

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 14 November 2022, at Olde Ironside Park, Harbison Canyon.

A. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

B. ROLL CALL. Planning Group members Ulm, Nehring, Wessel, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Scholl, Page and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 9. Members Rich, Becker 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. Member Darin Wessel moved that the Planning Group approves the minutes of its meeting on 10 October 2022 as submitted by Secretary Bretz. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. Planning Group member commented that she has received no response from County Department of Parks and Recreation staff concerning the status of the Corneilus Ranch public trail between Mt. View Road and Horsemill Road, and no evident maintenance work has been done on it.

F. ACTION ITEMS.

F1. Discussion and action regarding two fires started by owner/resident Pete Realmeta at 1913 Harbison Canyon Road, Dehesa. The Planning Group heard and discussed comments from a number of neighbors of owner/resident Pete Realmeta, concerning recent fires at the property he occupies at 1913 Harbison Canyon Road. These residents of the Dehesa community described a lengthy history of possible zoning violations, lack of proper code compliance, and other questionable activities at this property, including: dozens of vehicles stored there; large quantities of potentially polluting junk on site; lack of appropriate septic waste management; reliance on electrical service from temporary self-operated generators; and unneighborly, threatening interactions by Mr. Realmeta with adjacent property owners. Three fires have occurred at 1913 Harbison Canyon road in the past three months; one of the fires started there caused \$17,000 of damages to an adjacent property.

The community speakers expressed their concerns and frustrations about numerous past unsuccessful attempts to have public entities/agencies provide appropriate enforcement of the various policies, regulations, and laws that could address and control the hazardous and possibly illegal conditions created by Mr. Realmeta.

Planning Group members discussed possible courses of action for the community to pursue, including appeals for assistance from County Supervisor Joel Anderson; from local Fire Agencies (CalFire, County Fire Marshall, San Miguel/Harbison Canyon Fire Stations, Sycuan Fire Department); from County Code Compliance; and from federal and state Environmental Agencies (U. S. Fish and Wildlife, Environmental Protection

Agency, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Water Resources).

Member Ron Nehring offered to contact Supervisor Joel Anderson for obtaining the appropriate involvement of County resources. Member Eutha Scholl also offered to contact Supervisor Anderson's office. Member Mary Manning offered to contact the network of local Fire Agencies.

Member Darin Wessel moved: 1) that the Planning Group authorizes Chairman Riggs to send a letter to Supervisor Anderson, County Code Compliance, County Zoning Enforcement, and other relevant government agencies, requesting and recommending that all possible appropriate official actions be taken to enforce the cleanup and removal of junk and waste on APN 513-01-214, at 1913 Harbison Canyon Road; and 2) that the Planning Group has concerns about fire danger and public safety related to conditions at this property (as demonstrated by the two most recent fires; by the illegal junk yard; by the presence of hazardous wastes; by the potential pollution of surface and ground water; and by the activities and residence on site without approved water, septic waste treatment, and electrical service systems.

The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

F2. Update on the closure of California Riding and Hiking Trail in Sloane Canyon/Beaver Hollow Road (Wessel). Member Darrin Wessel reported that public access to the Trail is still blocked by chain and padlock; that he has received no response from State Department of Parks and Recreation to his emails and telephone calls; that Planning Group member Bretz informed him about surveyors working for California Department of Fish and Wildlife hearing gunfire (presumed to be target practice) that caused them to avoid entering the section of Beaver Hollow Road controlled by Sycuan's vehicle gate where the blocked Trail public access is located; that he spoke with Nick Aponte, CDFW land manager, about this, and was told that CDFW would contact Sycuan concerning the blocked Trail public access and possible illegal target shooting concerns; and that he will continue working to resolve this illegal Trail closure issue.

F3. Ad Hoc Committee update regarding evacuation in case of wildfire (Nehring). Member Ron Nehring reported that the Ad Hoc Committee met today, 14 November; that no additional voluntary road easements for Suncrest Truck Trail have yet been obtained; that one LLC property owner is registered in Florida, but has not responded to contact attempts; that the Committee has requested San Miguel Fire District to provide its input for the Committee, describing its area of jurisdiction, relevant roads, and community standards and recommendations regarding wildfire fighting and community evacuation; and that the Ad Hoc Committee will meet again in December.

G. GROUP BUSINESS.

G1. Park Land priority list (Manning). Member Mary Manning reported that the PLDO Priority List for 2022-2023 has been submitted to and received by County Department of Parks and Recreation. Member Tim Lucas commented that the gopher problems at Nancy Jane Park have been eliminated for now.

G2. Appointment of nominating committee for Group officers for 2023. Chairman Riggs accepted and appointed members Tim Lucas, Christina Becker and Eutha Scholl, as volunteers to serve as the nominating committee for Group officers for 2023. He explained that the intent of utilizing a nominating committee is to have a single person recommended for each officer position for the Group to consider (as well as any other nominations from floor at the time of election); and that he would not accept being nominated for another term as Group chairman for 2023.

The Group agreed by consensus to Riggs' appointment of Lucas, Becker and Scholl to form the nominating committee for Group officers for 2023.

G3. Recommendation Planning Group members of even numbered seats be retained as follows: Seat #2, Pat Ulm; Seat #4, Vacant; Seat #6, Christina Becker; Seat #8, William Bretz; Seat #10, Robert Lutz-Partain; Seat #14, Vacant. The Planning Group discussed possible persons to serve as members of even numbered seats for 2023; that for Seat #2, Pat Ulm did not file for re-election, but is willing to serve if appointed to it; that for vacant Seat #4, nobody filed for election; that for Seat #6, Christine Becker did file for re-election and should be retained; that for Seat #8, Bill Bretz did file for re-election and should be retained; that for Seat #10, Robert Lutz-Partain did file for re-election and should be retained; that for Seat # 12, Dan Page did not file for re-election, and does not want to be appointed to it; and that for vacant Seat # 14, nobody filed for election.

Chairman Riggs moved that the Planning Group recommends that the Board of Supervisors approves the appointment of Pat Ulm to Seat #2 of the Group. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Pat Ulm).

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

The next meeting of the Planning Group is scheduled on 12 December 2022 at Olde Ironside Park, Harbison Canyon, El Cajon, beginning at 6:30 PM.

I. ADJOURNMENT. Member Tim Lucas moved adjournment at 7:45 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)