

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 13 January 2014, at Crest Community Association Building, 113 North Park Drive, El Cajon (Crest).

A. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Mary Manning requested correction of the minutes of the meeting on 9 December, commenting that in Item G1, 2nd line, the date “10 December” should be changed to “7 January 2014.” Jason Harris moved that the Planning Group approves the minutes of the 9 December meeting with Mary Manning’s correction. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. No one requested to speak.

F. ACTION ITEMS.

F1. Discussion and action on PDS 2013-ad-13-022, ER-99-14-0193 Replacement Map. Chairman Riggs informed the Group that this item is a request for approval of a Replacement Map, new engineer’s report and a County-approved biological study for a project to remove several boulders that were wrongly placed in dedicated open space on APN 508-180-18, at 1903 Saxton Lane (La Cresta Road at Old Bend Road). The Planning Group previously voted approval of the map and engineer’s report for this project in July, 2013, and nothing has changed in the details of the project since then, although a new engineer is now involved. Jason Harris moved that the Planning Group approves PDS 2013-1D-13-022, ER-99-14-0193 Replacement Map as proposed. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

F2. Discussion and action on 50 MPH speed limit on Harbison Canyon Road from Collier Way south to Dehesa Road. Chairman Riggs reported that over 200 emails were sent to residents of Dehesa Valley and Harbison Canyon to request input from the local community about the 50 MPH speed limit proposed for a section of Harbison Canyon Road from Collier Way south to Dehesa Road. Mary Manning reported that most residents think a reduced speed limit of 40 MPH should be continued south on Harbison Canyon Road to Dehesa Road beginning at the “End 40 MPH” sign; and that a 50 MPH speed limit beginning at Collier Way is not appropriate.

Jackie Finch, Harbison Canyon, spoke about her 17 years of experience driving a school bus route along Harbison Canyon Road, with six different bus stops for loading and unloading children. She did not think a speed limit greater than 40 MPH is safe or

appropriate for the existing road conditions, considering the distances needed to brake for a stopped school bus.

Other community residents and Planning Group members concurred, that a 50 MPH or 55 MPH speed limit is too high, and that Harbison Canyon Road should have a speed limit of 40 MPH the entire way south to Dehesa Road from Collier Way.

Lory Walls moved that the Planning Group recommends extending the 40 MPH speed limit from Collier Way to Dehesa Road, and it opposes raising the speed limit on any part of Harbison Canyon Road above 40 MPH, due to the unimproved roadside conditions such as lack of curbs and gutters, lack of adequate shoulder width, numerous driveway connections, many curves and lack of long distance sight lines. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

F3. Discussion and action on Rural Fire Protection District disbandment. Mary Manning attended the 7 January meeting of the Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors, and she provided a handout of a draft letter the District Board is preparing to send to District property owners, citizens and customers served by the District. The letter is intended to inform the public about the Board's consideration of dissolution of the District, with its future functions, operations and management to be provided by the County Fire Authority agency. Mary explained that if the District Board does not unanimously vote either to dissolve the District and consolidate with the County Fire Authority, or unanimously vote to retain District independence, then a public vote is necessary to resolve the issue of the District's future. The County will no longer provide the District with \$3.1 Million in annual funding for its Cal Fire contract for staffing after 30 June 2014, and without this funding the District cannot maintain paid 24/7 staffing at Harbison Canyon, Dehesa and other District rural stations. Mary's analysis of the situation is that the safety of communities such as Harbison Canyon and Dehesa requires the District to dissolve and consolidate with County Fire Authority, as there is not sufficient funding for the District to remain "independent" and provide adequate firefighting service to all the rural communities in the District. The District Board is inviting public comment on this issue at its meeting on 4 February 2014, 7 PM, at 14024 Peaceful Valley Ranch Road, Jamul; and the District Board will vote to take action on this issue at its meeting on 4 March 2014 at the same location.

Mary Manning moved that the Planning Group sends a letter recommending dissolution of the Rural Fire Protection District, and consolidation of the District's rural fire stations with the County Fire Authority, in order to continue or improve the current level of staffing at all rural fire stations in the District. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.)

F4. Property Zoning Cleanup 2013, POD 13-014. Chairman Wally Riggs informed the Group that the County's proposed zoning ordinance amendments to eliminate inconsistencies within the ordinance, or with elements of the General Plan, does not appear to significantly impact the Subregion. He said that any Planning Group comments are requested by 31 January, and that the Planning Commission will consider POD 13-014 at a public hearing on 21 February 2014.

Pat Ulm requested that consideration of POD 134-014 is included on the agenda of the Planning Group's February meeting, and that she will review the issue to report to the Group about it then. No Group action was proposed or taken.

G. GROUP BUSINESS.

G1. Announcements and correspondence. Chairman Wally Riggs announced that anyone wanting to contact him quickly, especially the afternoon before a Planning Group meeting, should call his telephone number rather than sending an email.

G1a. Resignation of Jack Vandover, Seat 10 (Harbison Canyon). Chairman Riggs announced that Jack Vandover is planning to resign his Planning Group seat in July 2014. He will remain active in Seat 10 until July, unless a candidate for appointment wants to apply for nomination before then.

G2. Expense reimbursement requests. There were no requests.

G3. Discussion and action item, election of Group officers for 2014. Chairman Riggs asked Herb Krickhahn, Chair of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Nominating Group Officers, to act as Chair for this agenda item. Herb reported that all 3 existing officers of the Planning Group agreed to continue in their current offices if the Group concurred; or anyone else interested in serving as an officer could request nomination and a vote.

Herb Krickhahn moved that the Planning Group accepts and approves Wally Riggs as Chairman, Jason Harris as Vice-Chairman and Bill Bretz as Secretary, and for them to remain and continue as the 2014 Planning Group officers. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

G4. Subcommittee reports. There are none.

G5. Meeting updates. The 10 February 2014 meeting of the Planning Group will be held at the Crest Community Association building, 113 North Park Drive, Crest.

H. ADJOURNMENT. Judy Bowen moved adjournment at 8:25 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)