CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 8 August 2011.

Item 1. Chairperson Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 1904 hours, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Planning Group members Bowen, Slagill, Walls, Krickhahn, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Vandover, Harris, Myrick, Hertel and Gabler were present, forming a quorum of 12.
- Member Ulm was absent, but excused. Member Darsey was absent, not excused. Seat 14 is vacant.
- Judy Bowen moved that the Planning Group approves the minutes of the meeting on 13 June 2001, as submitted. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 2 abstain: Myrick and Riggs).
- Wally Riggs requested that the Planning Group approves a reimbursement to him of $42.49, for his purchase of a computer printer ink cartridge. Bill Bretz moved that the Group approves Riggs’ expense reimbursement request for $42.49. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Riggs).

Item 2. Announcements.

- Mary Manning announced that the Greater Alpine Fire Safe Council is expanding its free Chipping Program to include properties on the north side of Dehesa Road into Harbison Canyon; information about the Chipping Program, the Seniors Program, and the Rebate Program that the Council offers to help with fuel management can be obtained at: greateralpinefsc.org.
- Lory Walls announced that the Planning Commission recommended the 3-tier Alternative of the Draft Equine Ordinance Amendment to the Board of Supervisors, and that the Board will consider it in Fall 2011.
- Wally Riggs announced that the Dehesa Valley Community Council agreed to withdraw its protest against the Sycuan Tribe’s application for a liquor license for the Sycuan Casino, following the Tribe’s proposal to give the Dehesa community a $300,000 “imbursement fund” that the DVCC can administer as a sort of mitigation for negative impacts caused by the liquor license; this imbursement from the Tribe will be provided as $100,000 allotments each year for the next three years.

Item 3. Open Forum/Group Forum. No one requested to speak.

Item 4. Committee Reports. General Plan Update Report (Vandover). Jack Vandover reported that on 3 August the Board of Supervisors approved the General Plan Update; the approved GPU included a modification by the Board of Supervisors which the Steering Committee had opposed (i.e., providing a higher density exception for Conservation Subdivisions located adjacent to sewer service); the Supervisors also dissolved the Steering Committee formed for the GPU process, although the Department of Planning and Land Use is authorized to continue meeting with the former Steering Committee for planning purposes; a General Plan Amendment process is planned for every two years for “cleanup” of General Plan inconsistencies and conflicts; a
requirement that all Open Space associated with future development shall be protected in perpetuity, either by a restricting easement or by transfer to a public agency for management; all of the changes the Community Plan proposed by the Planning Group were accepted in the final plan; Supervisor Roberts’ motion for the County to continue a further review of 250 requests for changes in Land Use Designation for private properties passed (3 yes; 2 no: Jacobs and Slater), although the requested changes conflict with the approved policies and goals of the new General Plan Update.

Item 5. Private Project Proposals. None.

Item 6. Public Project Proposals. Single Family Residential Design Guideline Draft (Vandover). Jack Vandover explained that this Guideline is intended to help developers of large subdivisions with many single family homes create a project design that will meet the County’s policies and expectations. It includes specific consideration of private roads, protection of ridgelines, and non-development of remainder parcels, among other things. The Department of Planning and Land Use has sent a questionnaire to the Planning Group members, seeking input on what contributes to good versus bad subdivision design.

Judy Bowen suggested that the County should provide every developer planning a project in the Subregion with a copy of the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Community Plan. Jack Vandover suggested that the developer should come to the Planning Group before starting actual design of a propose development. Wally Riggs commented that the Community Plan still has some inappropriate language in its text, but that these errors can be eliminated in the General Plan Update cleanup process.

Jack Vandover requested that Planning Group members send to him by September 1 their ideas for the County Questionnaire, and any suggested Plan text cleanup items.

Item 7. Unfinished Business. Discussion and action on the preservation of the Stone Monument at La Cresta Road and Park Drive. Judy Bowen summarized the issue of the property owner of the parcel on the corner of La Cresta Road and Park Drive wanting to eliminate the Stone Monument from its historic location on the corner, and she provided the Group members with copies of a letter from Dorothy Miller, Secretary of the Crest Historical Society, urging preservation of the Monument; and with handouts describing history of the construction of the Monument and photographs. The Group’s discussion included mention that the Monument is mostly located on the County ROW for La Cresta Road, with only a minor fraction of it footprint located on private property; that the County will not fund relocation of the Monument, although it likely would give permission for it to be moved; that the Crest Historical Society and Crest Community Association need to be involved in defending the continued existence of the Monument.

Chairman Riggs agreed to send an email to the property owner to inform him that the community consensus is that the Monument has historical importance for the community, and that since most of it is on County property it cannot be removed without County agreement; also to encourage him to contact the Crest Historical Society and the Crest Community Associate which are interested in preservation of the Monument for the community.
Phil Hertel moved that the Planning Group informs the Crest Community Association and the Crest Historical Society about the Stone Monument issue, and that it also urges the property owner to contact the Crest Historical Society about the monument’s future preservation. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 8. New Business. Discussion of vacant Seat 14, Granite Hills. Chairman Riggs discussed the long time vacant Seat 14 for Granite Hills, and encouraged members of the Group to continue to seek potential applicants.


Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)