

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 13 December 2021, 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, Jones, Wessel, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Lutz-Partain, Scholl, Page and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 11. Members Nehring and Becker were absent, but excused. Seat 13 and Seat 14 are vacant.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Planning Group member Pat Ulm moved the Planning Group approves the minutes of the meeting of 8 November 2021, as submitted by Secretary Bretz. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. No one from the public requested to speak. Planning Group member Pat Ulm spoke about her needing to acquire a copy of the Group's Rules of Order, and a complete list of the current Group members. (Chairman Riggs stated he would email copies of these to all Group members.)

F. ACTION ITEMS.

F1. Report by Ad Hoc committee regarding evacuation in the case of wildfire (David Jones). Group member Jones reported that the Ad Hoc committee met and reviewed relevant sections of the Community Plan to determine possible changes and improvements regarding evacuation in the case of wildfire; and that it will meet again before the January meeting of the Planning Group to prepare its findings and recommendations for the Group to consider at that meeting. Jones encouraged the Group to take the lead in developing plans for the best possible wildfire protection for the Subregion's communities.

F2. Traffic issues in Harbison Canyon (Eutha Scholl). Group member Scholl reported that she was not able to attend a County Traffic Commission meeting on 10 December, at which there was to be a report on the camera monitoring of traffic characteristics and pedestrian use on Harbison Canyon Road at Noaks and Collier Way; she also reported that an option exists for Harbison Canyon Road to be designated as "residential", which allows for a 35 mph speed limit under certain conditions.

F3. Discussion and possible action on dumping trash into creek impeding flow of water in North Fork of Sweetwater River, in Dehesa. Presentation by community member Lynn Spicer. Chairman Riggs introduced and invited Lynn Spicer, resident of Dehesa, to inform the Planning Group about the dumping of trash into the North Fork of Sweetwater River, and her unsuccessful requests for appropriate enforcement action from the County.

Ms. Spicer explained that the North Fork of the Sweetwater River is partially obstructed by landscaping refuse placed in its natural channel across property owned by a landscaping contractor; that she first reported this condition to the County Department of Public Works in early July 2021, and that the owner was contacted then and given time to correct the situation; that at the end of October 2021 she contacted the County again and informed them that the debris there in July had not been removed, but instead had been buried beneath a layer of fill dirt, and that she was very concerned that there could be serious stormwater runoff flooding caused by the still-obstructed channel; that County staff responded in early November 2021 that it had inspected the property in early October and assumed that the buried refuse had been removed; and that now at the beginning of December 2021, no action has been taken to remove the refuse and fill, and to restore the natural channel of the stream. She asked the Planning Group to become involved and support her efforts to get the obstructing refuse and dirt removed before the upcoming rainy season.

Planning Group members discussed the inadequate responses of the County, and the potential for downstream adverse impacts from illegal stream channel obstruction and alteration.

Group member Darin Wessel moved that the Planning Group authorizes Chairman Riggs to send a letter to the County Watercourse Enforcement office, (with copies sent to other appropriate offices and individuals, including but not limited to Supervisor Joel Anderson, Sweetwater Authority, Sycuan Band, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Fish and Wildlife), requesting and urging that immediate action be initiated to remove the materials illegally dumped into and obstructing the natural channel of the North Fork of the Sweetwater River in Dehesa. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

F4. Request that the County hold a twice annual (or more frequent) waste collection event in CDH Plan area (Wessel). Chairman Riggs asked Group member Wessel to explain the concept of periodic waste collection events managed by the County, to mitigate or reduce illegal trash dumping in the Subregion. Wessel described the frequent repeated illegal dumping of trash, including hazardous wastes, along Sloane Canyon Road, much of which the County Department of Public Works eventually cleans up and removes as part of its road maintenance operations. He reminded the Group that the County used to maintain a number of waste collection sites in its unincorporated rural areas, where residents could dispose of their trash to be taken to a landfill; but that these were closed, which likely increased the amount of illegal dumping. He suggested that the County could provide dumpsters for large items, hazardous wastes, etc. at a designated site in the Subregion several times a year, which could reduce the amount of trash illegally dumped along the public right of ways; and thereby could reduce the Department of Public Works costs for roadside cleanup, and other negative impacts of illegal waste dumping.

