County of San Diego
BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, Sept 5, 2013
Borrego Springs High School Community Room
2281 Diegueño Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004

Administrative Items

A. Call to Order: R. Caldwell called the meeting to order at 4:31PM
B. Roll Call: Present - Beltran, R. Caldwell, Dr. S. Caldwell, Falk, Haldeman, Webb
   Absent – None
C. Approval of Agenda: Webb moved to approve the sponsor group agenda as presented.
   Haldeman seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0
   abstained).
D. Members’ review of maps and other printed materials for meeting: No time was
   required to review printed materials.
E. Approval of Minutes: Haldeman moved to approve the June 6, 2013 minutes for the
   regular sponsor group meeting as amended. Webb seconded. The meeting minutes for
   the June 6, 2013 study groups workshop will be considered for approval when available.
   The motion passed unanimously (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).
F. Correspondence: R. Caldwell mentioned that his June 10, 2013 letter to the County
   regarding the General Plan Cleanup went out to all members via email. The letter was a
   summary of the sponsor group’s comments regarding the General Plan Cleanup and was
   prepared at their direction by R. Caldwell. Falk expressed her afterthought about the
   letter. She said that it seemed a little harsh to her. Abby King’s July 13, 2013
   resignation letter was received by R. Caldwell. R. Caldwell announced that he attended
   the June 20, 2013 Borrego Village Association meeting. R. Caldwell had nothing to
   report other than his attendance. R. Caldwell mentioned that a request was made at the
   last sponsor group meeting to put the Community Rights of Way Development Standards
   on this month’s agenda. R. Caldwell said that it’s not on the agenda as requested because
   it’s not ready yet. R. Caldwell reported that he had communications with Jerry Rolwing
   of the Borrego Water District (BWD) and Joe Hopkins, who had raised some questions
   about the Ocotillo Wells solar project during last month’s public comment period. The
   question was, where will the water for the project come from? Jerry Rolwing replied on
   June 10, 2013 that no one from the solar project group has contacted the BWD regarding
   water for the project.
G. Committee Reports: None
H. Public Comment: None

Action Items

A. Discretionary Permit Application PDS2012-AD-13-030, Administrative Permit
   for Attached Oversized Garage for Airplane Storage: Haldeman moved to
approve the permit. Webb seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)

B. Replacement of Resigning Member Abby King: No applications have been received. Webb nominated Haldeman to serve as Vice Chair of the sponsor group until Jan 2014. R. Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5 in favor, 0 opposed, Haldeman abstained)

Non-Action Items

A. Report and Discussion on Status of Property at 511 Saddle: Falk reported that the property was acquired in Jan 2010. The property is to be restored. The owners applied for a permit due to a building moratorium. The County was supposed to notify the owners when the moratorium was lifted. The owners were never notified. However, the issue was resolved on June 18, 2013 and the property owners plan on moving ahead now with the restoration project.

B. Continuing Discussion of Specific Plans & Special Study Areas in the Borrego Springs Community Plan of August 3, 2011: Falk requested for clarification of the study groups’ relationship to the sponsor group. R. Caldwell explained that the study groups are meetings of the sponsor group, like a large committee. Since the study group meetings will frequently contain a quorum of sponsor group members, the study group meetings are noticed according to the California Brown Act.

C. Flood Control: Jane Morley mentioned that there was the possibility that the County might be trying to put a moratorium on commercial development in the Borrego Valley. Falk said that she’d had a recent conversation with the County. They said that the County is trying to come up with the same arrangement for commercial as for residential. That is, permits will be granted on a case by case basis. The County realized that the state had imposed some standard that the County had not recognized. The result is that commercial structures built before the flood elevation standards were in place then owners would be severely limited to non substantial improvements. In other words, it’s not looking very good for commercial development. Dr. S. Caldwell has been trying to build a home for three years and the County keeps changing the requirements. Anthony Barry is in flood review and is the person in charge of the Borrego Valley. R. Caldwell said that commercial development might be on next month’s agenda.

Dr. S. Caldwell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:10PM. Falk seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).