

County of San Diego
BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP
MEETING AGENDA

Thursday October 2, 2014 at 4:30 P.M.
Borrego Springs High School Community Room
2281 Diegueno Road, Borrego Springs, California

Administrative Items

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call of Members
- C. Approval of the Agenda
- D. Members' review of maps and other printed materials for meeting: 15 minutes
- E. Consideration and approval of Minutes from the meetings of May 1, 2014
- F. Public Comment: an opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Sponsor Group on any subject matter within the group's jurisdiction that is not already on today's agenda, with a time limit of three minutes (3:00) per speaker.
- G. Correspondence
- H. Committee reports
 - a. Study Groups

Action Items

- A. Review, discussion, and approval of Palm Canyon Drive / Christmas Circle / Sunset Road Sidewalk and Curbing Project Request to Dept. of Public Works under the Capital Improvement Project List approved by this body on May 1, 2014.
- B. Formation of an ad-hoc committee to update the Park Lands Dedication Priorities List for the plan area in response to county staff request, for subsequent review, discussion and approval by this body.

Non-Action Items

- A. None.

The next regular meeting will be held November 6, 2014 at 4:30 P.M. at the Borrego Springs High School Community Room, 2281 Diegueno Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004. **If this Agenda is revised, a revised copy will be posted 72 or more hours prior to the meeting. The final Agenda may include additional Administrative or Non-Action items.** For further information contact the Chair at Rich@BorregoValleyInn.com or (760) 767-3319. Address all U.S. Mail to: Rich Caldwell, Chair, Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group, P.O. Box 1371, Borrego Springs, CA 92004-1371.

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1 **County of San Diego**
2 **BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP**
3 **MEETING MINUTES**

4 **Thursday May 1, 2014 at 4:30 P.M.**
5 **Borrego Springs High School Community Room**
6 **2281 Diegueno Road, Borrego Springs, California**
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8 **Administrative Items**
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- 10 A. The meeting was called to order by R Caldwell at 4:30 p.m.
- 11 B. Members present: Tom Beltran, Rich Caldwell, Dr. Sylvia Caldwell, Rebecca Falk,
12 Judy Haldeman, Sam Web and Bonnie Petrach.
- 13 C. Approval of the Agenda. J. Haldeman moved to approve the agenda; R. Falk
14 seconded. Motion to approve: six yes, one abstained (Bonnie Petrach is not voting
15 until her Sponsor Group training is completed).
- 16 D. Members' review of maps and other printed materials for meeting: Frank Arebalo ,
17 San Diego County Department of Public Works, reviewed the "ROADWAY
18 MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES", and reviewed the grading system for
19 repair/resurfacing of roads in Borrego.
- 20 E. Consideration and approval of Minutes from the meetings of February 6, 2014, and
21 April 3, 2014. Haldeman moved to approve both sets of minutes, Dr. S Caldwell
22 seconded, including corrections suggested by R. Falk. Motion passed with six votes,
23 B.Petrach abstained.
- 24 F. Public Comment: Several concerned citizens voiced their objection about a "Mobile
25 Home/Manufactured Home" being built at 408 Verbena Drive, and stated that the
26 home did not meet the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, (CCR's) for that
27 community. The Sponsor Group suggested they call Code Enforcement. This
28 matter will be placed on next month's agenda to consider the request that the
29 Sponsor Group take action.
- 30 G. Correspondence: April 1, information received from Mr. Arebalo and Mr. Long from
31 DPW about the roadway and capital improvements project. Chair Rich Caldwell met
32 with the Borrego Village Association, the Ad-Hoc Committee to review Roadway
33 Maintenance, and the Economic Vitalization Committee. He received
34 correspondence on April 24, 2014 from Mr. Berkley and Jerry Rowland on April 25
35 and 28, 2014, regarding a water credits issue affecting fallowing farmland in
36 Borrego.
- 37 H. Committee reports: Park Buffer Zone, Mark Jorgenson is preparing a report for next
38 month's meeting. J. Haldeman stated they have a good group of about six members
39 on the Christmas Circle and Economic Vitalization Study Group and will meet next
40 week. Farmlands Study Group didn't meet since receiving a reply from the County
41 on questions that were submitted about county policies.

