

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 11 March 2019, at Crest Community Building, 113 N. Park Drive, 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, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Hertel, Underwood and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 8. Members Slagill, Jones, Trial, Becker and McAndrews were absent, but excused. Member Harris was absent, but not excused. Seat 12 is vacant.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Mary Manning moved that the Planning Group approves and accepts the minutes of the meeting on 14 January 2019, as submitted. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. No one requested to speak.

F. ACTION ITEMS.

F1. Presentation of conceptual plan for signage at El Cajon Cemetery on Dehesa Road. Chair Riggs introduced a representative from the El Cajon Cemetery, 2080 Dehesa Road, and invited a presentation about the new replacement sign proposed on cemetery property with better sight lines to east bound traffic on Dehesa Road, and a new Directional Wayfinding Sign on the County ROW to indicate the dedicated left-turn lane for the cemetery at the Vista Grande Road intersection.

The presenter for the cemetery distributed a handout with photographs of the existing conditions and signs, and sketches of the proposed replacement cemetery entrance sign. He explained that the current signage for access to the El Cajon Cemetery at the intersection of Dehesa Road and Vista Grande Road is difficult to see (causing many first time visitors to bypass the cemetery entrance and have to make an unsafe U-turn to return), and is an old wooden sign that is deteriorating due to age. The proposed replacement entrance sign would be located closer to, and more easily and better seen from, eastbound Dehesa Road; it would be constructed of stone and mortar to be more durable and long lasting. He used the photos of existing Directional Wayfinding Signs to explain the value of placing a new one, appropriately located and designed, for eastbound vehicles approaching the left-turn lane at the Vista Grande intersection.

Several members of the community and Planning Group commented about the history and importance of the El Cajon Cemetery to their families and to the community, and expressed support for improved signage.

Chairman Riggs explained, and members concurred, that the Group should not prematurely take action to recommend approval of a project in concept, if it has been presented with design ideas and elements that are incompletely reviewed by County departments; the Group should reserve its consideration of action to recommend approval for those projects which are processed to the stage of showing the design details and

project plans intended for County approval. The Group took no action on this agenda item.

F2. Status and possible vacation of Seat 11, currently held by Jason Harris (Harbison Canyon). Chairman Riggs reported that member Jason Harris has offered to resign from the Planning Group, as his work-related conflicts with regularly attending monthly Planning Group meetings cannot currently be resolved. Riggs pointed out regarding Seat 11, the Planning Group could either: 1) wait to receive a letter of resignation from Jason Harris, and then take action to declare Seat 11 vacant at its next regular meeting; or 2) take action tonight to declare Seat 11 vacant, immediately beginning the process of publically advertising and seeking applicants for nomination by the Group, for a Board of Supervisors appointment to fill a vacant Seat 11.

Planning Group member Mary Manning emphasized that Harbison Canyon needed Seat 11 (as well as vacant Seat 12) to be filled as soon as possible with a representative of its community that could be present and active as a Planning Group member.

Member Bill Bretz moved that the Planning Group declares Seat 11 vacant, according to County policies regarding attendance of its members at regular meetings, considering Jason Harris' expressed willingness to resign, and in the immediate best interests of the Harbison Canyon community to fill Seat 11 as soon as possible with a representative appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

G. GROUP BUSINESS.

G1. Chairman's report on Quarterly Meeting of the Chairs. Chairman Riggs reported that at the recent Quarterly Meeting of Planning and Sponsor Group Chairs he attended, the main topics discussed included: 1) County plans to expedite the approval process for accessory dwelling units, and to require a 30-day minimum for short term rentals; 2) the unresolved status of the Zoning Ordinance Cleanup, with the Planning Commission's recommendations to delete three proposed changes not available for the Planning Groups' reviews and recommendations prior to Board of Supervisors action; 3) possible consideration of allowing microenterprise home kitchen operations, which are currently not legal in the County; 4) two remaining workshops concerning the Land Development Code Update, intended to streamline, modernize and make more understandable the County Zoning Ordinance (19 March, Lakeside Community Center; 21 March, Valley Center); 5) changes to the Park Land Development Ordinance, allowing funds to now be used for construction of trails; and 6) a request for collecting relevant information concerning homelessness for discussion at a future Quarterly Meeting of the Chairs.

G2. Reminder of filing of Form 700. Chairman Riggs reminded all members of the Planning Group that the required annual Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 must be filed by 1 April 2019, with the Registrar of Voters.

H. ADJOURNMENT. Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 8:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)