

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM, Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Boulevard Fire Training Room, 39923 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905.

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: **1)** Robert Maupin; **2)** Earl Goodnight **3)** Kevin Keane; **4)** Donna Tisdale; **5)** Michele Strand (arrived at 7:05); **7)** Ronald Hynum. **SEAT #6: VACANT**

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 2ND MEETING:

- *M/S: Hynum/Keane: Accept February 2nd minutes as corrected: Passed: 6-0-0*

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Concerns were raised over high-speed Border Patrol pursuits in general and specifically related to a recent crash with multiple injuries in the Lake Morena area off Buckman Springs Road.

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

1. FORMALLY ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PAULA BYRD SEAT FROM SEAT #6.

- *M/S: Maupin/Keane: Accept resignation of Paula Byrd from Seat #6: Passed: 6-0-0.*

2. ACT ON REQUEST FROM ROBERT MAUPIN TO DETERMINE WHAT GROUP ACTION TO TAKE REGARDING CURRENT STATUS OF UNPAVED SECTION OF TIERRA DEL SOL ROAD:

- Mr. Maupin publicly recused himself, stepped down, explained his conflict based on his ownership of impacted property, and then provided a summary of the same information he previously provided to Supervisor Jacob's office and others.
- Supervisor Jacob did help set up a meeting with various agency representatives that Maupin attended onsite with several neighbors.
- The Chair reported attending that on-site meeting as well.
- The County has had a 50 foot easement on the unpaved road section since 1948.
- The unpaved section is considered a public road by the County but it has never been accepted into the County's road maintenance program.
- The existing road status leaves impacted residents in a state of limbo without an adequate road width or turn around for emergency vehicle access.
- Current options appear to include the following:
 - Upgrade the road to County standards at residents' own expense, estimated at approximately \$1 million or so, and then request the County to include it in the County Maintained System, with no guarantee that it will be included for maintenance.
 - Ask the US Border Patrol to seek a permit from the County to simply grade the road intermittently, which does not resolve the emergency vehicle access issue.
 - Seek a permit from the County to conduct minor road maintenance themselves at risk of being personally sued in the event of unintended consequences.
 - Ask the County to release their easement if they have no intention of upgrading or maintaining the road, which does not resolve emergency vehicle access and other issues.

- *M/S: Goodnight/Keane: Authorize Chair to send letter to Supervisor Jacob seeking help to resolve the ongoing dispute and Catch 22: Passed: 6-0-0*

F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

- **NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR SEAT #6 FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF PAULA BYRD ON FEBRUARY 1ST:**
 - The Chair repeated the notice of the vacancy and acceptance of applications. The notice was posted, published, and the County had been notified per requirements.
 - Applications to fill Seat #6 will be accepted through April 5th with applicant statements and Group appointment action to be taken at April 6th meeting.
 - Group appointment is advisory only and must be approved by Supervisor Jacob and the County Board of Supervisors.
 - The Chair had copies of the application forms on hand. Forms are also available online: http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/dplu/docs/Planning-Sponsor_Group_Application.pdf
- **CALTRANS ASPHALT GRINDINGS:**
 - The Chair reported that Caltrans asked for an extension for the Public Records Act request that she had submitted as an individual.
 - On Feb 28th they sent a response with related documents.
 - They confirmed that no leach testing had been conducted on the grindings.
 - They had nothing to disclose related to the RWQCB investigation.
 - The Dept of Fish & Wildlife memo they rely on for compliance is dated 1993
 - 19 contracts/waivers signed by willing property owners were provided which does not cover the many properties where grindings have been “gifted”.
 - The Chair also reported receiving a call regarding an alleged fatal motorcycle accident that the caller believed was related to grindings creating an unsafe condition. No details available.
- **INVENERGY’S SOLAR PROJECT PRE-APPLICATION:**
 - Chair reported that in response to her request for any new information, PDS staff disclosed that they had recently conducted a Major Pre-Application (PDS2016-MPA-16-011) review for Invenergy for a 50 MW ground-mounted solar proposal (PV panels) on Soitec’s former LANeast and LANwest sites.
 - The Summary Letter was reportedly dated January 17, 2017 and copied to the Boulevard CPG, but had not yet been received.
 - Invenergy has indicated to staff they are looking for other possible sites due the myriad constraints on the LANeast and LANwest sites. We will be informed if a formal application is submitted.
 - Invenergy was the developer of the previously withdrawn Shu’luuk Wind project that was proposed for Campo tribal land.
 - PDS staff also responded that Soitec’s Rugged and Tierra Del Sol Soitec MUP’s expire on October 14, 2017.
 - Jim Whalen reported that the LANwest and LANeast sites were only 40% usable space due to wetland conditions and other constraints.
 - Whalen also stated that Greg Lansing is no longer involved with Empire Ranch and that the property has returned to the Haagen family.

