

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
*** MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 1ST, 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;
ABSENT: 2) Earl Goodnight (excused); 6) vacant.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR JAN 4TH MEETING:

- *M/S: Maupin/Keane: Approve January 4th minutes as corrected: Passed: 5-0-0*

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- No public comment

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

1. **ABC – LIQUOR SALES LICENSE APPLICATION FOR LIVE OAK SPRINGS: PDS2018-ABC-18-001:** The owner, Nick Nissou, has applied for a Type 21 California Liquor License (Off –Sale General) for his new liquor store / restaurant located at 37822 Oaks Court in Live Oak Springs. This type of license is for stores where alcohol is sold for consumption elsewhere. County project manager contact: Angelica.Truong@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-495-5421.
 - The applicant, Mr. Nissou, introduced himself and stated that he had conducted lots of cleanup of his 88 acre property. He removed 24 dumpsters of trash and some druggies. He had group of supporters with him.
 - Lots of people have thanked him for cleaning up the area and not renting to druggies.
 - February 1st was the first day their restaurant was open and the water went out, allegedly due to storm damage to the water district's pump.
 - He currently has a license to serve alcohol in his restaurant but he wants to sell alcohol for off-site consumption and not allow drinking at the restaurant where they serve a variety of food.
 - Tammy Daubach stated she had information that our area was already 340% over recommended licenses per capita and we don't need more alcohol availability because we have too many alcoholics already.
 - Mr. Nissou said the County told him there are four more slots available.
 - A Live Oak Springs resident protested more alcohol sales and listed her major concerns, including impacts to existing Live Oak Springs store owner.
 - Bill Pape from Jacumba said alcohol sales can help support store and food sales.
 - One of Mr. Nissou's supporters said he wanted to drop current beer license for off-site consumption.
 - Bob Maupin asked Deputy Hout, who was present, about local crime and drinking.
 - Deputy Hout responded that Mr. Nissou had cleaned things up and he had good cooperation from him.
 - Deputy Hout said he had nothing negative to say and he trusts the new owners to report any problems.
 - Deputy Hout also confirmed that druggies had been cleaned out from trailer park and other buildings and he had very positive response from Mr. Nissou when law enforcement showed up for an enforcement action.
 - The Chair stated that it was nice to see that Live Oak Springs is being cleaned up but said some the language used in application, basically saying that liquor sales were needed to reduce local drug use, was inappropriate, especially when liquor is already available at the other existing Live Oak Springs market, the market in Boulevard, the Golden Acorn Casino, and elsewhere.
 - Kevin Keane asked about business model and target audience.
 - Mr. Nissou said he wants to bring back the resort for locals and for visitors.
 - *M/S: Maupin/Keane: Motion to approve ABC application: 3 YES; 0 NO; 2 ABSTAIN (Tisdale and Hynum): Motion failed for lack of necessary quorum.*

2. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT**
DESCRIPTON: SCOPING LETTER RELEASED ON 1-19-18: Should the Group submit comments on the Scoping Letter?

- The Chair said she was seeking approval to submit comments for the Group on the Scoping Letter dated Jan 19th.
- PDS has highlighted need for developer to address Major Use Permit Findings/ harmony in bulk, scale, coverage and density; visual resources; multiple projects using local groundwater resources; groundwater dependent habitat; groundwater quality; updated noise analysis, and more.
- Jim Whalen confirmed that Frankie (Smith) Thibodeau had passed away recently and her son had called to confirm they want to keep Frankie's property in the Rugged Solar project.
- The Chair reported SDG&E has red flagged the project due to concerns over impacts to their facilities that must be addressed.
- ***M/S: Maupin/Strand: Authorize the Chair to submit comments on the Scoping letter dated January 19th: Passed: 5-0-0***

3. **VOTE TO FILL VACANT SEAT #6 for remainder of term through January 7, 2019:**

- The Chair reported that two applications had been received and certified by the Registrar of Voters, but Nancy Satallante had withdrawn her application on January 24th due to changed circumstances and unexpected family obligations.
- Michael Coyne was introduced as the sole remaining applicant.
- Coyne stated his desire to volunteer as a community planner. He works as a planner with the City of Santee. He sees lots of needs in the local community and possible grant opportunities, including potential application for designation as a Colonia.
- The Chair stated concerns with designation as a Colonia that could benefit big developers, saying that any such application for designation would need careful consideration.
- Coyne responded to questions and, when asked directly, stated his opinion that large wind and solar projects are an assault to the backcountry. Smaller on-site projects are better.
- ***M/S: Maupin/Hynum: Recommend appointment of Michael Coyne to Seat #6: Passed: 5-0-0***

4. **REQUEST TO RESERVE SURPLUS 4.4 ACRE PROPERTY FOR POTENTIAL BOULEVARD PARK/RECREATION USE:**

- The request to reserve the surplus 4.4 acre property former bin site on Evening Shadow Lane (APN 612-09-117) was made by Mark Ostrander with the Jacumba-Boulevard Revitalization Alliance.
- There was a discussion on the potential uses include community recreation building, sports fields, park, and picnic area
- ***M/S: Keane/Maupin: Request reservation of 4.4 acre (APN 612-09-117) for potential Boulevard park/recreation use: Passed: 5-0-0***

