

# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

## \*\*\*MEETING MINUTES\*\*\*

Thursday, May 5, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

In-person at the Borrego Library, 2850 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs & also via Zoom

*The County follows California Department of Public Health guidance that strongly recommends everyone wear a face covering in indoor public settings, whether you have been vaccinated or not.*

Agenda Packet at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dx4qGyIMB47ONTLNKHi6vqNiVDUHb9c5?usp=sharing>

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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 John Peterson, Julie Gerson, Bill Haneline, David Farley, Secretary Judy Haldeman present. Bruce Durbin joined meeting at 5:10 p.m.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS OF April 7, 2022** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of April 7, 2022. Farley M, Peterson S. Falk, Peterson, Gerson, Haneline, Farley and Haldeman approved. Durbin just joined meeting.
- 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:**
- 1. Presentation by the Sheriff's Office and dialogue about recent crime in Borrego.** John Peterson will introduce Sergeant Brian Jenkins, Lieutenant Cliff Rinder and Deputy Sheriff Cory Crawford. Informational unless the SG chooses to act on any suggestions. Jenkins reported that Borrego Springs had the lowest aggregate crime statistics in the unincorporated county at 11.4.
  - 2. Overview of Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Health and Human Services Agency, County of San Diego:** Barbara Jiménez, Community Operations Officer, presenting. Informational unless the SG chooses to act on any suggestions.
  - 3. Steering Committee of the Community Initiative to address Borrego Springs Fire Protection District's needs will have gotten input from residents and from meetings with 10 community organizations and will share with the Sponsor Group which option (continuation of BSPD or transition to County Fire) a majority of residents favors.** There may also be a request for the Sponsor Group to take action to support the findings. Bruce Kelley presenting. Jim Wilson presented as Bruce Kelley was out of town. Wilson reported that the committee had determined that there would be a 6-fold increase in the tax base in order to support required improvements; County Fire would be able to do a 6-fold increase in services; straw poll of residents preferred Cal Fire 191 to 5. Cal Fire would keep current employees with an increase in salary and benefits. MOTION: To support recommendation of the Steering Committee and write a letter of support for the change to Cal Fire. Peterson M, Farley S. Falk, Peterson, Gerson, Haneline, Farley and Haldeman aye; Durbin abstained. Motion passes.
  - 4. La Casa Del Zorro Solar Project Fencing Beautification and Update.** John Wells presenting for La Casa. If received in time, there may be an item posted in the agenda packet, link at top of agenda. Informational with possible action/approval. Wells reported that the final permit had been received from the county and that they were waiting for SDG&E to hook up the electrical.
  - 5. Whether to continue to meet via a hybrid meeting or some other way in June. Reauthorize the Chair to decide based on public health guidelines at the time of publishing the agenda whether or not to meet virtually only--in case this is needed, Sponsor Group agreement will be obtained at the next meeting.** MOTION: To continue hybrid meeting for June with option for Chair to make changes if necessary. Farley M, Peterson S. Unanimous approval.
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Updates: Sponsor Group Seat Expansion, Dollar General Store, 18 Wheel Trucks on S-22/Montezuma Grade.**  
Falk reported that the Board of Supervisors had approved that addition of 2 members to the Sponsor Group. Falk stated that she had invited the developer for the Dollar General to the June meeting and that the county had hired an engineer to analyze the curves on S-22 with regard to the 18-wheel trucks currently using that road.
2. **Chair has appointed the following BSCSG Members to serve as point of contact for the following areas:**  
a) **Sheriff's Office/Crime: John Peterson, b) Dollar General Store (presentation by developer at BSCSG June Meeting): Bruce Durbin, c) Road Maintenance, Bill Haneline. Upcoming, once they are seated as Members: c) 18-Wheel Trucks, Nancy McRae, d) County initiated grant for Pilot Farmland Following Project (presentation by Jim Bennett, County Water Resources, at BSCSG June Meeting), Jim Dax.**

**F. GROUP BUSINESS:**

1. **Announcement and Correspondence Received:**

2. **Discussion Items:**

3. **Subcommittee Reports:** Haneline reported that Broken Arrow Road had not been addressed on the list for local repairs and Falk asked him to follow up with the county.

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 6:50 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Secretary Judy Haldeman.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2022, 5 pm at the Borrego Springs Library Community Room, 2850 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs, California and/or via Zoom..**

**UPCOMING STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Water and Land Use, Wed. May 18, 2022, 3:00 pm, email Chair John Peterson at [petersonenv@hotmail.com](mailto:petersonenv@hotmail.com) to be put on the email list for the agenda and link to attend.**