

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 8 January 2018, at Crest Community Building, 113 North Park, El Cajon (Crest).

**A. CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL.** Planning Group members Rich, Ulm, Slagill, Carroll, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 8. Member Trial was absent, but excused. Members Harris, Hertel and Underwood were absent, not excused. Seat 6, Seat 10 and Seat 12 are vacant.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** For the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2017, Mary Manning requested correction of Item G2, replacing paragraph 2 with the following: “Kandy explained that the Crest community recommends five possible projects to be considered for 2018 PLDO funding at Nancy Jane Park: 1) reestablish road easement and parking on Park Boulevard where Nancy Jane Park grassed area has encroached; 2) expand existing gazebo (the Crest community is removing its request for installation of a second gazebo in the park’s northeast corner); 3) provide electricity to the existing gazebo; 4) construct a 3’ or 4’ high fence along the playground and horseshoe pit area at the corner of Eucalyptus and Park Boulevard; and 5) construct a portable raised stage-activity floor that can be used at the corner of Park Boulevard and Suncrest Boulevard. Crest community members are removing their previous request for an After School Program at Nancy Jane Park, and would like to meet with County Staff to clarify details about the 5 projects recommended.”

Mary also requested: 1) addition of the following sentence to Item G2, paragraph 3: “Harbison Canyon community members would like to meet with County Staff to clarify details about the 6 recommended projects.”; and 2) correction of Item G2, paragraph 4, changing the words “10 projects” to “11 projects”, and changing the words “Nancy Jane Park, 4 projects” to “Nancy Jane Park, 5 projects.”

Pat Ulm moved the Planning Group approves the minutes of its meeting on 11 December 2017, with the corrections requested by Mary Manning described above. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION.** A community member announced she was carrying a petition calling for the repeal of the increased State gasoline tax, and offered anyone interested the opportunity to sign it.

**F. ACTION ITEMS.** None.

**G. GROUP BUSINESS.**

**G1. Announcements and correspondence.** Chairman Riggs announced: 1) that he had received an application for vacant Seat 6, that the applicant would be present to be

considered for nomination at the February meeting of the Planning Group, and that there is also a possible second applicant for Seat 6; and 2) that he received a Notice of Public Hearing by the Planning Commission concerning the County's Climate Action Plan, scheduled for 18 January, 9 AM, at the County Operations Center.

Mary Manning announced that an Open House to explain the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Group's fire mitigation grants program for the Year 2018 is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 6 – 7 PM, at the Alpine Community Center

**G2. PLDO report (Mary Manning).** Mary Manning reported that with the Group's approval of the corrected minutes in Item D above, the PLDO Project Priority List for 2018 – consisting of 11 projects – is ready and will be provided to the County Department of Parks and Recreation.

**G3. Emergency egress in Crest.** Chairman Riggs asked Crest community resident Kandy Franklin to describe the current status of the Crest emergency egress route utilizing Suncrest Boulevard. Kandy explained 1) the 11-year history of efforts by the Crest community, its Fire Safe Council, Supervisor Diane Jacob, CalFire and other agencies, and property owners to develop a publicly recognized, official Emergency Egress Route along Suncrest Boulevard, from the locked gate at Orchard Avenue in Crest to the locked gate at Camino Monte Sombra in Granite Hills, with an approved Evacuation Map posted on agencies' websites, and public signs installed to direct the community to the route; 2) the difficulties inherent in managing and communicating about control of the locked gates, with responsibilities shared between the Sheriff, fire agencies, property owners, and Crest Fire Safe Council; 3) problems encountered concerning the installation of public signs to direct the community to the route, and the removal of these signs; 3) the failed attempt to conduct a planned practice evacuation involving all the stakeholders and responsible agencies; 4) and some of the various associated risks and liabilities perceived by different stakeholders.

Kandy informed the Planning Group that Supervisor Jacob will hold a meeting concerning the potential use of Suncrest Boulevard as an Emergency Egress Route for Crest on January 17, at 2:30 PM, at her office in El Cajon, and she requested that the Group provides a letter expressing its support for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between all of the appropriate responsible agencies and County departments that 1) establishes a planned evacuation route, 2) includes a control system for the locked gates with communication redundancy between all of the responsible stakeholders, and 3) establishes easily findable information about this Emergency Egress Route on agencies' websites.

Pat Ulm asked the Planning Group to support Kandy's request, and to recommend that the responsible public agencies and County departments create an MOU that establishes a Suncrest Boulevard Emergency Egress Route for Crest. She volunteered to attend the meeting at Supervisor Jacob's office on January 17.

Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group provides a letter of support that 1) recommends that all the appropriate responsible public agencies and County departments establish a new MOU designating Suncrest Boulevard, from Orchard Avenue in Crest to Camino Monte Sombra in Granite Hills, as an Emergency Egress Route for Crest, 2) requests including in this MOU specific directions concerning needed road maintenance

and adequate public signage to direct emergency use, and 3) urges taking every action needed to create this MOU. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**G4. Meeting updates.** The next meeting of the Planning Group is scheduled for February 12, 2018, at the Crest Community Building, 114 N. Park Drive, El Cajon (Crest).

**H. ADJOURNMENT.** Karla Carroll moved adjournment at 8:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)