2. **REVITALIZATION REPORT:**

- The report was provided in advance by Tammy Daubach who could not attend.
- The Friends of the Library have a new board. The next meeting will be at 6PM on March 21st. Everyone is invited. A big thank you to Michele Strand for all her support for this endeavor.
- The next Boulevard/Jacumba Revitalization meeting will be at 6:30 PM on March 6th at the Boulevard FD Training Room.
- Mt. Empire School Foundation will be meeting at 4 PM on March 23rd at the Mt. Empire High School. They are looking for ideas and Board members.
- FYI: The dirt pile at the Backcountry Motel is part of for the I-8 resurfacing project. The dirt is being used to build up the shoulders.

3. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (FSC) REPORT** (provided in advance by Tammy Daubach)

- The Emergency Evacuation Fair is set from 5-8PM on March 2nd at Mt. Empire High School.
- Our FSC will be doing free community chipping twice a month throughout our FSC region from March – July. Dates to be announced soon.
- Community clean-up flyers will be posted soon.

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

- The Chair provided the report on Board of Supervisors' hearing held on February 15th and pointed to the agenda package for the comments she made at the Board hearing and a media report on that hearing.
- She stated she had tried to submit two separate speaker forms for the BPG and Backcountry Against Dumps, but she was only allowed one slip and had to make joint comments for both groups.
- Of the 20 or so speakers, the Chair was the only one in opposition to the Renewable Overlay zone.
- Jim Whalen spoke in favor of the overlay and an Infrastructure Finance District to support such a zone.
- Supervisor Dianne Jacob noted that the Chair's list of 31 energy and transmission projects proposed for the Boulevard/Jacumba area showed that no overlay zone is needed. Developers have already targeted the area.
- There was no stated support for an overlay zone from any one of the supervisors.
- The Chair read out the following action taken: ON MOTION of Supervisor Horn, seconded by Supervisor Cox, the Board accepted the CREP Phase One Report and directed the Chief Administrative Officer to consider the following for Phase Two of the CREP (Phase One Report Recommendations 1-7): 1. Establish a Sustainability Task Force within the County's Existing Organizational Framework. 2. Track Community Solar and Wind Initiatives in the County. 3. Increase the County's Renewable Energy Generation, Transmission, Use and Storage. 4. Develop Strategies to Address Barriers to Alternative Fuel Deployment. 5. Promote Vetted Renewable Energy Finance Mechanisms, such as Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs, Bonds, Peer-to-Peer Lending or Crowdfunding, among others. 6. Develop and Implement a Renewable Energy Education and Outreach Strategy. 7. Develop and Implement a Strategy to Support Renewable Energy Legislation that Benefits San Diego County. AYES: Cox, Jacob, Gaspar, Horn ABSENT: Roberts
- The Climate Action Plan's draft EIR is next potential for inclusion of Renewable energy Overlay zone.

5. **UPDATE REPORT 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.
- Kevin Keane reported that his attempts to get a response from Lisa Fitzpatrick, who discussed this option at the training event, have not yet been productive. He asked for suggestions.
- The Chair stated that Lisa is probably overwhelmed as the Planning Commission Secretary and contact for Planning Groups. She suggested contacting Supervisor Jacob's office.
- A member of the public offered up his private server if needed and agreed to discuss any potential coordination with Mr. Keane.

6. TULE WIND CONSTRUCTION & GROUNDWATER MONITORING UNDERWAY:

- The Chair reported that BLM had granted Notice to Proceed for the rest of Tule Wind construction, including blasting, turbines—everything.
- As a side note, the Chair also reported that the Daily Record and BBC had reported that an investigation has been launched by Scottish Power, an Iberdrola company, after one of their 480' / 160 ton Gamesa wind turbines collapsed in 55 mph winds at their Kilgallioch wind farm near the Scottish community of Barhill on Jan 13th. The turbine was not yet operational. Debris was spread over ½ kilometer (about 1/3 mile). Reports said the company failed to alert the public until 7 days after the collapse:
<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/local-news/safety-probe-launched-after-collapse-9716684>

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

- Jim Whalen reported that the Draft EIR is still a ways out.

8. ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD PERMITTED- MAJOR GRADING WORK UNDERWAY: PDS2011-2700-15622:

- Linda Shannon had reported that several sensitive Indian artifact sites had been roped off in the middle of the road construction and that the road path was being surveyed for the 3rd time, according to surveyors she had encountered.
- Many of the workers appear to drive vehicles with plates from Wisconsin and Wyoming.
- The route may be moved further to the North as previously suggested by impacted residents.

9. SOITEC'S SOLAR PROJECTS FOR SALE:

- Jim Whalen had no news to report.
- Chair restated that Soitec's MUP expires on October 14, 2017.

G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 PM. NEXT MEETING SET FOR APRIL 6, 2017@ THE BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM.

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>

Minutes approved by the Group on May 4, 2017

Michele Strand, Secretary:

