

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP  
\*\*\*MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, Thursday, February 2, 2017 at the Boulevard Fire Training Room, (behind old Fire Station).

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

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**C. MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:**

- *M/S: Keane/Hynum: Approve January 5<sup>th</sup> minutes/summary as corrected: Passed: 5-0-0*

**D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

- Concerns were repeated over potential adverse impacts related to extensive distribution, spreading, and stockpiling of asphalt grindings generated by CalTrans resurfacing project on I-8.
- Witness reported that truck driver named Richard was allegedly going door to door on February 2<sup>nd</sup> trying to get property owners to accept numerous truckloads of “free gravel”. Richard was also witnessed at the Jacumba Library soliciting property owners. He also gave out his cell number that was provided to the Chair and those present.
- A suggestion was made to contact Laurie Berman at Caltrans and remind her that the so-called “gifting” of asphalt grindings in our groundwater dependent area is an Environmental Justice issue.
- It was reported that Greg Lansing had finally lost the Empire Ranch property through default. It reportedly went back to the Haagen family. No information on potential plans for the property.

**E. ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN (CREP) POD 13-00:**

- County contact: [Emma.Schoppe@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Emma.Schoppe@sdcounty.ca.gov) or 858.495.5437. CREP website: <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/advance/CREP.html>
- Chair reported that the CREP meeting was moved to allow staff to review and update CPUC actions on Community Choice Aggregation and CEC report on barriers to renewable energy for low-income residents.
- Brief discussion on the current status and concerns, including potential for renewable energy overlay zone in our around Boulevard and Jacumba.
- *M/S: Hynum/Strand: Authorize Chair to submit comments and/or represent the Group at the Board of Supervisors’ February 15<sup>th</sup> hearing: Passed: 5-0-0*

2. **DISCUSS AND ACT ON POTENTIAL SET UP OF BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP SPECIFIC EMAIL ACCOUNTS AND WEBSITE:**

- Group specific email accounts could help avoid the potential for future problems. Any decisions and potential website costs will need to be vetted and approved by the County before implementation.

- Chair asked Kevin Keane to report on training meeting with County and his ideas for group email and website.
- He reported that the 2016 presidential election raised concerns with use of private email.
- At the 2017 training session, County staff encouraged creation of group email accounts and websites.
- Keane's handout package was reviewed and discussed.
- There were no objections to looking into the proposal.
- More research is needed into just what is and is not allowed. Keane is willing to do that research.
- Consensus on no need to set up a subcommittee.
- ***M/S: Tisdale/Strand: Appoint Kevin Keane to conduct more research into potential for setting up group email and /or website and to report back: Passed: 5-0-0***

## **F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY**

### **1. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Paula Byrd submitted her resignation from Seat #6, effective Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Her husband, Jeff, is retiring and they are moving to Colorado.
- Applications are now being accepted to fill Seat #6
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission hearing on January 25, 2017 the Board of Supervisors directed staff return with a Zoning Ordinance amendment to ban medical and non-medical marijuana facilities within the unincorporated County and include an amortization clause that applies to nonconforming Medical Marijuana Collective Facilities.
- This item will be going before the Planning Commission on **February 10, 2017**. The Commission meeting will take place at the County Operations Center Campus Chambers which is shown by the red star on the attached map. The Planning Commission will be making recommendations for the Board's consideration at the March 15, 2017 Board of Supervisors public hearing.
- Acorn Springs LLC Development project was advertised in Alpine Sun in Jan 10<sup>th</sup> edition as being located on "prestigious Jewel Valley Road", with floor plans for modular homes ranging from 805 sq ft to 1,800 sq ft.
- Mr. Wen Chang called in response to Chair's email query, saying he owns several individual parcels in Boulevard about ¼ mile south of Old 80. He also owns the Brawley Inn.
- Mr. Chang was present and spoke briefly, confirming he owns 3 legal parcels of 2.5 acres each in our beautiful with oak trees. Each manufactured home will have separate garage.
- Mr. Chang is willing to hand over to local developer.
- He reported that County staff said he could drill one well to serve all of his parcels or drill one well for each parcel.

