

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 11 February 2013 at 113 North Park Drive, El Cajon (Crest), California.

A. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 1910 hours.

B. ROLL CALL. Planning Group members Bowen, Ulm, Walls, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Myrick and Hertel were present, forming a quorum of 8. Members Slagill, Krickhahn, Vandover and Harris were absent, but excused. Member Darsey was absent, not excused. Seats 14 and 15 are vacant.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Pat Ulm moved the Planning Group approves the minutes of the meeting on 14 January 2013 as submitted. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. No one from the public or Planning Group requested to speak.

F. ACTION ITEMS. Presentation by Advocates for Safe Airport Policy in reference to expansion of Gillespie Field. Chairman Wally Riggs welcomed several citizens including representatives of Advocates for Safe Airport Policy (ASAP), and invited them to address the Planning Group concerning potential expansion of Gillespie Field. Sue Strom explained that ASAP speaks for hundreds of residents of El Cajon, Lakeside and Santee who oppose the proliferation of flying school training operations based from Gillespie Field, which has virtually no regulations (i.e., curfew hours, noise abatement, etc.) controlling this use. Betty Chafetz described the County Board of Supervisors' approval of an Economic Development Council grant to develop Gillespie Field and Brown Field into Regional Airtropolis Land that would be intended for hotels, corporate offices and facilities for businesses that are airport dependent. She warned that flight training is a major business at Gillespie Field, that increased training operations results in the spread of more flights over larger local areas, and in the increase of engine emissions producing more smog and lead pollution that is a health hazard to children and adults exposed to these (and other) airport impacts. Ed Blitz questioned the need for a Regional Airtropolis project at Gillespie Field, stating that currently there are 700,000 square feet of available business space within 2 blocks of Gillespie Field, and that some of the existing airport facilities are rented and sublet for non-airport industry uses such as storage of personal belongings, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, etc. Robert Durman also stated that some aviation hangars at Gillespie Field are rented for non-aviation purposes, that general aviation is a dying industry that has declined 21% in the past 20 years except for the flight training sector, and that flight training has concentrated already at Gillespie Field because of its lack of noise and other regulations, and its unrestricted operations as a base for night flying training. The ASAP speakers distributed handouts about various aspects of the Gillespie Field issue to Planning Group members.

Planning Group members discussed the impacts to Subregional residents that are the unmitigated results of Gillespie Field operations and business arrangements, including negative impacts to property values located in the airport's flight paths as well as noise impacts, health and stress impacts, air pollution and community lead exposure, etc.

Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group sends a letter to Supervisor Diane Jacob and the other County Supervisors, requesting the County's help in setting parameters for various Gillespie Field operations (i.e., control of flight paths for low flying aircraft; ground tower control for night hours of operation; noise abatement; mitigation for air quality impacts and community lead exposure; security checks for Gillespie Field personnel and users; crash and hazard abatement efforts; etc.) that impact health, safety and property values of current residents of the Planning Group Subregion. (Copies of this letter will be sent to the Gillespie Field Airport Authority, Federal Aviation Administration, Duncan Hunter, Susan Davis and Juan Vargas). The motion did not pass (6 yes; 1 no: Hertel; 1 abstain: Myrick).

Chairman Riggs stated that he could write a letter affirming that a majority of the Group members present, although not a Group quorum, favored County help in addressing current and potential future impacts of Gillespie Field operations. Jeff Myrick supported such a letter to Supervisor Jacob, asking if her staff could help inform the Planning Group about the issues of Gillespie Field's current and future operations.

G. GROUP BUSINESS.

1. Announcements and correspondence. Mary Manning announced that the second cell phone tower has been constructed on the Crows Nest in Harbison Canyon. Lory Walls announced she attended a County Trails meeting sponsored by Supervisor Jacob, where it was announced that the State Department of Fish and Wildlife (formerly State Department of Fish and Game) might shut down and close off certain elements of the California Hiking and Riding Trail. Wally Riggs distributed copies of Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, and announced that each Planning Group member is responsible for filing a completed Form 700 with the Registrar of Voters, or Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, by 1 April 2013.

2. Expense reimbursement request. None.

3a. Discussion and group action items. Presentation by Chairman, reference Ad Hoc subcommittee/Brown Act. Chairman Wally Riggs stated that the Brown Act does not specifically address "Ad hoc" committees, but that it does address "ongoing committees and boards" or other committees formed by legislative bodies. Advisory committees of less than a quorum of the Planning Group (i.e., Ad Hoc subcommittees) are not subject to the requirements of the Brown Act regarding public meetings.

3b. Discussion and group action items. Continuation of website. Former Planning Group member Mark Gabler will take care of the Planning Group website until May 2013. At that time, if the Group wants to continue an active website, a new website will need to be established. Gabler is providing information to Phil Hertel; Hertel's son, a website designer, will provide advice about Planning Group options.

3c. Discussion and group action items. Authorization of payment for use of the Crest Community Association meeting room. Pat Ulm reported that the Crest Community Association proposes a use charge of \$15 per hour for a minimum of 4 hours, totaling a minimum charge of \$60 per meeting for the CCA meeting room. Chairman Riggs said the agenda of the March meeting would include discussion and approval of the proposed CCA use charges for Planning Group meetings held in Crest. Riggs also said the Superintendent of Dehesa School assured him the Group would be able to meet at the school, and that the May meeting would occur there (and be chaired by Jason Harris, Planning Group Vice-chairman).

3d. Discussion and group action items. Declaration of vacant seats 4, 14 and 15. Chairman Riggs discussed the situation regarding Dehesa, Seat 4, currently held by Ryan Darsey, explaining the County's policies regarding Planning Group attendance. Since joining the Planning Group in 2010, Darsey has attended 10 out of 24 meetings, and he requested an excused absence for only 3 of the 14 meetings he did not attend. There is ample justification for the Planning Group to declared Seat 4 vacant based on Darsey's actual attendance record, and then the Group could advertise simultaneously for candidates for three Group vacancies: one Crest seat (No. 4) and two Granite Hills seats (No. 14 and No. 15). Mary Manning suggested that Chairman Riggs should email and send a regular mail letter to Darsey one last time, informing him that if he hasn't communicated an interest in filling Seat 4 before the March meeting his membership on the Group will be ended. Chairman Riggs agreed to follow Manning's suggestion.

4. Subcommittee reports. PLDO (Bowen). Judy Bowen, the Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Ad Hoc Subcommittee of one, reported that the Department of Parks and Recreation has prepared a preliminary draft proposal for the South Lane Park Fitness Trail Project. The available PLDO funds could construct a short trail with 2 to 3 fitness stations, as well as providing a picnic table and the required ADA parking. Judy said she contacted the Crest Sun newsletter to publish an article the first of March about the County's Fitness Trail Project plan for South Lane Park, and to solicit community input prior to having the PLDO issue included on the Group's agenda for its April meeting. She also mentioned that there was no new specific information about a Maintenance Entity that would be responsible for South Lane Park maintenance of improvements.

5. Meeting updates. None to discuss or schedule.

H. ADJOURNMENT. Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 2050 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)

