

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 10 June 2019 at Dehesa School, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, 92019.

A. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

B. ROLL CALL. Planning Group members Ulm, Slagill, Jones, Trial, Becker, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Scholl, Underwood and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 11. Members Rich and Hertel were absent, but excused. Member McAndrews was absent, but not excused. Seat 12 is vacant.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Planning Group member Christina Becker moved that the Group approves the minutes of the meeting on 13 May 2019 as submitted by Secretary Bretz. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Underwood).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. No one from the public requested to speak. Planning Group member Bill Bretz reported that the cluster of rural mailboxes located on Sloane Canyon Road near its intersection with Dehesa Road was completely removed/stolen sometime during Memorial Day weekend.

F. ACTION ITEMS.

F1. Update by DPR on Sycuan-Sloane Canyon Trails progress. Chairman Riggs introduced Meg Diss, County Department of Parks and Recreation Trails Coordinator, and Bill Sommier, County DPR Director of Development, and invited them to give an update on the progress of the Sycuan-Sloane Canyon Trails project.

Ms. Diss reported that construction design and environmental studies for Segments 1 – 5 are nearing completion; that both a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) have to be completed before necessary right-of-way agreements can be created between the County and the Sycuan Band; and that construction on any of the segments can only begin after all of the necessary agreements have been approved by all parties.

Mr. Sommier explained that \$403K was allocated for this project from the Sycuan Trust fund, and about \$100K has been used so far on preliminary engineering reports, aerial surveys of the project area, and a right-of-way study along Dehesa Road and Sloane Canyon Road; and that the Board of Supervisors allocated \$1M for environmental and design work, and right-of-way acquisition, necessary for the the project. He presented a timetable for the phased development of the entire project: 1) Spring 2020, begin construction on Segment 1 and Segment 4; 2) FY 2020-2021, request funding for construction of Segment 2 and Segment 5; 3) FY 2021–2022, request funding for construction of Segment 3; 4) FY 2024-2025, request funding for construction of Segment 6.

In response to questions from the Planning Group, and from the public, Sommier and Diss stated that problems concerning Native American sacred sites are not expected, since the County has conducted appropriate archeological/cultural studies and consultation with the Sycuan Band about the project; that the project is not expected to cause significant impacts to traffic on Dehesa Road; that maps of the project are available online at the County's website; that all segments of the project are intended for non-motorized multi-use, by equestrians, hikers, and bicyclists; that the Sycuan Band has already constructed and opened a staging area near the Dehesa/Sloane Canyon Road intersection for equestrian use on the project trails; that the design and construction of Segment 6 is not scheduled until FY 2024-2025 due to its location in the Dehesa Road right-of-way, which presents some constraints to be resolved; and the timing of Segment 3 construction is related to the need to coordinate with the US Fish and Wildlife Service's development of its trails to which Segment 3 will connect and access. The total cost of the entire project is not known, but the Board of Supervisors supports it as a "high priority" according to DPR.

The Planning Group took no action on this agenda item.

F2. Draft update on small cell sites (Tara Lieberman, PDS). Chairman Riggs introduced Eric Lardy and Stephanie Neal, County Department of Planning and Development Services, and invited them give a presentation to the meeting about the draft ordinance to regulate wireless telecommunications facilities that will be considered by the Planning Commission on 25 July 2019, and by the Board of Supervisors on 7 August 2019 (with public comments due by 30 June 2019). They provided handouts of a "strike-through/underline" version of the draft ordinance Sections 6980-6993, and a chart of anticipated options for the Board of Supervisors to consider for a number of different topic areas concerning small cell wireless facilities, and explained and discussed these with the meeting.

Members of the Planning Group and the public expressed concerns 1) that the ordinance does not adequately define how the 3 cubic feet volume limit is interpreted for the design of SCW antennae; 2) that the 500 feet distance limit between SCW sites only applies to an individual provider, and does not apply to installation of additional SCW sites by other providers within 500 feet of an existing SCW site as long as each provider maintains 500 feet distance between each of its own SCW sites; 3) that the direct noticing requirements for SCW sites are not proposed also as requirements for non-SCW, larger wireless telecommunications sites; 4) that non-SCW sites can be located where SCW sites would be excluded due to ordinance distance requirements; 5) that the County does not have technical staff expertise to inspect and verify compliance of SCW and non-SCW telecommunications site equipment, and its operation, to the applicable regulated standards; 6) that many charter schools are located in commercial zones, which could conflict with the requirement that SCW sites are not to be located within 1000 feet of schools; and 7) that Federal and State regulations, as well as the draft ordinance under consideration, exclude the local community and the Planning Group from having an effective voice in deciding the locations for wireless telecommunications facilities in its neighborhoods.

The Planning Group took no action on this agenda item.

F3. Annual Resurfacing Plan for roads in plan area. Chairman Riggs asked Planning Group members to list road segments in the Subregion that need resurfacing attention by the Department of Public Works. There were no specific suggestions for the Crest area, but Pat Ulm mentioned that Padre Dam Water District is planning to dig up Mountain View Boulevard for its pipeline extension project. Mary Manning reported that Harbison Canyon Road, between its intersections with Harbison Canyon Estates and Frances Way, needs resurfacing. Christina Becker reported that Dehesa Road, between its intersections with Sycuan Road (or Red Gum) and Tavern/Japatul Road, needs resurfacing. Tim Lucas reported that Orchard needs paving, from the end of Greenfield to Valley View; and that Euclid, Garrison, Valley View and Olive all need resurfacing.

G. GROUP BUSINESS.

G1. Update on Parks etc. (Manning). Planning Group member Mary Manning reported there were no updates concerning potential projects at the County parks in the Subregion. Planning Group member David Jones expressed concerns about the roots of the eucalyptus trees on the edge of Nancy Jane Park causing problems of lifting of the surface of La Cresta Blvd. between North Park Drive and Park Blvd., and questioned whether this was a problem to be corrected by Department of Parks and Recreation, or by Department of Public Works. Mary Manning thought it was appropriate to include the problem of park trees impacting the adjacent street root on the list of park projects considered by DPR, and said she would do that.

G2. Announcements and correspondence. None.

G3. Chairman's report on Planning and Sponsor Groups Chairs Quarterly Meeting. Chairman Riggs reported that at the recent Planning and Sponsor Groups Chairs' Quarterly Meeting, it was announced that the historic discrepancies between the boundaries of the County's park districts and the County's planning subregions have finally been eliminated by the Board of Supervisors approval of revised park district boundaries that conform to the unchanged boundaries of the planning subregions.

G4. Meeting updates. The next meeting of the Planning Group will be at Dehesa School, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, on 8 July 2019 at 7:00 PM.

H. ADJOURNMENT. At 8:35 PM Christina Becker moved adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)