

## CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP.

Minutes of the meeting on 13 January 2025, at Crest Community Clubhouse, 113 N Park Drive, El Cajon, CA 92021.

- A. **ROLL CALL.** Chair Ron Nehring called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM, and the roll call was conducted. Planning Group members Rich, Ulm, Nehring, Griffin, Becker, Manning, Lutz-Partain, Geiger, and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 9. Member Bretz was absent, but excused. Incoming Member Healy was present, but needs to complete CPGSG training prior to officially being seated. Seats 5, 11, 13 and 14 are vacant.
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Member Diana Griffin provided corrections to the 9 December 2024 meeting minutes, as submitted by Secretary Bretz. Corrections noted F2b. – spelling of Bonnie Burchill, presentation date is 16 January 2025 and amount should be \$2,640.80 vice \$2,500. Member Becker made motion made to approve updates and the motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).
- D. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION.** Ms. Bazoo from Supervisor Joel Anderson's office presented and distributed the 2023 Legislative Actions & Accomplishments along with 2024 Neighborhood/Community grant programs. Ms. Janet Farala from Assemblyperson Dr. LaShae Sharp-Collins office introduced herself. Kandhy Franklin-Collins asked Ms. Bazoo if Supervisor Anderson plans to hold any community meetings in the near future, she replied she will get back with us. Mr. Russell Walsh presented his concerns regarding Loveland Reservoir and reread his initial complaint from November 2020 to the California EPA regarding draining below currently established emergency levels. Member Manning presented information regarding hard-of-hearing phone program to be held @ 2/6 Old Ironside Park. Kandhy Franklin-Collins mentioned that she requested fire chief to check out fire hydrants on La Cresta Road. Member Griffin provided information on various upcoming programs, 2025 Prepare in a Year Campaign on 18 January 9-10:30 @ Harbison Canyon Fire Station, Evacuation/Emergency Preparedness Clinic on 18 January from 10-12 @ Crest Community Clubhouse, and the Wildfire Safety Expo Town Hall on 8 February from 10-12 @ Alpine Community Center. Crest resident McDonald presented his concerns regarding the lack of maintenance/fuels reduction of various local trails.
- E. **ACTION ITEMS - Discretionary projects, tasks, motions, proposals requiring a decision or vote**
  - E.1. **Review and Response to County of San Diego Concerning Stoneridge County Preserve condition.** Chairman Nehring reminded group about the time/work that went into the 7 Resolutions that were approved advising the County of San Diego concerning action to reduce Wildfire Risk and Improve Evacuation in CREST, DEHESA, GRANITE HILLS AND HARBISON CANYON, in particular the Stoneridge Country Preserve. After the 2 site visits with CalFire and DPR concerning fuels reduction initiatives', Chairman Nehring read the letter from DPR of 5 December 2024 and his response to their letter stating that the status quo they are recommending is not sufficient and profoundly disappointing. Chairman Nehring then received an email from Supervisor Anderson's office on 9 January to contact DPR to relook at the Preserve and Chairman Nehring recommended to meet on 10 February. Chairman Nehring mentioned how we have reviewed the County Resource Management Plan to verify they are not in compliance with their own plan. Chairman Nehring reiterated that CalFire (Chief Meecham) willing to engage in fuels reduction at this site for no cost to

the County. Vice Chair Lucas mentioned he will be disappointed if there is no action prior to our meeting. Incoming Member Healy mentioned that maybe we should be more specific in what we are asking the County and reminded us that all residents have a role in reducing fire risk and distributed a study on fuels reduction.

## **F. GROUP BUSINESS - Reports, updates, announcements, administrative discussions**

**F.1. Presentation: I Love a Clean San Diego community group.** Ms. Isabella Schutte and Ms. Skylar Anderson provided a powerpoint presentation on their clean up efforts @ South Lane County Park in Crest. ILACSD staff handed out native seed packets of California Poppy, Native Milkweed, and Elegant Clarkia, provided by the Resource Conservation of Greater San Diego County and the Walter Anderson Nursery. We also had a fun puzzle for the volunteers to figure out that provided fun and quick facts about the native plants of San Diego County. Volunteers found hazardous waste including a vape and a battery; which were taken by ILACSD staff to be disposed of properly. Volunteers, staff, and a park ranger worked together to plant native oak trees at South Lane County Park. ILACSD accepts recommendations for additional sites.

**F.2. Announcements and Correspondence Received.** Chairman Nehring presented invitation “Community Coffee with Carl Meeting” from Assemblyman Carl DiMaio’s office for 25 January 2025 @ Alpine Library to address top priorities for East County. SRPG members need to RSVP. Chairman Nehring attended the 11 January 2025 meeting of the Association of Planning Groups @ the Lakeside Library to discuss mostly what is happening in SANDAG. Planning Group members now have a non-voting representative on SANDAG, but would like a voting member, but requires State law change to make that happen. Chairman Nehring is now on the advisory group for General Planning. Next meeting will be 31 May @ the Lakeside Library.

### **F.3. Discussion**

**F.3.a. Capital improvement and maintenance projects for county-maintained assets – due March 30.** Chairman Nehring distributed a request from County of San Diego Public Works to identify and prioritize a list of capital improvements and maintenance projects for county-maintained assets in the unincorporated areas of the county. Will agendaized this for the February or March meeting. Member Becker reminded us of the “TellUsNow” app to get quick response for road fixes (potholes, etc).

**F.3.b. Zoning and code compliance issues concerning ADU’s.** Member Ulm provided pictures of ADU on Horsemill Road that has an above ground (almost full) illegal septic tank and concerns regarding code compliance and possible leakage. Member Ulm has contacted the County and Zone enforcement with no avail saying they have a permit in process. It was recommended to call County Health Department. Chairman Nehring will send an email to planning development services on ADU requirements.

**F.3.c. Community plan, fire resolutions and related actions update.** Chairman Nehring addressed lack of updates to the Community Plan due every 10 years, we are now in year 13 with no updates and reviewed annually. Chairman Nehring has provided updates and is slowly moving it up the chain and expecting comment back. The resolutions that were approved and forwarded are now @ Supervisor Anderson’s office along with Planning and Development

Services Office. Chairman Nehring recommends that we continue to hold community meetings to educate residents on defensible space. Chairman Nehring commended Padre Dam on the fuels reduction on Old Mountain Road. Member Griffin mentioned Crest Fire Safe Council application for

**F.3.d. Consideration of applicant(s) to fill vacancies for Seats 5, 11, 13 and 14.** Applicant for Seat 5 – JoAnne Branch, introduced herself. Member Becker made the motion to accept JoAnne Branch for Seat 5 and refer to the County for approval. Motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**F.4. Meeting updates.**

**F.4.a. Reports on and upcoming BOS, PC and other Hearings/Meetings.** Chairman Nehring has requested presentation on insurance at the next meeting

**F.4.a.i. APG Meeting of January 4**

**F.4.b. Chairman's/Vice Chairman's Report.** No other reports.

**F.4.c. Member reports.** Member Griffin announced that Crest Northeast FIREWISE application has been approved by CalFIRE and NFPA. Meeting with the 31 residents will be in February. Member Griffin announced Sharon Smith from Dept of Insurance will provide updates on recent insurance initiatives'.

**F.4.d. Next meeting date Monday, February 10, 6:30 PM at Crest Community Association**

**G. ADJOURNMENT.** Member Lutz-Partain moved to adjournment at 7:50 PM. The motion passed unanimously (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

Respectfully submitted, Diana M Griffin (Secretary)