

County of San Diego
BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday October 2, 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 by R. Caldwell at 4:30 p.m.
- B. Members present: Tom Beltran, Rebecca Falk, Judy Haldeman, Rich Caldwell, Bonnie Petrach, Sam Webb and Dr. Sylvia Caldwell.
- C. Approval of the Agenda: S Webb moved to approve the agenda; J Haldeman seconded. Approval was unanimous.
- D. Members' review of maps and other printed materials for meeting: 15 minutes
- E. Consideration and approval of Minutes from the meeting of May 1, 2014. Petrach moved to approve with changes proposed by R Caldwell as follows. R. Caldwell seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Changes approved:

Action A. R Caldwell wanted to make clear that two things were approved: 1. Dept. of Public Works projects priority list, and 2. The county maintenance priority list of pavement and roadway repairs.

Action B. Second to last sentence changed to "approved as submitted".

- F. Public Comment: Joe Hopkins spoke on a number of topics as a follow up to his comments at an earlier meeting about a solar project in Ocotillo. 1. Water is being purchased from the Borrego Water District even though the project is not in Borrego Springs's jurisdiction, per Hopkins. The state pthe Imperial Irrigation ark has not heard about this project officially. It abuts the state park at the Imperial County line. Power lines are going east through BLM land to connect with the Imperial Irrigation District. 2. Joe accompanied sponsor groups from Boulevard, Jacumba and other districts to a meeting with Rep. Diane Jacobs about the use of water by solar projects. Boulevard has four such projects with water use above county approved amount. The group wanted guidelines on how a project impacts the underlying aquifer, and Hopkins wanted to know if the Borrego Sponsor Group wants to meet with the Boulevard Sponsor Group or others on this topic. 3. Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan boundary is to our east. Hopkins thinks we should monitor this because it will impact other small desert communities with huge energy projects, providing power to big cities. The comment period is 107 days and it was published last Friday.
- G. Correspondence: Rich Caldwell corresponded with the County on the Capital Improvement Projects Priority List, sending Borrego Community Sponsor Group approval back to the County after the May 2014 Sponsor Group vote.
 - a. Committee reports: Study Groups
 - Parks: Rich Caldwell received the Dept. of Parks and Rec priority list
 - Farmlands: No meetings at this time. The County did not offer any assistance with regard to the committee's requests and questions. The Borrego Water Coalition meetings are ongoing on this topic.
 - Borrego Village Association did not meet over the summer. Rich Caldwell attended a recent meeting.

Action Items

- A. Palm Canyon Drive / Christmas Circle / Sunset Road Sidewalk and Curbing Project Dept. of Public Works under the Capital Improvement Project List approved by this body on May 1, 2014. Bob Blum

of the Borrego Village Foundation said the sidewalk project is straightforward, continuing the sidewalk around Palm Canyon, around the Borrego Art Institute to the sidewalk on Sunset. This is the top priority and a big part of the County priority list. Once it is done, other items can be addressed. The next phase would be the sidewalk from Hacienda del Sol to Coldwell Banker. The Foundation wants to improve quality of life in Borrego. T Beltran asked about the cost, but Bob Blum did not know the cost. Judy Haldeman asked about the timeline, which was also unknown but assumed to involve a long approval process. Some landowners with parcels adjacent to where the sidewalk would be placed have not yet agreed to it. Falk moved to approve this project, Haldeman seconded. The project received Sponsor Group approval with six votes to approve and one abstention by T Beltran.

- 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. Tom Beltran moved to authorize the formation of an ad-hoc committee to update priority list on County Parks with Rich Caldwell and Judy Haldeman as members. S. Caldwell seconded. Discussion: Falk commented that since fallowing farm land is a valley-wide priority, establishing a park that could receive land might be worth thinking about. Cost was raised as a problem. R. Caldwell mentioned that fees collected from subdivision and planned community projects are set aside for Parks. Land was bought near the churches for a park. The motion passed **unanimously** with no abstentions.

Non-Action Items

- A. None.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m. after R Caldwell so moved and S Caldwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Rebecca Falk, Secretary

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