

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
*** MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2018*****

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Boulevard Fire Training Room, 39919 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905 (behind old Fire Station).

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: 1) Robert Maupin; 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 7) Ronald Hynum.
MEMBERS ABSENT: 2) Earl Goodnight (EXCUSED); 6) vacant

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 7TH MEETING:

- ***M/S: MAUPIN/HYNUM: Approve December 7th minutes with spelling correction of name (Epperson, not Emerson): Passed: 5-0-0***

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Linda Shannon asked why the County is so proactively educating the neighbors on Ribbonwood what a private road is (relating to the new asphalt-paved access road from Ribbonwood to Rough Acres).
- The Chair answered that the new road is under the County's jurisdiction because it serves the large scale industrial projects such as Tule Wind, Rugged Solar, and big Rough Acres Conference Center /campground project. The related Major Use Permits all require a secondary fire access route.
- The Chair advised Linda to talk with her neighbor, York, as he recently spoke with the County with similar concerns about the pavement, curbs, and drainage.
- Mark Ostrander announced that the Jacumba/Boulevard Revitalization Alliance 501c3 will be taking over the Boulevard Training Room facility. The will allow the Boulevard Planning Group to continue their monthly meetings there free of charge.
- The Chair expressed her appreciation to Mark and the Revitalization Alliance for their efforts and support.

E. ACTION ITEMS (Agenda items may be taken out of order upon request):

1. **SAN DIEGO WIND PROJECT: PDS2017-MPA-17-015:**
 - The Chair reported that TerraGen's Ken Wagner called her on Jan 3rd to request that the Group defer any action until they can make a presentation at the Feb 1st meeting. She said OK.
2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018:**
 - ***M/S: MAUPIN/STRAND: To elect Donna Tisdale as Chair through 2018. Passed 5-0-0***
 - ***M/S: TISDALE/HYNUM: To elect Bob Maupin as Vice-Chair through 2018. Passed 5-0-0***
 - ***M/S: TISDALE/HYNUM: To elect Michele Strand as Secretary through 2018. Passed 5-0-0***
3. **CHAIR'S REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO REPRESENT THE GROUP AT JANUARY 18-19 PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN:** Act on Chair's request and address what type of comments should be made at the hearing.
 - The Chair said that she will be attending the County's just announced CAP meeting with County staff on Jan 12, prior to the Planning Commission hearing tentatively set for Jan 18th-19.
 - She requested authorization to represent the Group at those meetings and encouraged others to participate, too.

- Discussion about what types of comments should be made at the hearing. The Board agreed that the same arguments brought up in the past along with any new information the Chair discerns would be appropriate.
- ***M/S: MAUPIN/KEANE: Authorize Chair to represent the BPG at the January 12th CAP Meeting and the January 18-19 Planning Commission Hearing on the Climate Action Plan. Passed 5-0-0***

F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

- APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR SEAT #6: The remainder of the term for Seat #6, vacated by Paula Byrd, runs through January 7, 2019. For information on applying for appointment to Seat #6, contact Donna Tisdale at 619-766-4170 or tisdale.donna@gmail.com
- Several people have expressed interest in applying but no one had actually applied
- ANNUAL TRAINING FOR GROUP MEMBERS: JAN 6 OR FEB 10: Can be done online
- At the request of a community member, the Chair asked Jim Bennett for an update on Boulevard groundwater monitoring and bulk water sales. Jim said he would like to come out in the spring, maybe April or May.
- Questions about bulk water sales can be directed to the County's groundwater geologist Jim Bennett at 858-694-3820 or jim.bennett@sdcounty.ca.gov
- The Trump administration has announced plans to decriminalize killing eagles with wind turbines.

2. REVITALIZATION REPORT by Tammy Daubach:

- Free blood pressure screenings will be offered at Love Your Heart participating sites on February 14th. Locations and times to be announced.
- Mt. Empire Collaborative meets at 3:00 PM at the High School on January 8th.
- The Mt. Empire Schools Foundation meets at 4:00 PM at the High School on January 11th.
- On January 15th, Revitalization meets at 5:30 PM at the old Boulevard FD.
- Friends of the Library meet January 16th at 6:00 PM at the Jacumba Library.

3. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:

- A Community Preparedness Outreach Event that CERT is co-sponsoring with Mt. Health and Red Cross is open to community residents only.
- Pre-registration is required as seating is limited to 25 class participants (there are only about 9-seats remaining).
- A Public Emergency Preparedness Fair follows from 12:30pm to 2:00pm
- CAL FIRE San Diego - So. Division will be offering "Hands-only" CPR at the Fair.
- Red Cross will be scheduling appointments to install smoke detectors in homes
- There is still room for other agencies or community organizations to participate - contact Teresa directly to join the Outreach Event.
- The next Fire Safe meeting will be at the Boulevard Training Room on January 18th at 6:30 PM at the old Boulevard Fire Dept. We will be voting on Board members.
- The Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Group is having a public open house to learn about the 2018 fire mitigation grants program. The meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17th from 6:00-7:30 PM at the Alpine Community Center.
- The local Powerlink Grant workshop will be on January 30th at 6:30 PM at the old Boulevard FD.

4. COUNTY'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (PDS2015-POD-15-002), GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (PDS2016-GPA-16-007), DRAFT SEIR (LOG NO. PDS2016-ER-16-00-003); TENTATIVE 9AM JANUARY 18-19 PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING DATE AT COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER HEARING ROOM AT 5520 OVERLAND AVE, SAN DIEGO:

- Already addressed above item E-3

5. LIVE OAK SPRINGS AG CLEARING; PDS2017-AD-17-028:

- No new information

6. 74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT
DESCRIPTON: (The Boulevard Planning Group formally voted to deny this project and to submit comments on 11-2-17)

- Jim Whalen reported there will be a January 5th meeting with County staff on the new Scoping Letter released on 12-22-17, the Friday before Christmas.
- Neither the Chair, nor board member Ron Hynum, received copies even though they were both listed on the distribution. Jim said he would forward a copy.
- Project is 60% of old Soitec project. In Jim's opinion, the issues raised were minor due to the project size reduction, reduction in ground water, and the differing technology.
- Whalen suggested the Group could be more effective if we don't contest these smaller, less intrusive projects so that the developers are able to steer more of their mitigation funds to the community rather than to delays and legal posturing to get them approved.
- A visual side-by-side analysis will be done to compare the size of the approved and proposed project.
- The Chair commented that other rural communities have community centers, libraries, and parks without having to accept industrial scale energy/transmission projects and noted that the Group had previously developed and provided a list of community needs to project developers.

7. 100MW BOULEVARD ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY; PDS 2017-ZAP-17-006; MINOR USE PERMIT FOR 2 ACRE PROJECT LOCATED ON APN'S# 612-09-059; 612-09-019; 612-09-017, NEAR BOULEVARD SUBSTATION:

- No new information

8. 60 MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR MUP12-010TE PDS2012-3300-12-00 @ 796 Tierra Del Sol Road; Scoping Letter released on 10-11-17:

- No new information.
- Jim Whalen is not involved with this project but heard they are going slow.

9. TULE WIND PHASE 1 – PROJECT IS OPERATIONAL: Toll Free Project Hotline: (844) 784-6549.

- Jim Whalen reported that Iberdrola's Harley McDonald will be coming down from Portland, OR to the February 1st Boulevard Planning Group meeting to provide a project update.

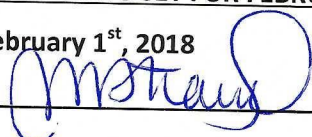
10. TULE WIND PHASE II:

- No new information. Project is still tied up in 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

G. ADJOURNED @ 7:47 PM NEXT MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 1ST@ THE BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM.

Minutes approved by Group on February 1st, 2018

Michele Strand, Secretary: _____



For More information contact Donna Tisdale, Chair at 619-766-4170 or tisdale.donna@gmail.com ; current and past meeting agendas and approved minutes are posted on the County website @ <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/gpupdate/comm/blvd.html>

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