F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:**

- The Chair announced that TerraGen had requested withdrawal of their San Diego Wind item from the agenda until March or later. They are late with their MUP submittal.
- **TULE WIND'S HARLEY MCDONALD WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THEIR PROJECT:**
 - The Chair reported that there was a Tule Wind article with video clips in the UT on Jan 25th. The video and article left out the local homes and residents that are impacted and the fact that the project was built in the McCain Valley Conservation and Recreation Area:
<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/business/energy-green/sd-fi-tule-windfarm-20180125-story.html>

- PDS provided the Chair with the following updated Tule Wind groundwater use: 65.36 acre-feet / 21.3 million gallons from JCSD; 51.37 acre-feet / 16.7 million gallons from Rough Acres Ranch wells 6/6a and 8; 17.8 acre feet/5.8 million gallons from McCain Conservation Camp.
- Ken Daubach reported that the Dept. of Water Resources was now handling his complaint on project use of water from McCain Conservation Camp wells and the \$4.118 million that did not get paid to the State.
- Harley McDonald said the project was transitioning from her development team to Derek Hummel the new project operator.
- Project became fully operational on the 12th.
- Along with Derek Hummer, there are 6 techs and one admin assistant on-site.
- After 2 years, GE will have 4 techs onsite.
- Questions were raised about lack of local workers for project construction / operation.
- McDonald responded to the question about local workers, that the closest worker lives in Chula Vista and project positions are posted by their Human Resource Dept.
- Bill Pape said he was aware of 6 locals working there.
- McDonald agreed to check and provide the current Tule Wind contact information for filing any noise or other complaints.
- In response to Linda Shannon's question about project use of the new Rough Acres Ranch Road, Derek said that road would be used by tech trucks only when necessary.
- In response to Ron Hynum's question about community benefits, Harley responded that they were excited to be part of the community and that \$3.5-4 million would be going to the school district, the health clinic in Campo, the Desert Museum, tribes, and the OHV Park.
- Ron Hynum said school funds should go to the Foundation which was confirmed.
- The Chair asked Harley to ensure that the funds were used by the Foundation as originally intended for STEM/STEAM, because recent concerns had been raised over controversial proposed changes.
- Nancy Satallante and Kevin Keane both said compensation should have been more local to Boulevard and Live Oak Springs.
- The Chair stated that Tule Wind had been provided a list of community needs but would not agree to support the project in exchange for community benefits because quid-pro-quo was not allowed.
- Harley agreed to provide the list of the 21 local companies that Tule Wind reportedly put to work, according to the Jan 12th press release.
- Marie Morgan said turbines should be shut off during high winds.
- Harley said they shut-off at 50-55mph.
- It was noted that was the same wind speed that SDG&E reportedly shut off local lines.
- The Chair asked why the Tule Wind and Kumeyaay Wind turbines are allowed to run and energize lines when SDG&E shut-off local neighborhoods are for days on end during high wind events.
- Harley said she did not know why.
- Derek said the blades are turned to slow the turbines.
- The discussion was shut down to move on to other agenda items.
- **ANNUAL TRAINING FOR GROUP MEMBERS ON FEBRUARY 10TH OR ONLINE.**

2. **REVITALIZATION REPORT:**

- Free blood pressure screenings will be offered at Love Your Heart participating sites on February 14th. Locations and times to be announced.
- The Mt. Empire Schools Foundation meets at 4:00 PM at the High School on February 8th.
- Friends of the Library will be having a bake sale during the week of Valentine's Day.

3. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:**

- March 2nd is the due date for application submission for the Sunrise Powerlink Grants.

4. **REPORT ON THE COUNTY'S JAN 18-19 PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (PDS2015-POD-15-002), GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (PDS2016-GPA-16-007), DRAFT SEIR (LOG NO. PDS2016-ER-16-00-003);**
- The Chair submitted Group comments by the January 14th deadline.
 - She got sick and did not make the Jan 18th PC hearing.
 - They did vote to approve the CAP with the 100% renewable option which is bad for Boulevard since we have already been disproportionately impacted with industrial wind, solar and transmission projects.
 - The Board hearing is set for 9AM February 14th. The Chair said she would try to attend that hearing.
 - There was a consensus to authorize the Chair to submit additional comments to the Board of Supervisors prior to hearing, and to represent the Group at that hearing to oppose the 100% renewable energy option.
5. **LIVE OAK SPRINGS AG CLEARING; PDS2017-AD-17-028:**
- There was no news to report, other than some apparent new clearing of vegetation just south of Old 80 and west of Live Oak Springs Road.
6. **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: SCOPING LETTER RELEASED 12-20-17:**
- No news to report.
7. **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 news to report
8. **TULE WIND PHASE 1 – PROJECT IS OPERATIONAL: Toll Free Project Hotline: (844) 784-6549.**
9. **TULE WIND PHASE II:**
- Law360, New York (January 29, 2018, 3:09 PM EST) -- A unit of Avangrid Renewables LLC, the Ewiaapaayp band of Kuweyaay Indians and the federal government told the Ninth Circuit on Friday that a lower court was right when it tossed claims that the government didn't follow environmental law in approving a lease for a wind farm.
 - Three separately filed briefs said that the Bureau of Indian Affairs comprehensively looked at the impact of the project on golden eagles when it approved a lease for the project between Tule Wind LLC and the California tribe

G. THE MEETING ADJOURNED @ 8:23PM: NEXT MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST@ THE BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM.

Minutes were approved as corrected by the Group on 3-1-18

Michele Strand, Secretary: 

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