

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
*** MINUTES / SUMMARY FOR APRIL 5, 2018 MEETING*****

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

A. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT: 1) Robert Maupin; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Michael Coyne; 7) Ronald Hynum

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR MARCH 1ST MEETING:

- ***M/S: MAUPIN/STRAND: Approve March 1st minutes as corrected: Passed: 7-0-0***

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Kathy Granger, the Superintendent for Mountain Empire School District, announced that they are seeking outreach for a Bond Measure in November. She will come back to make a presentation in the future.
- The Chair reminded everyone that this will be an informative presentation only with no vote from the Planning Group because they are not allowed to vote or take a position on ballot issues.

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

1. MARCUS LUBICH, WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION/UPDATE ON THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PARKLAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PLDO) AND POLICIES:

- Emmet Aquino took Marcus Lubich's place. He provided and reviewed handouts with a summary of Proposed Changes, Board of Supervisor's Direction, PLDO Update Efforts, Changes Not Proposed in Update, Proposed Updates to Board Policies, PLDO Update Estimated Timeline, and Proposed Board Policy Updates.
- No changes to the Commercial/Industrial policies are proposed, despite Group's request to require industrial wind, solar and transmission projects to be required to contribute to PLDO.
- Since the Boulevard area is being besieged by Commercial/Industrial projects, it would be nice to receive some of the benefits of parklands in exchange for giving up our scenic mountain views and peace and quiet.
- The Chair pointed out that Boulevard continues to receive the brunt of destructive commercial/industrial development, but Campo reaps most of the PLDO funding.
- Jim Whalen commented that he had been on the PLDO update panel and that the County decided that change was too expensive and too far out of the Scope of Work to research that perspective. The magnitude of surveys and studies to have to be done was just too much.
- Mr. Aquino agreed.
- Michael Coyne noted that the average current fees to build any type of house, whether you're in La Jolla or Boulevard is about \$30,000. Those fees are expected to go up with this Ordinance Update. It's basically another tax increase that will not benefit our community. He also pointed out that stormwater upgrades being allowed to count for Park Lands are not a positive change for us due to steep slopes and the potential to introduce the human population to the possibly contaminated run-off. This is exactly the type of loophole that developers look for to get out of actually providing something that the community can use and appreciate. The proposed use of drainage ditches as an active component is an unprecedented change.
- Jim Whalen pointed out the garden at Stone Brewing is a stormwater component and that the goal in Boulevard would be to make it look like restored wetlands.
- ***M/S: COYNE/MAUPIN: Authorize Chair to submit comments that address concerns raised during meeting. Passed: 7-0-0***

2. PROPOSED PLACEMENT OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR, HERMAN JOSEPH SMITH, AT 42920 DESERT RANCH ROAD, JACUMBA HOT SPRINGS:

- Comments will be accepted during the hearing on Friday, April 27th, 2018, Department 2102, San Diego Superior Court, 1100 Union Street, San Diego. You can send comments through April 11th via sdsafe@sdsheriff.org or 858-495-3619
- The Chair commented that this same location has been used for SVP placement previously and is only a few miles as the crow flies from the McCain Valley Road site approved for SVP Michael Martinez.
- Why can't they be placed in the same house, wouldn't it be cheaper for tax payers?
- The judges have been placing SVP's out in our area because of the lower rents. Taxpayers are paying for these predators to live in our community because we are rural with a low population.
- Those present agreed with Supervisor Jacob's position that the SVP's should be relocated to a trailer next to the Donovan State Prison in Otay where they can be supervised and away from families with children. It would be cheaper to repair or replace that trailer than to pay the reported \$4,000-5,000 per month for rent. We don't even have Sheriff's in our area after 6:00pm.
- ***M/S: MAUPIN/HYNUM: Authorize Chair to submit comments opposing the placement of Herman Joseph Smith in the Boulevard area. Passed 7-0-0***

E. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

- Michael Coyne was officially appointed by the Board of Supervisors to Seat #6 on March 13th. The remainder of his term expires in January 2019, along with the other even numbered seats.
- County project manager, Bronwyn Brown, said that San Diego Wind has not yet submitted a formal project to the County for review.
- After the Group's recent vote on the liquor license for Live Oak Springs, questions were raised on how a majority vote is determined. For clarification, on whether Policy I-1 or Roberts Rules take precedence, the Chair contacted the County liaison who asked County Counsel for a response. See response in agenda package. It says that Policy I-1 takes precedence and that a majority of the number of seats, not just the number of those present, is necessary for an action to pass.
- The Chair also asked Supervisor Jacob's office to check into why the census shows only 315 people in the Boulevard Planning Area. Projects and reporters keep using that inaccurate population. They had the Registrar of Voters look into it who contacted SANDAG.
- SANDAG reported back that our population is 2,190—more than expected. Now we just need get the incorrect information corrected so news articles and public reports can be accurate.

