County of San Diego
BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday March 6, 2014 at 4:30 P.M.
Borrego Springs High School Community Room
2281 Diegueno Road, Borrego Springs, California

Administrative Items

A. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M.
B. Members present were: Rich Caldwell, Rebecca Falk, Judy Haldeman, Sam Webb, and Sylvia Caldwell. Tom Beltran was absent.
C. Judy Haldeman moved to approve the Agenda and Sam Webb seconded. The Agenda was approved unanimously.
D. Members’ review of maps and other printed materials for meeting: None for review.
E. Minutes from the meetings of January 9, 2014 were unanimously approved: Will consider February minutes at the April 2014 meeting.
F. Correspondence: Chair R. Caldwell sent a letter to the County recommending Bonnie Petrach for seat 11 on the Sponsor Group.
G. Committee reports: Study Group Reports:
   Rich Caldwell met with Mark Jorgenson regarding the Park Buffer Zone Study Group. Mark will summarize the ideas of the study group through June 2013 in a report that will be ready for the April 2014 meeting of the Sponsor Group.
   Rebecca Falk reported that the Farmlands Study Group had a telephone conference with the county to present and discuss a list of research questions the group had presented to the county. When the group hears back from Planning and Development Services (PDS), it will be time to meet again.
   Economic Vitalization: no meeting to report.
H. Public Comment: Bill Haneline asked for an update on the house on Saddle Road that was destroyed by fire quite some years ago. Rebecca Falk will try to reach the owners and report back. Last she knew, the county had taken its freeze on the permit the owners had paid for and the property was cleared for renovation.

Action Items

A. Rebecca Falk was elected with all members voting in favor except Rebecca Falk, who abstained from voting, to serve as Secretary through Jan. 2015, and members Haldeman and S. Caldwell will rotate taking minutes with her.
B. Committee formation for Borrego Springs Community Plan Special Study Areas SS-BVF Borrego Valley Farmlands, SS-PARK Park Buffer Zone, and SS-EDV, SS-
XMC Economic Development and Vitalization. Sam Webb moved and Judy Haldeman seconded a motion to establish Committees of the Sponsor Group to replace these Study Group areas. The motion carried unanimously.

Study Groups on these specific areas of the Community Plan proved to have active interest from the public and will become Sponsor Group Committees going forward, which will then look at policy to add to the Community Plan. Membership can remain the same, with a Sponsor Group Member serving as Chair. The proposed and approved Sponsor Group Committees are as follows, and anyone who wants to attend these meetings is welcome to do so:

Park Buffer: Rich Caldwell, Mark Jorgenson, Kathy Dice
Farmlands: Rebecca Falk, Rich Caldwell, Jim Engelke, Jim Seley, Jerry Rolwing
Economic Development/Vitalization/Christmas Circle: Judy Haldeman, Rich Caldwell, Gwen Marie, Kay Levie

**Non-Action Items**

A. Rebecca Falk raised for discussion the idea of having a report from the Sponsor Group in the Borrego Sun and the group seemed to generally like the idea. Rebecca Falk will talk to the Borrego Sun about publishing gratis from time to time relevant reports from the Sponsor Group to inform the public about matters that may be of concern.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 P.M. after Sylvia Caldwell so moved, Judy Haldeman seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be held at 4:30 P.M., Thursday, April 3, 2014, Borrego Springs High School Community Room, 2281 Diegueno Road, Borrego Springs, California.

Rebecca Falk, Secretary, Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group, 3/12/14