Planning Group members discussed the problems of illegal dumping in the Subregion, and the possible improvements that waste collection events could provide.

Darin Wessel moved that the Planning Group makes a request that at a minimum of two times a year, the County holds a waste collection event in the Subregion for

gathering general, hazardous, and electronic wastes for landfill disposal; and that this request is to be made in a letter from the Group sent to all appropriate County officials. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

G. GROUP BUSINESS.

G1. Election of Planning Group Officers for 2022. Chairman Riggs asked Group member Darin Wessel, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for Election of Planning Group Officers for 2022, to report on the nominees for officers selected by the Committee, and to conduct the election of Group officers for 2022.

For the 2022 Chairman of the Group, Wessel reported that the Committee nominated Wally Riggs; there were no additional nominations for this office from the floor. Riggs was elected to be the 2022 Chairman (10 affirmative votes for Riggs; 1 abstention: Riggs).

For the 2022 Vice-Chairman of the Group, Wessel reported that the Committee nominated Tim Lucas; Wessel requested that he be considered as an additional nomination for this office from the floor. Wessel was elected to be the 2022 Vice-Chairman of the Group (9 affirmative votes for Wessel; 2 affirmative votes for Lucas: Rich and Jones).

For the 2022 Secretary of the Group, Wessel reported that the Committee nominated Bill Bretz; there were no additional nominations for this office from the floor. Bretz was elected to be the 2022 Secretary (11 affirmative votes for Bretz).

G2. Update on Park issues (Mary Manning). Group member Mary Manning suggested that the Planning Group submits the following memorandum as the 2021-22 PLDO Priority List requested by Department of Parks and Recreation:

“Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Priority List 2021-22

1. **South Lane Park.** At present the County of San Diego’s Park and Recreation department is in the process of taking community input and preparing a plan to update and improve South Lane County Park in Crest. Information is available at <https://www.sdparcs.org/content/sdparcs/en/AboutUs/Plans/PublicMeetings.html> There is \$650,000 budgeted for this project 350,00 from PEI or PERINATAL EQUITY INITIATIVE funds and 300,00 PLDO funds. SD County presented its ideas to the CDGH Subregional Planning Group on South Lane updates and they included but are not limited to the following.

Option A

1. Upgrade existing trails with native materials. Please no pavement uses in the park. Idea of a second trail wandering back and forth through park.
2. Add Shade trees to east side, to replace trees removed due to 2003 fire damage
3. Replace 120’ X200’ arena fences with new pipe fence.
4. A new Standardized Signage to be added to the entrance drive at the large arena.
5. At the large arena, additional equestrian parking will be added with the present. Again, all parking improvements to be native soil, not paved.
6. Addition of a Community Garden, mid-east side.

7. New Pipe fence around the 50' round pen. Improve parking with native surface. Regular parking will remain but add an equestrian drop off Lane to be added. Addition of benches to be added at this location
8. An off-lease dog park at southeast end with gazebo and benches outside of fenced area
9. Northwest End next to school, natural or natural looking play structure

Option B

1. Keep what is existing, with maintenance.

The Crest/Dehesa/Granite Hills/Harbison Canyon Subregional Planning Group request that South Lane Park's update and improvements continue and be our #1 priority.

Recreation Programming Priorities

We have no Recreation Programming Priorities for 2021-2022 FY.

Previous 2020-2021 PLDO List

We had no active PLDO projects during 2020-2021 FY.”

Chairman Riggs confirmed with the Group that Manning's memorandum (above) is acceptable as its 2021-2022 PLDO Priority List, and instructed Manning to forward it to the County DPR.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE. The next meeting of the Planning Group will be on 10 January 2022, Crest Community Center, 113 North Park Drive (Crest). It will start at 6:30 PM, as recently approved by the Group's action.

I. ADJOURNMENT. Robert Lutz-Partain moved adjournment at 8:26 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)