

County of San Diego
BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday April 2, 2015 at 4:30 P.M.
Borrego Springs High School Community Room
2281 Diegueno Road, Borrego Springs, California

Administrative Items

- A. Chair R. Caldwell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- B. Roll Call of Members. Members present: Tom Beltran, Rich Caldwell, Rebecca Falk, David Farley, Bonnie Petrach and Sam Webb. Member absent: Judy Haldeman. Note: Mr. Farley was approved by the Board of Supervisors but has not completed the required training so cannot vote.
- C. Approval of the Agenda. Falk moved to approve the agenda; Petrach seconded. All were in favor. Farley Abstained.
- D. Members' review of maps and other printed materials for meeting: Not applicable.
- E. Consideration and approval of Minutes from the meeting(s) of March 5, 2015: Minor corrections were noted. Webb moved to approve; Caldwell seconded; all were in favor of approval with corrections. Farley abstained.
- 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.

Dr. Sylvia Caldwell asked about the burned out house. She asked why it hasn't been torn down and is code enforcement looking into it.

- G. Correspondence & Chair's report: None
- H. Committee reports

- a. Study Groups: No Meetings since March 5, 2015.
- b. Parks Committee – report on March 23, 2015 follow-up meeting with Dept. of Parks & Recreation staff. Background on the Parks Committee was given by Caldwell. In July 2014 a letter was received from County Parks & Recreation requesting an update list for the Parks Land List utilizing the \$250,000 available. In October 2014 a committee was formed. The members felt that the money was never going to reach the \$4 million needed to develop the 16 acres set aside previously. They used a fresh approach, using existing monies, and developed an idea for a smaller park. The first reading of the report was at the February 2015 meeting. At the March meeting the report was adopted. Today Caldwell saw on the April 7, 2015 County Board of Supervisors Agenda was the Capital Improvement Needs Assessment. This included a request from Libraries for \$9.5 million for the new Borrego Springs Library and Parks and Recreation requested \$2 million to develop the original 16 acres into a park. Parks & Recreation and Libraries will combine their plans and both projects will be developed together. When the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is approved they will start public talks and meetings to discuss what the community feels is needed for a successful park. The BSCSG's part in this is over and the County will move forward with the plans. There will be no fee district and no new money needed from Borrego Springs. The County will cover the on-going costs. Bob Blum had contacted Public Works, Michael Long, with questions. He asked about sidewalks and the public right of way pieces. Mr. Long said that the contractor selected for the joint project will also design public right of ways for the area. Any other projects the community would like, in addition to what the contractor proposes, will have to go through Public Works regular planning process. Additional work by Public Works will be reviewed by the Public Projects Committee and prioritized. After that they will seek funds. No meeting has been scheduled

due to staff turnover. Parks & Recreation will seek and need the communities help. They will conduct public outreach to get public input. It was suggested they go to various groups in Borrego Springs including the Chamber of Commerce for ideas. They need ways to reach out to others also. It is on the Chambers agenda for April 21, 2015. Bob Blum said that Richard Orn did a great job on the committees report and some of those ideas may be used and some may not in the final plan. Caldwell said this is a collaboration among County staff so it can be built as one project. It will go to CEQA 3-4 months after the Board of Supervisors approves the project. Supervisor Horn wants the library built soon and this is an exciting new development. Connectivity to village core, covered walkways, traffic calming, additional traffic circles must all be considered. Jim Wills asked if a traffic circle by the Post Office was approved would the money come out of the money for the project and Bob Blum said he thinks so. Caldwell said new ideas and ways to design parts of the project must be included from the start. The County assumes the responsibility to design the park and library. They will have open public meetings for ideas for the entire project. Falk asked if the \$2 million will allow them to use all 16 acres. Caldwell said they will use as much as possible. Depending on the money part of the park may be developed in one section and trails through the rest. No decision has been made yet. Falk was concerned about the response from the Chamber reported in the Borrego Sun and stated that we should have better outreach to them. Farley suggested a flyer be made to reach out to our community and post in various places around town. The County will be responsible for developing the flyer and arranging the meetings but we can assist will posting them. Jim Wilson suggested we engage the Hispanic community through the school district. Mike McElhatten reported on the garden behind the Borrego Spring Art Institute. He said that the first phase is almost done and the second stage will start when additional funds are raised. Caldwell said that the 16 acres of land set aside for the park has just sat for 13 years and it is very exciting that it will be developed into a park our community will be proud of.

Non-Action Items

A. None

Action Items

A. None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. after Falk so moved, Petrach seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Farley abstained.

Bonnie Petrach, Secretary

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