42 **Action Items**

- 43 A. Beltran/Caldwell committee report and recommendations: The Ad-Hoc Committee
44 to review County Roadway Maintenance plans, suggestions for future work include
45 curbs and sidewalks on the North and South side of Palm Canyon and Christmas
46 Circle; a merging lane circle at Palm Canyon, Country Club and Ocotillo; and
47 improved bicycle paths and an island on Palm Canyon with RMP accessibility.
48 They accept County recommendations as appropriate. Falk moved to adopt DPW's
49 recommendations; Haldeman seconded. Six ayes, with Petrach abstaining, passed
50 the motion.
- 51 B. Review and action on PDS2014-MUP-14-011 Major Use Permit | ATT cell project
52 at 4875 Highway 78: A representative from ATT presented maps and charts. The
53 proposed seventy foot cell tower will look like a "water tower" and be located on the
54 back side of the Ironwood R.V. Park. ATT still needs to comply with a few more
55 requirements before the major use permit is issued. There is no known visual
56 disturbance at this location. Dr. S. Caldwell moved to approve, J. Haldeman
57 seconded. The motion passed with six votes approving and one abstention (Petrach).
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- 59 C. Discussion: Mr. Berkley requested that the Sponsor Group send a letter to the
60 County of San Diego Department of Planning and Development Services supporting
61 his request that the County be more lenient in interpreting their water credits policy
62 for fallowing farmland to allow credits for a farm that had its crop growth
63 interrupted but which has been farmed for many years, and is still being farmed.
64 Chair R. Caldwell drafted a 3 page letter in support of Mr. Berkley's request,
65 addressed to Mr. Mark Wardlaw, Director of PDS, as it would result in fallowing a
66 farm that is actively cultivated, thereby reducing water use in the Valley. A motion
67 was brought to the table to accept the letter written by R. Caldwell. J. Haldeman
68 moved, S. Webb seconded the motion. R Falk recused herself from the discussion
69 and vote. The motion passed with R. Caldwell, S. Caldwell, Webb and Haldeman
70 approving, Beltran disapproving, and Petrach abstaining.

71 **Non-Action Items**

- 72 A. None.

73 The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. after R Falk so moved, seconded by T Beltran,
74 and the motion was approved unanimously.

75 Rebecca Falk, Secretary, Sylvia Caldwell, Designated Note Taker
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77 The next regular meeting will be held June 5, 2014 at 4:30 P.M. at the Borrego Springs High School
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PROJECT PLANNING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL FORM

PROJECT NAME Palm Canyon Dr/Christmas Circle/Sunset Road sidewalk and curbing project		DATE
PROJECT SOURCE /COUNTY SECTION		PHONE
PROJECT TYPE Sidewalk	COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group and Borrego Village Foundation	
PROJECT LIMITS		
THOMAS BROS. PAGE		
DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING CONDITIONS (attach pictures, plans, sketches, etc.) Sidewalk and curbing is absent on the south side of Palm Canyon Drive from just east of the Mall; the west side of Christmas Circle between Palm Canyon Drive and Sunset Drive; and on the northwest side of Sunset Drive for approximately half of the street length. Angled parking exists in front of buildings along the south side of Palm Canyon Drive that include, for example a restaurant, a pharmacy, a convenience/liquor store, and the Borrego Art Institute Building. (See photos in Attachment 2.)		
SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVES FOR IMPROVING CONDITIONS (attach sketches) A detailed drawing showing proposed improvements including detail of curbing/sidewalk/driveways with approximate location, distances and property lines. This is a typical sidewalk/curbing/ driveway project with no unusual features or landscaping. (See Attachment 1.)		
PUBLIC INTEREST AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE This intersection is one of the most prominent landmarks in Borrego Springs with high volume of vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The land is owned by the Borrego Art Institute (BAI), a 501c3 non-profit. The BAI invested nearly \$1M to purchase and restore the historic building (photo attached). BAI Board and supporters are fully in favor of this project which will complete the corner. The Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group, the Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce, the Borrego Village Foundation, the Borrego Village Association, and property owners have expressed enthusiastic support for this project. (See support documents in Attachment 3.)		
PROJECT MANAGER Michael Long		
COMMENTS Completing sidewalks and curbing in Borrego Village Core is the highest priority project on an updated construction projects list submitted by the BS Community Sponsor Group in response to a request by the County. Completion of bike lanes is another construction project sent forward to the County. There are no walking/biking lanes or walkways in this area making it necessary for walkers and bikers to move into the street and compete with automobiles. With no curbing, illegal and dangerous parking is done routinely in the eastbound lane entering the traffic circle at Christmas Circle. Parking takes up walking/biking space as well as BAI land which is not defined by curbing. Adding sidewalks and curbing will make the BAI, a major community attraction, handicap accessible. Completing sidewalk and curbing will make a major contribution to coherence in the Borrego Village Core.		

