

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 9 September 2013, at Old Ironside Park, 326 Harbison Canyon Road, El Cajon (Harbison Canyon), California.

**A. CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL.** Planning Group members Bowen, Slagill, Walls, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Vandover and Hertel were present, forming a quorum of 8. Members Ulm, Krickhahn, Harris and Underwood were absent, but excused. Member Myrick was absent, not excused. Seat 4 and Seat 15 are vacant.

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

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Wally Riggs requested two corrections to the minutes of the meeting on 12 August: 1) page 2, paragraph 2, third sentence, replace the words “straightening of curves on Dehesa Road going westbound” with “straightening of curves on Harbison Canyon Road”; 2) page 3, Item 1b, second paragraph, line 4, replace the word “would” with “could.” Ralph Slagill noted that Item B lists him as “absent, but not excused,” whereas he actually was present for most of the meeting.

Judy Bowen moved that the Planning Group approves the minutes of the meeting on 12 August 2013, with the corrections noted above. The motion did not pass (7 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Hertel).

**E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION.** David Richardson, Crest resident, commented that the Planning Group makes recommendations about community planning matters, and the Community Plan has provision for assessing how the Plan is being implemented, but it isn't clear what the community or citizen is supposed to do if parts of the Plan aren't being implemented appropriately. (Chairman Riggs reminded the meeting that Public Communication items are not open for discussion, but also but he could answer that the Community Plan elements and details are implemented by actions of the County Board of Supervisors and County staff, and the Planning Group only makes recommendations for County action.)

Planning Group member Mary Manning reported that she presented a letter at the Rural Fire Board Meeting urging Rural Fire District to agree to consolidation with County Fire Authority. She also provided a handout of some published correspondence by and about Mr. Lou Russo, Chairman of the Rural Fire Board.

Planning Group Chairman Wally Riggs reported learning from Mr. Murali Pasmanthi from County Department of Public Works that the Traffic Advisory Committee plans to consider approval of the signalization project at Dehesa Road and Casino Road at its upcoming September meeting; Chairman Riggs asked for Planning Group consensus for his requesting the Traffic Advisory Committee for a continuance for its consideration of the signal plan project to gain time to seek citizens' inputs about the project. (Without discussion, the Group indicated its consensus.)

**F. ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Emergency egress form Crest, discussion and possible action.** Chairman Riggs opened the discussion about this item explaining that Kevin Johnston, County planning staff person, suggested the Planning Group should initiate a fresh request and recommendation for changing the language in the Crest Community Plan concerning the designation of Suncrest Truck Trail (SC1960), because the record of correspondence about this matter has become very confused.

David Richardson, resident of Crest and representative of the Crest Community Association, distributed for Planning Group review a revised letter prepared by the CCA that recommends several specific additions of the words “emergency egress route” to the Crest Community Plan. He explained that if Suncrest Truck Trail (SC1960) is identified and described as an emergency egress route in the Plan, then this road becomes eligible for funds that can help with its needed maintenance from the State Responsibility Area assessment program. Richardson requested that the Planning Group adopts the revised CCA letter as a template for a Planning Group recommendation to the County concerning designation of Suncrest Truck Trail as an emergency egress route.

Members of the Planning Group and the public discussed details about the maintenance of the road, management of the locked gates at the east and west ends of the road, and its relationships to Crest and to potential development of the Odum property.

Judy Bowen moved the Planning Group recommends the amendment of the Crest Community Plan so that it designates Suncrest Truck Trail (SC1960) as an emergency egress route, reflecting the wording from the revised Crest Community Association letter dated 9/9/13, and using this letter as a template for inserting the terminology “emergency egress route” into several appropriate sections of the Crest Community Plan. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**2. Change of wording in Community Plan text, from “evacuation route” to “emergency egress.”** Chairman Riggs pointed out that agenda item F.2 is redundant to the issues and action considered in agenda item F.1, and that discussion and action of F.2 is unnecessary. He requested and obtained Group consensus to drop agenda item F.2 from further consideration.

## **G. GROUP BUSINESS.**

**1. Announcements and correspondence.** Chairman Wally Riggs informed the Group that Padre Dam Water District sent a letter announcing that it is formulating a 10-year plan, and is requesting input from the Planning Group; Riggs provided copies of this letter to Mary Manning and Phil Hertel. Riggs also informed the Group that all of the copies of its letter to the Board of Indian Appeals requesting an appeal of the fee-to-trust approval for Dehesa Valley property were delivered, and he had received the return receipts for their deliveries.

**a. Letter from DPR concerning annual update of priority list.** Judy Bowen reported that the Crest Sun carried a brief announcement about the Planning Group considering the annual update of the Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) priority list for park projects at the Group’s September meeting. She distributed to the Group the priority list that was proposed for 2011-2012, and suggested the Group considers appropriate

amendments and/or revisions to it for the 2013-2014 priority list. She mentioned that she had not received any specific new community input concerning the priority list, and that she will try to go the next CCA meeting and seek input there for an updated list. Chairman Riggs announced that the PLDO priority list will be continued as an agenda item to the October meeting of the Planning Group.

**2. Expense reimbursement requests.** Chairman Riggs reported that Mary Manning and Jason Harris shared the cost of mailing the Planning Group's letter to the Department of Interior Board of Indian Appeals (with required copies to about 30 parties of record), requesting an appeal of the Bureau of Indian Affairs decision to approve the fee-to-trust transfer of the 3 parcels of 17.51 acres in Dehesa Valley; and that the cost of carrying out this Planning Group business was \$213.85. Group discussion resulted in agreement that it was appropriate for them to request reimbursement from the County for their personal payment for this Planning Group business expense.

Phil Hertel moved that the Planning Group recommends approval of a County reimbursement of \$213.85 for the Planning Group's business mailing expense that was paid by Mary Manning and Jason Harris. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

### **3. Discussion and Group action items.**

**a. Discussion of payment for continuation of Planning Group website.** Chairman Riggs reported that the County had not responded to his most recent inquiry about the County paying a reimbursement for the expense of the Planning Group maintaining a website of its official business. Group discussion resulted in Riggs agreeing to submit a reimbursement request for his personal payment of \$166.80, as previously approved by the Group, for two years of internet website service for the Group's website. Phil Hertel signed for the Group to indicate its approval of this reimbursement.

**b. Discussion of Board Policy I-1.** Chairman Riggs informed the Group that he was contacted by the County's Planning Group liaison person who discussed Board Policy I-1, and the County's view that the Group's letter to the Board of Indian Appeals requesting an appeal of the fee-to-trust approval for Dehesa Valley property was not appropriate. The proper course of action for the Group was to send its objections(s) concerning the Bureau of Indian Affairs decision to the Board of Supervisors, copying all other parties of record, and recommending the Supervisors request the appeal the Planning Group believes is appropriate.

**4. Subcommittee reports.** No subcommittee reports.

**5. Meeting updates.** No meeting updates.

**H. ADJOURNMENT.** Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 8:15 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)

