CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 14 February 2022, at Crest Community Center, 113 North Park Drive (Crest).

A. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

B. ROLL CALL. Planning Group members Rich, Ulm, Nehring, Becker, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Scholl, Page and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 10. Members Wessel and Lutz-Partain were absent, but excused. Seat 4, Seat 13 and Seat 14 are vacant.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group approves the minutes of the meeting on 10 January 2022 as submitted by Secretary Bretz. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. Kandy Franklin, resident of Crest, informed everyone that the Crest Fire Safe Council has contracted with Comcast to provide information services, but that the email address for the Council will remain unchanged. No members of the Planning Group requested to speak.

F. ACTION ITEMS.

F1. Report by Ad Hoc committee regarding evacuation in case of wildfire. (Nehring). Ad Hoc committee chairman Ron Nehring distributed a draft interim report of the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Community Planning Group Ad Hoc Committee on Wildfire Evacuation; he encouraged everyone to read, consider, and provide their input about the committee’s findings, recommendations and matters requiring further investigation; and he explained that the Committee plans to get input from the Fire Districts about this draft report, before drafting proposed changes for the Community Plan.

Chairman Riggs reminded everyone that the timeline for making changes to the Community Plan will be many months long. The Group discussed sharing the draft report with others; evaluating the pros and cons of issues such as gated versus open roads on private property; and preparing an updated Community Plan that retains all appropriate information for the Subregion’s unique areas and needs, while incorporating as much as possible to improve fire safety.

F2. Traffic issues in Harbison Canyon (Eutha Scholl) (County Staff). Chairman Riggs welcomed and introduced Ernie Bartley, Department of Public Works, who has been working with Eutha Scholl on the community’s concerns about traffic issues in Harbison Canyon, and invited them to discuss the current status of these issues with the Group. Mr. Bartley described the data collected along Harbison Canyon Road, from Dehesa Road to Arnold Way, presented to the Traffic Advisory Committee, 1) that support setting certain speed limits, including a 40 mph zone through the Harbison...
Canyon residential area, 2) but do not support any intersections with all-way stops. Discussion of these issues included questions and ideas about requirements for cross walks for school bus stops, potential community grass-roots actions promoting setting low speed limits, and possible changes (other than the speed limit) that could improve safety. The proposed 40 mph zone from south of Collier Way to north of Patrick Drive could become enforceable by California Highway Patrol in May 2022.

G. GROUP BUSINESS.

G1. Declare Seat Vacant (David Jones). Chairman Riggs announced that David Jones resigned from Seat 4 (Crest), and that the Planning Group needs to take action to declare Seat 4 vacant. Ron Nehring moved that the Planning Group recognizes and declares that Seat 4 is vacant. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

G2. Update on Park issues (Mary Manning). Mary Manning described problems with obtaining responses from Department of Parks and Recreation staff concerning Park issues, and could not provide any update of new or current information. Following a brief discussion, Crest resident Kandy Franklin, agreed to ask the appropriate DPR staff person to contact Chairman Riggs and arrange a presentation to the Group about the current state of Park issues concerning the Subregion’s parks.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE. ADJOURNMENT. Next meeting date, 14 March 2022, Crest Community Center, 113 North Park Drive (Crest).

I. ADJOURNMENT. Member Christina Becker moved adjournment at 7:35 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)