APPROVAL

**INITIAL SCREENING BY:
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

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APPROVED
DISAPPROVED

DATE

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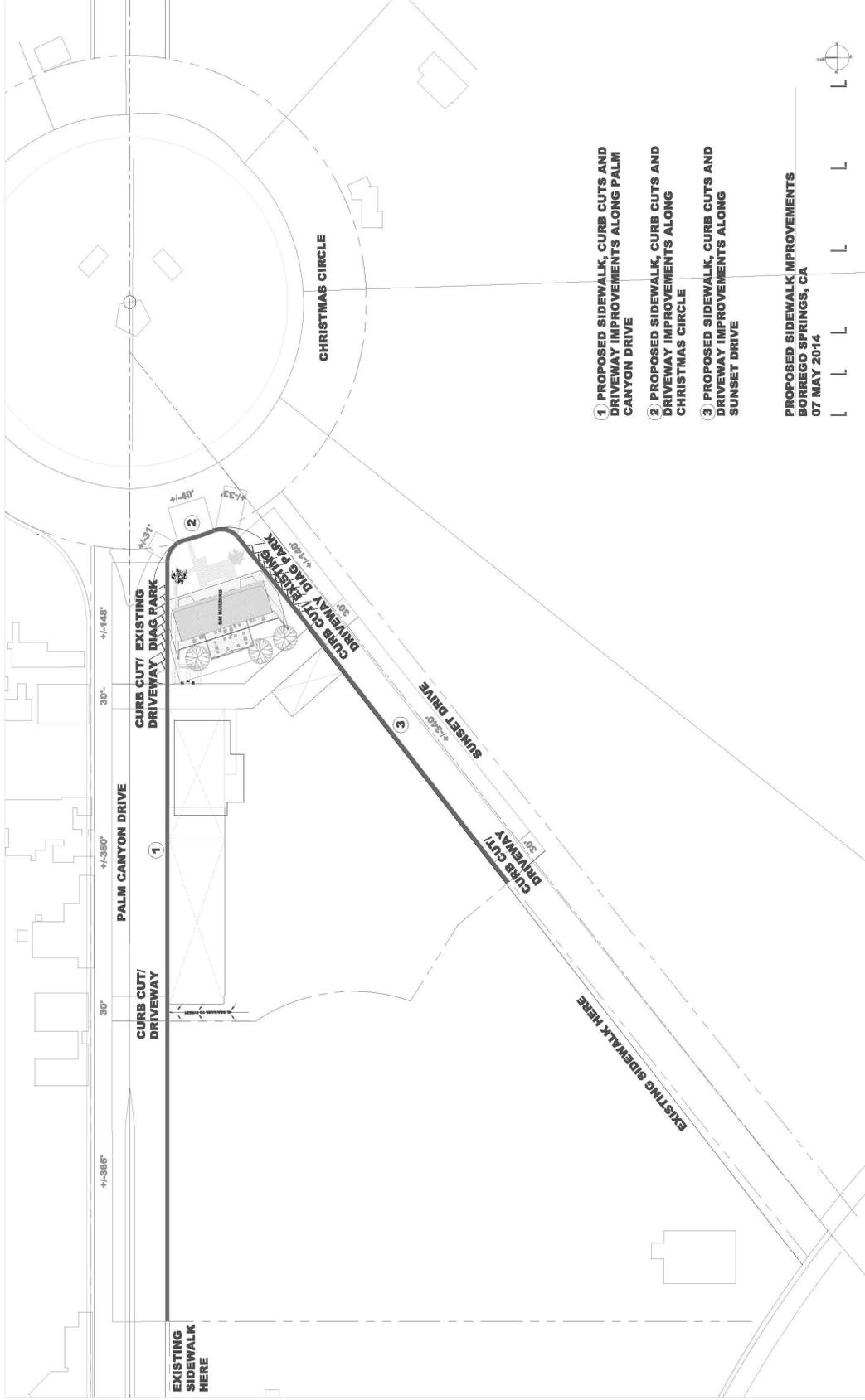
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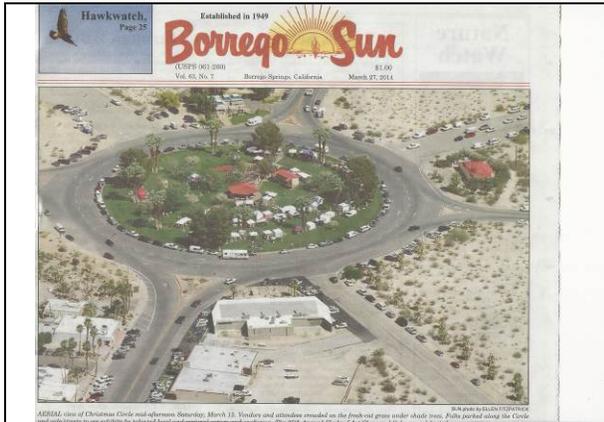
Sidewalk/Curbing Planning Form
Attachment 1
SITE PLAN



Sidewalk/Curbing Planning Form

Attachment 2

CURRENT SITUATION



Aerial view of project site.



Palm Canyon Drive, east view.
Dangerous area used by pedestrians, handicapped, and bicyclists as well as vehicles.



