

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 9 December 2019, at Old Ironside Park, Harbison Canyon, El Cajon.

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

B. ROLL CALL. Planning Group members Rich, Ulm, Slagill, Jones, Trial, Becker, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Scholl, and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 11. Members McAndrews, Hertel and Underwood were absent, but excused. Seat 12 is vacant.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Planning Group member Tim Lucas suggested that Item F1 of the November meeting minutes should include more representation of the public comments and petition in opposition to the proposed gas pumps in Crest. Chairman Riggs explained that Item F1 was limited only to discussion and action concerning the adequacy of the proposed Site Plan and its landscaping features for the proposed gas pump project, not the actual proposal to install the pumps. Member Pat Ulm moved the Planning Group approves the minutes of the November 18 meeting as submitted. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Lucas).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. Ms. Linda Brooks, resident of Crest, expressed opposition to the proposed establishment of two gas pumps at the Crest store at the intersection of La Cresta Road and Mt. View Road. She stated a number of her concerns which included: 1) it does not seem to her that all of the original requirements listed in the County's scoping letter have been adequately addressed; 2) the site for the proposed project is located at the intersection of the primary and secondary emergency evacuation routes for the Crest community, yet the Site Plan and other planning for the project might not have incorporated the best possible design features for wildfire emergency conditions; 3) the Planning Group was asked by the County to review and approve plans that are incomplete; 4) the existing C-36 zoning for the project site is 50 – 70 years old, and is now outdated and inappropriate for today's community values; and 5) the Planning Group should be able to appeal approval of the project on behalf of the Crest community.

F. ACTION ITEMS. No action items.

G. GROUP BUSINESS.

G1. PLDO Update on Parks, etc. (Manning). Mary Manning stated there was nothing new to report concerning park projects and PLDO matters.

G2. Update on request for four way stop sign at Noakes and Harbison Canyon Road. Chairman Riggs reported that he was informed by a recent email from Department of Public Works that 1) no decision has yet been concluded concerning a four way stop sign proposed for the intersection of Harbison Canyon Road and

Noakes/West Noakes Road; 2) the four way stop is not likely to be approved, due to certain required standards that cannot be met; and 3), the DPW study concerning better safety and traffic control at the intersection is still underway.

Planning Group member Mary Manning asked if the Planning Group, on behalf of the community residents, could work with DPW to establish better traffic signs to improve safer driving, if a four way stop cannot be established at the Noakes/Harbison Canyon intersection. Member Christina Becker stated that excessive speed of traffic through this intersection is a significant community safety issue.

G3. Election of Group Officers for 2020. Chairman Riggs asked Group member David Jones, Chairman of the Nominating Committee for Election of Group Officers for 2020, to officiate the election process of the Group's officers to serve, as of January, for the year 2020. David Jones announced that the Nominating Committee selected Wally Riggs as its nominee for Planning Group Chairman during 2020, and asked if there was any other nominee from the Group. There were no nominations from the floor. The Group voted to elect Wally Riggs as Chairman for 2020. (Votes for Riggs: 10 yes; 1 abstain: Riggs).

Jones announced the Committee selected Eutha Scholl as its nominee for Planning Group Vice-Chairman during 2020, and asked if there was any other nominee from the Group. Member Tim Lucas stated that he did not receive the Committee's email requesting the names of members interested in serving as Group officers, and that he was interested in continuing his service as Planning Group Vice-Chairman for another year. Member Christina Becker nominated Tim Lucas for the election of Group Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations from the floor. The Group voted to elect Tim Lucas as Vice-Chairman for 2020. (Votes for Scholl: 1 yes; 1 abstain: Lucas).

Jones announced the Committee selected Bill Bretz as its nominee for Planning Group Secretary during 2020, and asked if there was any other nominee from the Group. There was none. The Group voted to elect Bill Bretz as Secretary for 2020. (Votes for Bretz: 10 yes; 1 abstain: Bretz).

G4. Announcements and Correspondence. Chairman Riggs announced 1) that he wanted to express his thanks to all of the Planning Group members for their service during 2019; 2) that Shirley McAndrews passed away several days ago; and 3) that both Bryan Underwood and Phil Hertel will be leaving the Planning Group in the near future.

H. ADJOURNMENT. Pat Ulm moved adjournment at 7:50 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)