A. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

B. ROLL CALL. Planning Group members Rich, Ulm, Trial, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Hertel, Underwood and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 9. Members Slagill, Carroll and Harris were absent, but excused. Seat 6, Seat 10 and Seat 12 are vacant.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Tim Lucas moved the Planning Group approves the minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2018, as submitted. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. No one from the public requested to speak.

Planning Group member Tim Lucas commented about the agenda item at the Group’s February meeting concerning potential cell phone antenna sites utilizing utility poles in Crest, noting that the consultant expected to be able to make a projected PowerPoint presentation, which was not possible; the consultant was able only to make a relatively poor verbal presentation; and the public and the Group were deprived of potentially better communication and information about a complex technology, and its impacts to the communities where cell antenna sites are located.

Chairman Riggs commented that County Development and Planning Services staff members expressed their appreciation for how well the Planning Group functioned while addressing the cell phone antenna sites agenda item, the consultants’ presentation, and the concerns of community residents.

Cristina Becker (scheduled for appointment on 13 March 2018 by the Board of Supervisors to fill Seat 6 as a Planning Group member) said that she is interested in the Sycuan/Sloane Canyon Trail Public Workshop that is scheduled at Dehesa School, 19 March 2018, at 6 – 7:30 PM; she asked if the Group has any recommendations about this issue.

Chairman Riggs commented that everyone interested is encouraged to attend the Sycuan/Sloane Canyon Trail Public Workshop, 19 March 2018, 6 – 7:30 PM at Dehesa School, an announcement he had intended to make as part of Item G1. He emphasized that this public meeting convened by the County Department of Parks and Recreation could be attended by all of the Planning Group members without Brown Act violation, assuming members did not discuss Group business among themselves. Riggs also said that the issue of the Sycuan/Sloane Canyon Trail will be an agenda item at the April meeting of the Planning Group.

F. ACTION ITEMS.
F1. Replacement of unreadable street signs in Crest, Dehesa, Granite Hills, and Harbison Canyon. Chairman Riggs explained that the Planning Group has an opportunity to provide a comprehensive list of degraded, unreadable street signs that need replacement on County public roads in the Subregion to the Department of Public Works. He asked Group members to canvass the streets in their areas and inform him about specific signs needing replacement that should be included on the list for DPW.

Mary Manning said that she had learned that one could make online requests for service about non-emergency problems with public roads, such as pot-holes, bad drainage, and unreadable road signs; that one could Google “San Diego County Road Maintenance,” or more directly go to: www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/roads/svcreq.html

She also said that an organized, comprehensive list from the Planning Group would have greater value for influencing the Department of Public Works than a number of individuals’ Internet complaints; and she volunteered to canvass Harbison Canyon regarding street signs needing replacement.

Chairman Riggs asked Group members to inform him of candidate signs and he would compile a master list that could possibly be included for review as an agenda item at the April meeting.

G. GROUP BUSINESS.

G1. Announcements and correspondence. See last paragraph, Item E.

G2. Authorization of reimbursements to Chairman for P.O. Box rental fee $140.00 and printer cartridge $43.09. Mary Manning moved that the Planning Group approves and authorizes a reimbursement of $183.09 by the County of San Diego to Planning Group Chairman Wally Riggs, for his payment of the Group’s Post Office Box annual rent ($140.00), and for his purchase of a printer cartridge ($43.09) used for Group business. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Riggs).

G3. Reminder of filing of Form 700. Chairman Riggs reminded Planning Group members that April 2, 2018, is the deadline for filing Form 700. Chairman Riggs also reminded Group members that County staff recommends that each Planning Group member should establish a separate email account dedicated solely to all planning group matters and communications.

G4. Meeting updates. The next meeting of the Planning Group will be on April 9, 2018, at the Crest Community Building, 113 No, Park Drive, El Cajon (Crest).

H. ADJOURNMENT. Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 7:45 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)