- Chair questioned legality of using one well to serve all parcels without the creation of a small water district and urged Mr. Chang to confirm with County.
- Mr. Chang handed the Chair a book entitled World's Leed Hotels, by Ling Ling Chang, saying he had some involvement with it and it was gift for the group.

2. **REVITALIZATION REPORT:**

- The Friends of the Library group in Jacumba needs a new Board. The next meeting will be on February 28th at 3:00 PM at the library. They need 7 board members. The community needs to get behind this or it will be lost.
- The next Boulevard/Jacumba Revitalization meeting will be on March 6th at 6:30 PM at the Boulevard Fire Training Room. Bob Maupin is the new board member.
- Mt. Empire School Foundation will be meeting will be on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4PM at Mt. Empire High School. They are looking for ideas and Board members.

3. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:**

- SDG&E's annual Sunrise Powerlink Grants have started again.
- The Real East County Fire Safe Council (RECFSC) will be filling out grant requests for chipping, and possibly for fire breaks.
- The ice machine has arrived home, after being taken to the new fire station in error. It is not hooked up yet.
- The Emergency Evacuation Fair will be March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5PM-8PM at the Mt. Empire High School.
- For safe firewood go to [www.dontmovefirewood.org](http://www.dontmovefirewood.org) or [www.firewoodscout.org](http://www.firewoodscout.org).

4. **TULE WIND CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY:**

- Construction notices and weekly environmental monitoring reports are posted at <http://tulewindeccmp.com/>. Toll Free Project Hotline: (844) 784-6549.
- The project component map (without wind turbines or other components located on state or tribal land) is posted @ <http://tulewindeccmp.com/Project%20Location%20Map.pdf>.
- Chair reported that new roads are now being graded from Ribbonwood Road, across Tule Creek floodplain, and from McCain Valley Road into Rough Acres Ranch.
- New turbine pad grading is also visible from TDS, I-8, and Ribbonwood Road.
- At start of meeting, Linda Shannon provided two aerial photos showing the new lined pond, located at the western end of the old landing strip and the old pond, both located on Rough Acres Ranch, and asked if they were in the permitted plans.
- Jim Whalen asked for copies of the photos. He will research and report back to group.
- The Chair asked Whalen if he succeeded in getting new maps for Traffic Plan that can be printed out, as requested.
- He reported that Tule had agreed to do so. He will follow up with them.

5. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP); DRAFT EIR PENDING:**

- Jim Whalen said there was no real news to report on this project.
- Project documents and plot plans are posted @ [http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current\\_Protects/Rough-Acres-Ranch.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current_Protects/Rough-Acres-Ranch.html).
- PDS Project Manager: [Bronwyn.Brown@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Bronwyn.Brown@sdcounty.ca.gov) (858) 495-5516.

6. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD - MAJOR GRADING PERMIT ISSUED NOVEMBER 30TH: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN:** County contacts during construction: [Raymond.Barrion@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Raymond.Barrion@sdcounty.ca.gov) & [Mario.Rubio@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Mario.Rubio@sdcounty.ca.gov).

- See item 4 Tule Wind, above.
- The Chair asked Jim Whalen if he knew if Linda Shannon and project developers had managed to work out anything on the location of the proposed truck route that swings back right at her driveway gate.
- Chair reported that no changes were evident from clearing and grading site that she looked at the site from Ribbonwood Road.

7. **SOITEC'S SOLAR PROJECTS FOR SALE:**

- Jim Whalen had no news to report.
- Questions were raised on when Soitec's permits expire.
- Efforts reportedly continue to sell off Soitec's Boulevard projects in McCain Valley and Tierra Del Sol.
- The 424 acre Tierra Dol Sol Solar site was listed for sale by the private land owner at \$1.9million.
- Soitec 's project records are posted @ <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Solar-EIR.html> .

**G. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETNG SET FOR MARCH 2, 2017@ THE BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM.**

***For More information*** contact Donna Tisdale, Chair at 619-766-4170 or [tisdale.donna@gmail.com](mailto: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>

Minutes approved by Group on 2-2-17

Michele Strand, Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

