

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 3, 2022, 5:00 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 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Chair Rebecca Falk, John Peterson, Bill Haneline, David Farley and Secretary Judy Haldeman present.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF February 3, 2022 and February 16, 2022** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of February 3, 2022. Farley M, Peterson S. Unanimous approval. MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of Special Meeting on February 16, 2022. Haneline M, Peterson 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.** Bill Berkley commented on an article in the Borrego Sun of February 17, 2022 regarding the hydrogen project proposed by SDG&E and the amount of water that will be used with this project. Peterson agreed to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Water Subcommittee. Elena Thompson expressed concern about following standards for citrus and possible burning of the trees; she asked the Sponsor Group to look into following as a possible land use issue.
- D. ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. La Casa Del Zorro Solar Project Fencing Beautification, progress report post project approval and beginning of buildout.** John Wells will present for La Casa. Wells announced that the posts are in place and the panels are being hung on the posts. Fencing will be up to the county. Coastal Sage will be the consultant for landscaping the project.
 - 2. Vote on filling two Sponsor Group vacancies:** Seat #1 (formerly held by Clint Brandin) and Seat #11 (formerly held by Bonnie Petrach). Interested applicants with certified applications will speak for five minutes each prior to any discussion and voting. Julie Gerson and Bruce Durbin were nominated for the two vacant positions on the Sponsor Group. Peterson, Falk, Haldeman and Haneline cast a vote for Julie Gerson and Farley cast a vote for Bill Berkley. Gerson appointed by a vote of 4-1. Peterson, Falk, Haneline and Haldeman cast a vote for Bruce Durbin and Farley cast a vote for Bill Berkley. Durbin appointed by a vote of 4-1.
 - 3. Vote on who will replace former Vice-Chair Petrach as Vice-Chair for the Sponsor Group** MOTION: To appoint John Peterson for the position of Vice-Chair. Farley M, Haneline S. Unanimous approval.
 - 4a. Report from David Farley on setting up a hybrid in-person/virtual option for our meetings.** The group consensus was to begin hybrid meetings as soon as the infrastructure is in place.
 - 4b. Discussion about whether to continue to meet virtually or some other way in April. We also have the option, per the County, of authorizing the Chair to decide based on public health guidelines at the time of publishing the agenda whether or not to meet only virtually, and then getting Sponsor Group agreement at the next meeting. 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. MOTION: To continue virtual meeting for April. Farley M, Haldeman S. Unanimous approval.
 - 5. Update on query to Supervisor Jim Desmond about expanding membership after the Dec SG meeting and discussion with possible action about whether or not to continue to pursue increasing the number of Sponsor Group seats by 2, increasing our 7 seats to 9 seats and update/vote on recommendation to fill those seats.**

MOTION: To expand membership by 2 members. Farley M, Peterson S. Unanimous approval. MOTION: To appoint Nancy McRae for one new position. Peterson, Falk, Haneline, Farley and Haldeman voted aye. Unanimous approval. Role call vote for second new position: Farley voted for Bill Berkley. Haneline, Peterson, Falk and Haldeman voted for Jim Dax. 4-1 to appoint Jim Dax. Bill Berkley will remain in consideration for the next vacant seat on the Sponsor Group.

E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

F. GROUP BUSINESS:

1. **Announcements and Correspondence Received:**

2. **Discussion Items: Carryover from Special Meeting on 2/16: Policy I-1 Purview of SG/Rosenberg's Rules, p. 7 on methods/reasons to interrupt a discussion if needed. See agenda packet, link at top of this agenda.**

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, Haneline S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Judy Haldeman

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 7, 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.

UPCOMING STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

County Programs and Regulations (CPRS), Monday, March 21, 2022, TBD. 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, Wed. March 23, 2022, 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, email Bill Haneline at desertwrx15@gmail.com with any comments related to road maintenance.. The public can submit suggestions for roads in Borrego Springs that need road resurfacing.