

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 18 November 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 7:03 PM.

B. ROLL CALL. Planning Group members Bowen, Ulm, Slagill, Walls, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Vandover, Harris, Myrick and Hertel were present, forming a quorum of 11. Members Krickhahn and Underwood were absent, but excused. Seat 4 and Seat 15 are vacant.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Phil Hertel moved the Planning Group approves the minutes of the meeting on 14 October 2013 as submitted. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. Mary Manning, Harbison Canyon, reported that at a meeting of the County Fire Authority, she learned that Supervisor Jacobs has arranged that certain so-called “stipend” rural fire stations requiring full time staff, such as the Harbison Canyon Fire Station, will be provided with overtime CalFire personnel until a permanent solution for personnel funding is determined. Mary said she did not know if the Dehesa Fire Station is considered as a qualifying stipend fire station in Supervisor Jacobs’ program, and that the community needs to learn its status in this regard.

G1a. GROUP BUSINESS. Presentation by Senator Anderson’s office. Chairman Riggs changed the order of the agenda and invited Austin, a representative from State Senator Joe Anderson’s office, to make his presentation to the Planning Group at the beginning of the meeting so that he would not need to wait for the Group to consider first a couple of items that could involve some lengthy discussion.

Austin announced that Senator Anderson is holding an Open House event on Thursday, 21 November, at Toyota of El Cajon, from 6 to 8 pm, although the Planning Group members are invited as community leaders to come early from 5 to 6 pm. This is an opportunity to meet the Senator and provide input directly to him, and Planning Group members are encouraged to RSVP and to attend.

F. ACTION ITEMS.

1. PDF2013-STP-07-043WI, Addition of sleeping quarters at the Harbison Canyon Fires Station. Chairman Riggs introduced Jeff Myrick, who gave the Group a summary of the planned addition of sleeping quarters to the Harbison Canyon Fire Station. He distributed and displayed drawings of the project, which includes a 900 square foot addition to the existing station building for the crew quarters (bunks, kitchen, shower, common room, etc.), and a 500-gallon diesel fuel tank on a covered slab. A water usage study determined that the existing septic system is adequate and will not be negatively impacted by the project, and the neighboring property owner is in favor of the project.

Jeff Myrick moved that the Planning Group recommends approval of the Harbison Canyon Fire Station addition project, PDF2013-STP-07-043WI, as proposed. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

2. Presentation, designation of Rios Canyon Road as emergency access/egress for Crest. Chairman Riggs introduced Richard Saldano, who gave the Group copies of a handout of maps and a presentation about the potential benefits of designating Rios Canyon Road as an emergency access and egress route for the Crest community. Mr. Saldano explained that he is Project Manager for two projects in Gibson Highlands that require secondary access, and in the process of researching and evaluating potential routes for the projects he became aware of the Crest community's need for emergency fire egress and access routes. He suggested the Rios Canyon Road could be officially designated as an emergency secondary access/egress for the community, and that this route could also better serve the secondary access requirement for his projects than the existing requirement to provide it through the Crestlake Development to Bullard Lane; and he is asking the County planning staff to consider waiving the existing requirements to improve Montana Serena/Bullard Lane as a secondary access route, and to instead allow the use of the existing Rios Canyon Road as the required secondary access for his projects. He informed the Planning Group that the San Miguel Fire District meeting at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, 20 November, would discuss the Suncrest Road fire egress designation issue, and that he planned to raise the issue of the suitability of designation and use of Rios Canyon Road as the required secondary access for his projects.

Planning Group members discussed the feasibility and suitability of utilizing Rios Canyon Road as an emergency fire egress route, and also as an emergency secondary access route, for the Crest community. The Group members from Crest agreed one or more of them would attend the San Miguel Fire District meeting to gather information, and to confer with other stakeholders about designation and use of Rios Canyon Road as Mr. Saldano has proposed.

Lory Walls suggested the Planning Group should determine the actual status and official designation of Rios Canyon Road that is included in the updated, final Community Plan text, in order to know what might be appropriate future action. No Planning Group action was taken on this agenda item.

G1b. GROUP BUSINESS. Announcements and correspondence. Chairman Riggs announced that the County is tracking the compliance of Planning Group members with respect to 1) ethics training, required every 2 years; 2) Planning Department training; and 3) Form 700 filing, statement of economic interests. He urged Group members to send information about the dates of ethics training and certification to the Clerk of the Board, and to email him with the date of Form 700 filing.

G2. GROUP BUSINESS. Expense reimbursement requests. There were none.

G3a. GROUP BUSINESS. Introduction of applicant for Seat 4, Crest. Chairman Riggs introduced Ms. Karla Carroll, who has submitted an application to be nominated by the Planning Group for appointment by the Board of Supervisors, to fill the vacant

Seat 4, Crest, on the Subregional Planning Group; and he told the Group that the Registrar of Voters has confirmed that Karla is a registered voter in the area represented by Seat 4. Karla explained her interests in contributing to the Group's efforts to carry out the County's public community planning process, and having an opportunity to use her skills in reading maps and planning documents for the goal of community betterment.

Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group nominates Karla Carroll, and recommends the Board of Supervisors to appoint her, to fill the term remaining of vacant Seat 4 on the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Subregional Planning Group. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

G4. GROUP BUSINESS. Subcommittee reports. There were no subcommittee reports.

G5. GROUP BUSINESS. Meeting updates. The next Planning Group meeting is on 9 December 2013 at Old Ironside Park. The January meeting is supposed to be at the Crest Community Center. Pat Ulm will check on the availability of the Crest Community Center for the Planning Group's meetings in January, February, March and April.

H. ADJOURNMENT. Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 8:30 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)