

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS- HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL
PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on April 9, 2012.

Item 1. Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 1900 hours and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Planning Group members Bowen, Ulm, Darsey, Walls, Krickhahn, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Vandover, Harris, Myrick, Hertel and Gabler were present, forming a quorum of 13.
- Member Slagill was absent, but excused. Seat 14 is vacant.
- Mark Gabler requested correction of Item 7 in the minutes of the Planning Group meeting on 12 March, noting that the March 19 meeting arranged by Supervisor Jacob was with officials and citizens concerned with the issue of Crest emergency access and the Suncrest Truck Trail. Gabler moved that the Planning Group approves the minutes of its 12 March meeting, as corrected per his request. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 3 abstain: Walls, Darsey and Vandover).
- There were no reimbursement requests.

Item 2. Announcements.

- Mary Manning announced that a collection of electronic appliances for recycling and free disposal will take place at Albertson's in Alpine, from 9:30 AM until 4:30 PM on Saturday, April 14.
- Wally Riggs announced that the May meeting of the Planning Group is scheduled to be at Dehesa School, but if adequate space there is not available the Group can possibly meet at the Fire Station or at Harbison Canyon Community Center, Old Ironsides Park.
- Lory Walls announced that the County carried out some safety improvements to Dehesa Road (i.e., centerline rumble bumps; centerline stripes' repainting; edge stripe repainting), but that these were not coordinated with and funded by the Dehesa Valley Community Council's road safety settlement award. She reported that County Public Works is not cooperative concerning joint planning with DVCC, and asked if a community meeting to discuss and choose specific safety improvement projects is needed.

Item 3a. Open Forum.

David Richardson, Crest, spoke to the meeting about the Quail Bush natural gas power plant project proposed for construction at the intersection of Mast Blvd. and Highway 52 in Santee, at the edge of Mission Trails Regional Park. He discussed several negative impacts of the project to the community (i.e., air pollution source close to schools and Regional Park; air pollution contributions to Cajon Valley air basin and Crest; rezone conversion of Open Space to Industrial), and reported that the Santee City Council is unanimously opposed to it. The project would be located on Santee City property. He encouraged informed community opposition to the project.

Item 3b. Group Forum. Chairman Wally Riggs reported that Ralph Slagill's wife received her liver and kidney transplant, and that Ralph would need a number of excused absences from Planning Group meetings.

Item 4. Committee Reports. None.

Item 5. Private Project Proposal. None.

Item 6. Public Project Proposal. None.

Item 7a. Unfinished Business. Report on Board of Supervisors Meeting reference to Red Tape Reduction recommendation in regards to Planning Group Status. Chairman Wally Riggs reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the following changes to the functioning of the Planning Groups: 1) a person can only serve as Planning Group Chairperson for single 2 year term, and 2) a newly elected or appointed member must receive required training from the County prior to taking a seat at a Planning Group meeting. Generally, Planning Group functions and operations remain unchanged; all proposed changes to Tentative Parcel Maps must be reviewed by the relevant Planning Group; the ethics training required for all members can be done on paper with mailed in responses, as well as electronically.

Item 7b. Unfinished Business. PLDO Recommendations. Judy Bowen, Crest, provided the Group members with a handout of the exchange of email messages she had with the County Parks and Recreation project manager concerning the Planning Group's PLDO project priority lists. Judy Bowen suggested the Group picks one "active recreation" project for each park, creating a three-item list of projects proposed for PLDO funding.

Judy Bowen moved that the Planning Group retracts its previous approval of the 2011-2012 priority list for PLDO funding, and that it approves a new 2011-2012 priority list that includes: 1) South Lane Park, construct a walking/jogging path through the park with circuit training stops; 2) Old Ironsides Park, install outdoor weight training station like Lindo Park currently has; 3) Nancy Jane Park, resurface tennis court; and 4) Recreation Programming Priority, after school programs at Nancy Jane Park for Elementary School and Junior High aged children. The motion passed (13 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 8. New Business. Implementation and maintenance discussion, and appointment of committee for official recognition of evacuation route to the west of Crest, utilizing Suncrest Truck Trail. Chairman Wally Riggs introduced David Richardson, resident of Crest, who is involved with community efforts to establish official recognition, to resolve access issues through existing gates, and to foster cooperative arrangements for the long term maintenance of Suncrest Truck Trail, so that it can serve the community as an effective emergency evacuation route to the west of Crest. David explained that the Endangered Habitats Conservancy will try to purchase the 47 acres owned by the City of El Cajon, and is willing to help maintain the road to its connection with Camino Monte Sombre. He thanked the Planning Group for its letter to the City of El Cajon Planning Department in support of the Suncrest Truck Trail evacuation route goal, and mentioned the letter encourages the City to consider selling its property to the Endangered Habitats Conservancy. David discussed other possible opportunities for strengthening community investment in Suncrest Truck Trail as an emergency evacuation route: the new CalFire Chief, Mr. Thom Porter is a potential ally in supporting the use of fees collected under authority of the Sate Fire Responsibility Act to help pay for upgrading Suncrest Truck

Trail to serve as part of the Regional Fire Plan; County Trails supporters should seek approval to use SRA funds for maintenance of trail elements that serve a fire prevention potential by providing access for firefighters and equipment to off road areas; South Lane Park could function as a hub in a Regional Fire Plan, providing space and support for evacuation of animals, parking and staging of equipment, vehicles, etc..

David recommended that the Planning Group establishes members to act as liaisons to the Crest Community Association, to monitor and track its planning for a Model Fire Prevention Plan for the trails, parks, open space and residential areas of Crest. Pat Ulm commented on the Planning Group's long-standing support for improving South Lane Park in coordination with creating a functional emergency, evacuation and fire response staging center for the Crest community.

Chairman Riggs appointed the Planning Group members from Crest to serve as an Ad Hoc Committee to be involved with the Crest community planning efforts to create a Model Fire Prevention Plan, including the Suncrest Truck Trail evacuation route, and to keep the Planning Group informed of fire response planning progress.

<With the Chair's permission, Lory Walls announced that Dehesa Valley Community Council is joined with 27 California counties and the State of Michigan in a law suit challenging the U.S. Department of Interior concerning the Department's invalid and illegal activities related to approving Tribes' applications for Fee to Trust Land Status changes. The Supreme Court of the United States will hear this suit. >

Item 9. Adjournment. Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 2010 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)