Palm Canyon Drive, east view.
Dangerous area used by pedestrians, handicapped, bicyclists and vehicles. Damage caused by washout.



Palm Canyon Drive, west view.
No safe place for movement of pedestrians, handicapped individuals, and bicyclists.

Sidewalk/Curbing Planning Form

Attachment 2

CURRENT SITUATION



Palm Canyon Drive, west view.
Dangerous drop-off at end of sidewalk.



Palm Canyon Drive, east view.
Parking half on private land and half on the public right-of-way. No place for vehicles used by handicapped individuals or bicyclists.



Gravel road between Palm Canyon Drive and Sunset Road, north view.
Illegal and dangerous parking occurs routinely.



Gravel road between Palm Canyon Drive and Sunset Road, north view.
Illegal parking on gravel road blocks adjacent handicapped parking spaces.

Sidewalk/Curbing Planning Form

Attachment 2

CURRENT SITUATION



Palm Canyon Drive, west view.
No safe path for pedestrians, handicapped or bicyclists on public right-of-way.



Sunset Road, northeast view.
No definition of sidewalks or bicycle lanes. Challenging for handicapped individuals.



Sunset Road, southwest view.
End of sidewalk abruptly. Dangerous for handicapped, pedestrians and bicyclist.



Sunset Road, southwest view.
No definition between private land, public right-of-way and gravel road between Sunset Road and Palm Canyon Drive. No driveway apron on either end of the gravel road.

Sidewalk/Curbing Planning Form

Attachment 2

CURRENT SITUATION



Sunset Road, northeast view at BAI building.
Illegal parking. No definition between private land and public right-of-way.



Sunset Road and Christmas Circle Drive, north view.
Illegal parking. No place for pedestrians or handicapped individuals to walk safely around this corner. No definition of bicycle lanes.



Sunset road, southwest view.
No definition between private land and the public right-of-way. No safe place for pedestrians or handicapped to walk. No designated bicycle lanes.

Sidewalk/Curbing Planning Form
Attachment 3
COMMUNITY AND OWNER SUPPORT FOR PROJECT

All documents are on file should the County want copies

Excerpt from the Borrego Village Foundation

- March 18, 2014
- Discussion turned to completion of the public right-of-way around the corner of the BAI land with curb and gutters. Working with the County on public right-of-way projects is an appropriate project for the BVF and it is unlikely that any other group will undertake such an effort. The most expedient curb and gutter project would be from the immediate west side of the renovated gravel road on the west side of the BAI building, around the corner to Sunset Drive, and along Sunset Drive to connect to the existing curbing and gutter. This is a long stretch, but it is straight forward because there are no features needed other than curbing and gutter and nearly all the land is owned by the BAI.

Larry moved and Diane seconded a motion to undertake the curbing project as described above. The motion passed unanimously.

Excerpts from Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce Minutes

- May 21, 2014
Borrego Village Foundation gave a presentation on a proposed curb and sidewalk project and asked for the Chamber support. Joe moved that the Chamber give their support, Brad seconded and all present approved.
- July 15, 2014
Minutes from May were reviewed. Bunnie moved to accept, Patrick seconded and all present approved.

Excerpt from Borrego Art institute Minutes

- September 18, 2014

Bob Blum asked that the BAI Board of Directors approve a project being proposed to San Diego County to complete sidewalks and curbing along Palm Canyon Drive, around the corner at Christmas Circle, and southwest along Sunset Road. A portion of this work would take place on land owned by the Borrego Art Institute.

Dennis Nourse moved and Jim Wermers seconded a motion that the Board agree to support this project. Approved by unanimous vote.

Excerpt from Borrego Village Association Minutes

- September 18, 2014

Susan Hancock moved that “The BVA supports the proposed Palm Canyon Drive, Christmas Circle, Sunset Road sidewalk, curb and gutter project, as formulated by the Borrego Village Foundation.” The motion was seconded by Richard Orne and approved unanimously.

Owner Support Letter – James Wermers

MEMORANDUM

TO: Borrego Village Foundation
FROM: James Wermers
TOPIC: Sidewalk/Curbing Project Proposal

The Borrego Village Foundation (BVF) has discussed with me an improvement project being proposed by the Borrego Springs Community Sponsor Group to the County of San Diego. The proposed project would complete sidewalks and curbing along the South side of Palm Canyon Drive. It would connect with the existing sidewalk near the Mall, run east to Christmas Circle, round the corner and then continue southwest along Sunset Drive and connect to an existing sidewalk leading to the Post Office.

This proposed walkway would complete a safe passage around the center of our town’s commercial area. It could also assist with flood control and help define parking.

A section of the proposed project is adjacent to a parcel which I own. I understand that the project will be at no expense to parcel owners. I support completion of this project.

I encourage the County of San Diego to place this proposed project as a high priority for funding in the near future.

