

# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

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

Thursday, October 5, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

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

### Agenda Packet:

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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, Jim Dax, Julie Gerson, and Bruce Durbin present. Nancy McRae and Secretary Judy Haldeman joined via ZOOM.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF September 7, 2023.** MOTION: Approval of the minutes. Peterson M, Berkley S. Falk suggested additional wording in item E. 1. Matt Weil will be the new contact at La Casa in place of John Wells as of October 1, 2023. Item E. 2. Perryman not Kerryman. Item F. 3. Falk added that the Sponsor Group would have to vote to dissolve this standing committee at the next meeting. Falk, Peterson, Haneline, Berkley, Dax and Gerson voted aye and Durbin abstained.
- 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.** Kathy Dice commented that there was a housing crisis in Borrego Springs with almost no full-time rentals available, Peterson asked that this be addressed at a future meeting and Durbin commented that he would investigate a short-term rental ordinance that might apply to Borrego Springs.
- D. ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. Dissolution of the Community ID Signage Program Standing Committee.** Discussion and vote. Please review related agenda packet items (marked D1). Presenters Nancy McRae, Bruce Durbin, Rebecca Falk. Falk stated that a permit application for signage would have to come back to the Sponsor Group. Durbin stated public input would be encouraged and that the survey should be ready for distribution by Borrego Days. MOTION: To dissolve the Community ID Signage Program Standing Committee. Peterson M, Dax S. Unanimous approval.
  - 2. FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-24 PARK LAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PLDO) AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING PRIORITY LISTS.** Please review the two documents in the agenda packet. Vote to approve the same project as last year, splash pond at the library county park? Does anyone have programs we should consider recommending? Judy Haldeman presenting. Falk commented that she had discussed this water use with Jim Bennett and he said that he was not worried about this amount of water use. MOTION: To send the same request to the county as last year. Gerson M, Peterson S. Falk, Peterson, Berkley, Dax, Gerson and Durbin. Aye. Haneline Nay. Motion passes.
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
- 1. County Volutaria removal program seeks participants, see enrollment form link in Volutaria item in agenda packet.** Tammy Baker with a brief presentation. Jim Dax will mention the invasive plants program he is working on as well. Dax added that the county is working on access to private property for some of this eradication and that there will be monthly meetings via Zoom with the next one on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Peterson commented against residential landscaping with fountain grass and other invasive species.
  - 2. Workshop regarding roles and status of positions on the BSCSG (about an hour).** This is an open discussion regarding our roles and activities on the Sponsor Group. We would like to hear from all members regarding their thoughts and recommendations for the future of our Group. If possible, we would like to have all members in person for this discussion, however if not available in Borrego please join on a zoom link. John Peterson will lead the discussion. After discussion with the group, Peterson suggested that this be continued next month.

**F. GROUP BUSINESS:**

1. **Announcements and Correspondence Received:** County Capital Improvements Virtual Workshop, see agenda packet (Nov 1), County Legislative Agenda Webinar (tonight, but see link to video in gmail document)
2. **Discussion Items:**
3. **Subcommittee Reports:** Follow-up on County Traffic Advisory Committee vote on trucks on Montezuma Grade. Bill Haneline presenting.
4. **Meeting Updates:** Chair Quarterly Meeting September 9<sup>th</sup>. See agenda packet for the agenda and any questions can be addressed. RFalk.

**G. ADJOURNMENT.** MOTION: To adjourn this meeting. Peterson M, Berkley S. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 2, 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](mailto:petersonenv@hotmail.com). Next Watco Regular Meeting will be held at the Borrego Springs Library on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 3 pm. This subcommittee of the BSCSG meets regularly every other month on the third Wednesday of the month at 3 pm at the library.

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

a) Road Maintenance, Bill Haneline, b) SANDAG/Transportation Unincorporated Areas, Julie Gerson. Emails sent to the Chair at [rebalk7@gmail.com](mailto: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

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**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, Gary Haldeman