

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
MINUTES / SUMMARY FOR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 3RD, 2023
COMMUNITY ROOM IN BACK AT 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD, BOULEVARD, CA, 91905**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: 1) Manuel Casanova; 2) Earl Goodnight; 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Vacant; 5) Vacant; 7) Nancy Good; 6) Michael Coyne

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR July 6th MEETING:

- *M/S: Keane/Good: Approve July 6th, 2023, minutes/summary as corrected. PASSED: 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 VACANT*

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Rupert Pedrin requested information if the Board had a treasury. He continued to inform the Board of an email that listed grant funds allotted to communities in San Diego County in Supervisor Anderson's district.

Rupert Pedrin asked for this item be added to the next month's agenda regarding distributions of grant funds by Anderson's office.

Rupert Pedrin said he had information on The Mountain Top Market power hookup. Chair Goodnight reminded him that item was on the agenda and hold comments until then.

Rupert Pedrin voiced concern about SDG&E Microgrid/Battery area having weeds and brush that needed cleared. Also, he said there was a lack of training by Cal Fire in case of fire at the Microgrid/Battery storage. His contact at SDG&E informed him they were working to get a training program for Cal Fire.

Kevin Keane asked if anyone knew of Old Hwy 80 being renamed Manzanita Parkway in the Boulevard area. Others commented they had seen it on Google maps.

A member of the public asked why Boulevard did not have a community park. She was informed that the Board is working with the Solar Projects to donate funds to create a community park.

E. ACTION ITEMS: (Items #1 & #2 were taken out of order due to the lateness of one of the applicants)

1. **VOTE ON APPLICATION FOR VACANT SEAT #5:** Melanie Zardeneta-Hayden gave a short presentation on her qualifications. She has lived in Boulevard 10 years and currently resides on Jewel Valley Road. She feels she could be an asset to the Board. Board member questions were answered to their satisfaction.
 - **M/S Keane/Coyne: Recommend Melanie Zardeneta-Hayden for appointment to the Boulevard Planning Group; Passed, 4 Yes, 0 No, 2 Vacant, 1 Abstain (Nancy Good)**
- **VOTE ON APPLICATION FOR VACANT SEAT #4:** Anthony Ralphs gave a short presentation on his qualifications. He has lived in the area for 10 years, is active in the community and feels he can contribute to the Boulevard Planning Group. Nancy Good grilled Anthony on being late to the meeting. Board member questions were answered to their satisfaction.
 - **M/S Coyne/Keane: Recommend Anthony Ralphs for appointment to the Boulevard Planning Group; Passed, 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Vacant**

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MOUNTAIN TOP MARKET POWER CONNECTION TO SDG&E'S MICRO GRID:** Chair Goodnight reported that the Board's directed letter had been sent 7/24/2023 to Dallin Young, SDG&E with cc: to Supervisor Anderson. Chair received a response from Dallin Young stating that the requirements for NECESSARY FACILITIES had been revised to include gas stations and markets. SDG&E is assessing when they can include the market in future undergrounding.
- **LIVE OAKS SPRINGS MARKET GENERATOR SUPPORT LETTER:** Chair Goodnight reported that he had contacted Sam Mathe, owner of Live Oaks Springs Market to get his contact information for the letter. The Board directed letter was emailed to Dalli Young, SDG&E on 7/28/2023. Chair received a confirmation of receipt by phone the same day.
- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION UPDATE:** The Association of San Diego County Planning Groups submitted their **Draft** INTERIM GROUP BYLAWS to County Council for review. Chair Goodnight reported that on 7/28/2023 SANDAG's executive director Hasan Ikhtrata had submitted his resignation effective December 29, 2023.
- **COUNTY ACTION PLAN (CAP):** CAP is urging the public to submit the survey that followed their presentation using the website provided.
- **SOCIALLY EQUITABLE CANNABIS PROGRAM:** PDS had completed Phase 3 of their outreach program. Next, they will be developing an EIR, followed by the public review of the EIR.
- **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:** Dennis Bergland urged the community to get involved and attend the Fire Safe and Revitalization groups that are providing a big service to the community. The brush chipping days and the cleanup days need volunteers.

G. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR PLUS BATTERIES PLANNED FOR 565 ACRES ON THE EMPIRE RANCH:**
 - Jim Whalen presented a list of potential benefits for the community that could be possible with donations from the Starlight Solar Project and asked that they be reviewed for input from the community.
2. **TERRA-GEN'S BOULDER BRUSH FACILITIES (SUBSTATION GEN-TIE) PDS2022-MUP-19-002TE:**
 - An appeal was submitted on 6/20/2023 by the nonprofit BAD and individuals Ed and Donna Tisdale.
3. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1:** Nothing to report.
4. **BOULEVARD ENERGY STORAGE:** The project was formally withdrawn on 7/27/2023.
5. **TERRA-GENS BOULDER BRUSH SUBSTATION:** An appeal was submitted on 6/20/2023 by a non-profit for the dismissal of their legal challenge to the County's approval of the Project.
6. **SDG&E'S BOULEVARD MICROGRID:** The Project is on schedule to be completed this August as reported by Dallin Young.

H. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:03 PM: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023.

Minutes were approved, as corrected, by the Group on 9/7/2023.

Manuel Casanova Jr., Secretary: *Manuel Casanova Jr*

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