size was approved.
 - 2. SDGE presentation of Microgrid upgrades, Borrego Hydrogen Energy Storage Project, and the TL686 Fire Hardening Project here. Requested by the Revitalization Infrastructure Committee.** Dallin Young, SDGE Public Affairs Manager and team presenting. Brandin commented that the power outages in Borrego Springs has negatively impacted local businesses. Lawrence Abcede responded that there is only one transmission line serving Borrego Springs and that service should improve when microgrid is completed.
 - 3. Discussion about whether to continue to meet virtually or some other way in March. If the Sponsor Group decides to continue to meet virtually, then the following would apply.**
Item: Continuance of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)
Motion to be considered, if made:
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. Farley M, Peterson S. Farley volunteered to check with the library regarding hybrid capabilities for next meeting. Unanimous approval.
 - 4. Dissolve Road Maintenance Standing Subcommittee.** MOTION: To dissolve this standing committee. Peterson M, Petrach S. Unanimous approval.
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Report on current water matters (Prop 68/WMB/BWD), any other. Member(s) of the Sponsor Group's Water Subcommittee presenting.** Falk reported that there are funds available that could provide a large injection of funds into the valley.
 - 2. Federal infrastructure funding for broadband projects.** Sanjiv Nanda, Borrego Revitalization, Infrastructure Subcommittee, presenting on the formation of a local broadband task force to bring this benefit to Borrego.
 - 3. Chair's Report: Report back on query to Supervisor Jim Desmond about expanding membership after the Dec SG meeting, Board of Supervisor Meetings, possibly other.** Falk reported that Supervisor Jim Desmond is considering an addition of 2 members to the Sponsor Group rather than the 4 that he was suggesting earlier.
- F. GROUP BUSINESS:**

1. Announcements and Correspondence Received: Haneline reported that Frank Arbello from the county had stated that the DiGiorgio Road project could begin in the summer or fall of this year.

2. Discussion Items:

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 this meeting. Peterson M, Farley S. Unanimous approval. Respectfully submitted by Secretary Judy Haldeman.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2022, 5 pm 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.

Approved March 3, 2022