

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 7, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

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

Agenda Packet:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ExzgSC8yCAPt6kM2AMPo0N9jUAW3Hnnp?usp=drive_link

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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, Bill Haneline, Bill Berkley and Jim Dax present. Nancy McRae and Judy Haldeman joined via Zoom. Julie Gerson and Bruce Durbin absent.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF June 1, 2023.** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of June 1, 2023. Dax M, Berkley 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.** None
- D. ACTION ITEMS:** None
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. La Casa Solar fence beautification update,** John Wells presenting. John Wells reported that SDG&E has still not fully signed off on the new solar; however, the solar is working. He reported that Matt Weil would be taking over this project as of October 1, 2023.
 - 2. San Diego County Traffic Advisory Committee met on July 28th to discuss the Traffic Engineering recommendations and study of trucks on Montezuma Grade.** Bill Haneline presenting. If the CHP officer John Perryman, who spoke against the recommendation being approved without a study of SR-78, is present, we'll talk with him, or perhaps with the other local CHP officer, Tanner Obermeyer, or supervising Sgt. Kevin Prouty. Next County Traffic Advisory Meeting is on September 8, 9 am. See 7/28 agenda/docs in the agenda packet, link above. Haneline stated that he attended the meeting in July. Dax asked the patrol officers present if there could be extra patrols when signs are first installed to encourage compliance. It was noted that any surveys in the future be done during the winter season in order to have a fuller traffic count.
 - 3. Water Update.** John Peterson, Tech Advisory Committee, Watermaster Board (WMB) and Chair BSCSG Water Committee (Watco) and Jim Dax, Alternate Community Rep, WMB and member Watco. Peterson reported that 12 to 13 wells had been identified that could be used for data collection and that it should be known in October whether West Yost agrees to move forward with some of these wells. Peterson reiterated that "data not collected is data lost".
 - 4. REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-24 PARK LAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PLDO) AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING PRIORITY LISTS.** This will be on the agenda for October. Please review the two documents in the agenda packet. We will likely want to approve the same project as last year, splash pond at the library county park, as that is recommended for action. Shall we also consider recommending programs? Falk read a list of possible programs that other county parks have suggested and asked for ideas from the community prior to October meeting.
- F. GROUP BUSINESS:**
- 1. Announcements and Correspondence Received: Dollar General,** see agenda packet for email and plans; **Association of Planning Groups,** emails, see agenda packet for their bylaws proposal and our most recent email. **Chair Quarterly Meeting (online) September 9th.**
 - 2. Discussion Items: Chair Rebecca Falk will not be accepting the nomination for Chair for 2024.**
 - 3. Subcommittee Reports: Community ID Signage, also Brown Act check-in.** Nancy McRae, Bruce Durbin. Nancy McRae reported that a few community meetings have been held to begin discussing the issue of identity signs for

Borrego Springs. County staff has commented that there will probably be no funding for this project, although it was their idea initially. She reported that the committee voted to disband as a subcommittee of the Sponsor Group to provide more flexibility for committee members on this particular project. The plan is to develop a survey that will be available to the community by Borrego Days (October). A report on survey results will be brought back to the Sponsor Group for discussion. The Sponsor Group will have to vote to dissolve this committee at the next meeting.

4. Meeting Updates: Rams Hill/T2 Aug 8 future development presentation at the Borrego Water District. Dax reported that the expansion at Ram's Hill was discussed and Falk commented that this will be the largest project for the Sponsor Group to consider next year.

G. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Peterson M, Dax S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2023, 5 pm at the Borrego Springs Library Community Room, 2850 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs, California and via Zoom.

UPCOMING STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Water and Land Use Committee/Watco, email Chair John Peterson at petersonenv@hotmail.com. **Next Watco Regular Meeting will be held at the Borrego Springs Library on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 3 pm.**

Community Identification Sign Program Committee, next meeting to be announced. **Regular meetings are held at the Borrego Valley Endowment Fund Meeting Room at the Mall, 587 Palm Canyon Drive, suite 128**, email co-chairs Bruce Durbin, mocassin1@yahoo.com, and Nancy McRae, 1nancysue@gmail.com to be put on the agenda email list.

The Chair has appointed the following BSCSG Members to serve as points of contact for the following areas:

a) Dollar General Store, Bruce Durbin, b) Road Maintenance, Bill Haneline, c) 18-Wheel Trucks on S-22, Nancy McRae, d) SANDAG/Transportation Unincorporated Areas, Julie Gerson. Emails sent to the Chair at rebalk7@gmail.com will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

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Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group Members:

Chairperson: Rebecca Falk, Vice-Chairperson: John Peterson, Secretary: Judy Haldeman
Members: Bill Berkley, Jim Dax, Bruce Durbin, Julie Gerson, Bill Haneline, Nancy McRae

Standing Committees (with both Sponsor Group members and members of the public):

Water and Land Use: John Peterson, Chairperson; Members: Jim Dax, Bill Berkeley, Diane Johnson

Community ID Signage: Bruce Durbin and Nancy McRae, Co-Chairs; Members: Jim Dion, Ellen Fitzpatrick, Betsy Knaak, Alicia Wszelaki