

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 7, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Agenda Packet at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1P7tInFSmB3NWlaKZPIPOmOpUoHxINMvc?usp=sharing>

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- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.** Welcome of new Sponsor Group Members appointed by the Board of Supervisors, (to be seated after required annual training is completed). Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Chair Rebecca Falk, Vice-Chair John Peterson, Bill Haneline, David Farley Bruce Durbin, Julie Gerson and Secretary Judy Haldeman present.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF March 3, 2022** MOTION: Approval of the minutes of March 3, 2022. Farley M, Peterson S. The following additional language regarding following was added to these Minutes under Public Communication. Elena Thompson expressed concern about following standards for citrus and possible burning of trees and asked the Sponsor Group to look into following as a possible land use issue. MOTION: To approve the Minutes of March 3, 2022 as amended. Farley M, Peterson S. Falk, Peterson, Haneline, Farley and Haldeman voted aye. Durbin and Gerson abstained. Motion passes.
- 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 and Kathleen Lippet spoke against marijuana dispensaries. Bob Krasowski commented that he disapproved of the money being spent on the shadeway.
- D. ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Update and Request for Waiver of new Palm Canyon Sidewalk/Light Condition for Miniature Golf Project "Puttin' Around Borrego," PDS2021-STP-21-016, unanimously approved at the June 3, 2021 Sponsor Group Meeting.** Presented by Joe Carll. Please see documents for this item in the agenda packet, link at top of this agenda. Carll stated that a county requirement for his golf project was that sidewalks, curbs, gutters and a street light be installed which would add expense to his project but also take away from the illusion of Mid-Century that he is trying to portray. Farley opposed this requirement and Peterson stated that it was not consistent with the character of the community. Falk also stated that these improvements were not consistent with the community plan. MOTION: To request a waiver of these requirements from the county for this project. Peterson M, Haldeman S. Unanimous approval.
 - 2. La Casa Del Zorro Solar Project Fencing Beautification and Update.** John Wells will present for La Casa. See photos to review at: <https://www.lacasadelzorro.com/solar>. Wells reported that the financing company for this project would not support any fencing option except chain link but he would be looking at options for enhancing the look with decorations and plantings.
 - 3a. Report from David Farley on setting up a hybrid in-person/virtual option for our meetings.**
 - 3b. 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 have a hybrid meeting for May with the authority for the chair to return to Zoom meeting in emergency. Falk M, Haneline S. Unanimous approval.

4. Dissolve Standing Subcommittee on County Programs and Regulations. CPRS is no longer needed now that the Sponsor Group will have four new members soon. MOTION: To dissolve this committee. Falk M, Peterson S. Unanimous approval.

E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

1. Updates: Sponsor Group Vacancies/Seat Expansion, Dollar Store, 18 Wheel Trucks on S-22/Montezuma Grade, Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project, Sustainable Land Use Framework Falk announced that a motion to increase the Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group by 2 members and to reorder the seat numbers was on the Supervisors agenda for April. Falk stated that the Dollar General had been reported to code compliance for storing building materials on the proposed site prior to receiving a permit. Code compliance has asked them to clear the lot prior to April 15th. Construction is to begin late summer on the sidewalk improvement project. Falk asked that members read the sustainable land use framework and respond to the slide show.

F. GROUP BUSINESS:

1. Announcements and Correspondence Received: Burning/Fallowing of Trees in North end of Valley, Future items: Support for Grant through County for Pilot Fallowing Project (June meeting), Sheriff's Office presentation/Q & A on drug use and crime in Borrego Springs (May meeting) Falk added that Jim Bennett from the county will attend the June meeting and Jim Dax suggested that an agricultural representative be asked to attend as well.

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 meeting. Haneline M, Peterson S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Haldeman

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 5, 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:

Water and Land Use, Wed. April 20, 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.

Contacts:

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.