2. REVITALIZATION REPORT:

- The Mt. Empire Schools Foundation meets at 4:00 PM at the High School on April 12th.
- Potrero is having an open house on April 21st for their community center.
- In-ko-pah is having an Earth Day event at the Desert View Tower on April 21st from 9AM to 4PM. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults. There will be vendors, performers, and food.
- Membership forms were available to become a Friend of the Jacumba Library and Boulevard Kiosk. Is anyone interested in having a class on how to use the kiosk?
- Revitalization is looking for volunteers to help out with possible events at the Boulevard Resource Center. More people are needed to be involved for an active center.
- Gratitude was expressed to Jim Whalen for covering the center's first year of insurance, allowing them to quickly secure the necessary insurance.

- Sherry Gogue of Farmers Insurance was also thanked for making many trips out to Boulevard to ensure that the center got insured.

3. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:

- The next meeting is April 19th at 6:30 PM at the Jacumba Highland Center.
- Mt. Empire Disaster Preparedness Meeting is on April 10th at 1:00 PM at the Campo Community Center.
- On May 12th, there will be a Hazardous Waste Collection event at the Pine Valley Park. They will be collecting all hazardous waste, tires, and electronics.
- The Community Clean-up Days will be happening this year in Boulevard, Campo, Jacumba, and Potrero. More volunteers are always welcome, especially for Boulevard where volunteers are needed.
- The Chair thanked Tammy Daubach and her family for all of their continuous efforts and sacrifices they make for this community. The entire room applauded.

4. REPORT ON THE MARCH 16TH HEARING AND PLACEMENT OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR MICHAEL MARTINEZ AT 2135 MCCAIN VALLEY ROAD:

- Dianne Jacob was present at the hearing, along with the mother of one of Martinez's child victims, but no local residents showed up to protest.
- The Judge approved placement at 2135 McCain Valley Road. Proponents emphasized that the property is behind 3 locked "fences", as if that would prevent an escape.
- Another report said that the trailer at Donovan state prison that Supervisor Jacob recommended as a better alternative is no longer there and/or that the toilet was not working.
- It sure seems like it would be cheaper to replace or fix the trailer at Donovan.
- See related article in agenda package

5. ABC PERMIT APPROVED FOR NEW LIVE OAK SPRINGS STORE:

- The Chair reported that the County rejected a revote, basically saying the meeting where we voted was properly noticed, the late petition was vague, the park area is private property, and the community could have gathered and presented objections in time for our first meeting.
- See the County's statements in the agenda package on approval and why a revote was not applicable.
- Ms. Nancy Satallante received a letter stating that the public convenience or necessity overrode the ABC License Capability to overturn the decision.
- One resident said she has documents that the Live Oak Springs park area was dedicated to the residents of Live Oak Springs.
- Another resident said she had sent letters locally and up to Sacramento, including Dianne Jacob's office.
- Allegations were made that the new store is selling paraphernalia and that debris dumping continues.
- One resident said she spoke to Deputy Fuentes about Deputy Hout who spoke in support of the new owners at the March meeting. He believed there may have been a misunderstanding.
- The Chair suggested that the concerned citizens make an appointment with Supervisor Dianne Jacob to share all of the information gathered so far.
- It was reported that media would be coming out to Live Oak Springs on commodities day to talk to locals and to look into multiple local issues including SVP placement.

6. TULE WIND PHASE 1 – NOISE /COMMUNITY COMPLAINT CONTACTS:

- *Toll Free Project Hotline & Noise Complaints directly to Iberdrola/Avangrid: 855-369-9337; windcommunity@avangrid.com. Noise complaints can also be made to Lazaro Herrera, County Noise Control Officer & Code Compliance: 858-694-3741; lazaro.herrera@sdcounty.ca.gov; and to BLM: Tristan Riddell @ triddell@blm.gov, 760-337-4436; or Carrie Sahagun @ csahagun@blm.gov, 760-337-4437.*

7. **TULE WIND PHASE II:**

- Another hearing was held in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in mid-March 2018

8. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SCOPING LETTER RELEASED ON 1-19-18:**

- County Project Manager Bronwyn Brown said applicant has asked for more time for required biological survey. They are aiming to resubmit this summer.

9. **60 MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR - MUP12-010TE PDS20123300-12-00 @ 796 Tierra Del Sol Road; Scoping Letter released on 10-11-17:**

- County Project Manager Bronwyn Brown said applicant has asked for more time for required biological survey. They are aiming to resubmit this summer.
- Jim Whalen reminded everyone that he is not associated with this project.

10. **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:**

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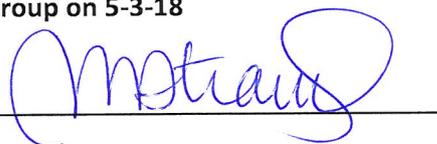
11. **LIVE OAK SPRINGS AG CLEARING; PDS2017-AD-17-028:**

- The County project manager reported that they are still waiting for the applicant to submit a full project description.
- The Chair reported receiving several questions about the obvious clearing taking place on that property and if it is authorized or not. That question was also asked of the project manager, but there was no response. The clearing is visible from Tierra Del Sol Road and from westbound Old Hwy 80.

G. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:10PM. NEXT MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY, MAY 3RD @ THE BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM.

Minutes approved by the Group on 5-3-18

Michele Strand, Secretary:



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