

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 14 July 2014, at Dehesa School, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, CA 92019.

A. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL. Planning Group members Bowen, Caroll, Walls, Krickhahn, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Harris, Hertel and Underwood were present, forming a quorum of 10. Members Ulm and Slagill were absent, but excused. Member Vandover was absent, but not excused.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Chairman Riggs moved the Planning Group approves the minutes of the meeting on 12 May 2014, as corrected in Item D discussion at the meeting on 9 June. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Chairman Riggs noted that the minutes of the meeting on 9 June 2014 needed correction to show that Jason Harris was absent, but excused, rather than unexcused; Riggs moved that the Group approves the minutes of the 9 June meeting as corrected. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Underwood).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. Don Parent, representing San Diego Gas & Electric, described a current project to replace wood poles with steel replacement poles along an existing transmission corridor between the Loveland Substation in the Alpine area and the Los Coches substation in Lakeside. He provided an SDG&E fact sheet handout about the project, which is scheduled for completion by February 2015.

No one else from the public, nor from the Planning Group, requested to speak.

F. ACTION ITEMS. With the consent of the Group, Chairman Riggs changed the order of the Action Items to begin with Item F2, a presentation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; to be followed by Item F3, discussion of grading for a single family residence; ending with Item F1, discussion of road maintenance priority.

F2. Presentation by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Chairman Riggs introduced Jill Terp, Refuge Manager of the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge, who passed out a fact sheet about the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan/Environmental Assessment for the Refuge, and provided a brief summary of the basis for the CCP, the several management alternatives under consideration, and the various opportunities for providing comments about the Draft CCP and associated hunting, trail and feral pig eradication plans. USFWS is conducting a public meeting on Tuesday, 15 July 2014, at 6 PM at Steele Canyon High School, and public comments are due by 18 August.

<Jack Vandover joined the meeting at 7:15 PM, raising the meeting quorum to 11. >

Ms. Terp emphasized that USFWS supports the County's Sweetwater River and Loop Regional Trail, and that Alternative C includes a trail over McGinty Mountain connecting

the Sweetwater River and Loop Regional Trail with the California Hiking and Riding Trail in Sloane Canyon. Planning Group members and the public asked questions and expressed concerns about the concept of a trailhead facility on Sloane Canyon Road near Model A Ford Road, about the possible hunting area being considered adjacent to the Model A Ford Road neighborhood, and about the potential reduction and loss of existing trail opportunities.

Chairman Riggs announced the Refuge Draft CCP would be included as an Action Item on the August meeting agenda, giving the Planning Group the opportunity to provide a letter of comments before the close of the review and comment period.

F3. Discussion Re: grading for single-family residence, 446 Sanat Drive, Granite Hills. Chairman Riggs stated that the Planning Group had not received any information and documentation from the County about the proposed project for 446 Sanat Drive, so no action could be taken at tonight's meeting, although the Group could have an informal discussion about the project with the applicant, Mr. George Gonzalo. Mr. Gonzalo explained that the proposed project minimizes grading needed by taking advantage of the site topography and utilizing existing graded fire roads for access, but that a minor grading permit is required because more than 200 cubic yards will be graded. Without grading plans to review the Group was not able to determine the extent and nature of grading being proposed for the project. Chairman Riggs thanked Mr. Gonzalo for informing the Group about his project.

F1. Road maintenance priority in Plan area. Chairman Riggs opened Group consideration of the priorities for road maintenance in the Plan area, reviewing the correspondence the County sent, and asking Phil Hertel and Karla Carroll to report on their review of the road conditions in the Crest and Granite Hills areas. Hertel had scanned the County's spreadsheet summary of its road maintenance priorities, and this had been emailed to the Group members, so Riggs also asked all Group members to discuss the priorities for roads in the areas the represented.

After Group discussion about road conditions, current and likely future traffic loads on different road segments, safety issues, and general road experiences in the Subregion, the Group reached a consensus about ranking its highest four priorities for road maintenance in the Subregion. These are:

- 1) Dehesa Road, west from Willow Glen Road intersection to the top of the Dehesa Road grade.
- 2) Dehesa Road, east from Sycuan Summit Drive to Harbison Canyon Road.
- 3) Francis Drive/Mountain View, from Harbison Canyon Road to La Cresta Road.
- 4) Granite Hills Drive, south from Lexington intersection to the County border near the Dehesa Road intersection.

Group opinion is that the following projects are of much lower priority:

- 5) Harbison Canyon Road, from Dehesa Road to Sycuan Oaks Drive.
- 6) Six segments in Crest (Sunnybrook Lane, Picturesque Point, Gibson Highlands, Rios Canyon road, Horsemill Road and Chicory Lane).

G. GROUP BUSINESS.

G1. Announcements and correspondence. Mary Manning announced that the community is invited to a Harbison Canyon Lions' Club Chili Taste Off event on Thursday, 17 July, 7:00 PM, at Old Ironsides Park. Diners will pick the best of four competing chili recipes that will be served, and the winning chili will be selected as the Lions' Club entry for a regional chili cooking competition.

Wally Riggs announced that the Board of Supervisors approved a 45 MPH speed limit on Harbison Canyon Road, south to Dehesa Road; that a public hearing is scheduled for 21 July at Rancho del Campo, concerning removal of a garage structure at the historic Camp Lockett; and that Padre Dam Water District is scheduled on the agenda of the Group's August meeting for a presentation on its Advanced Water Purification project.

G1a. Declaration of vacant seats. Chairman Riggs moved that the Group declares Seat 10 and Seat 12, Harbison Canyon, vacant, so that applicants for nomination for appointment to fill them could be sought. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

G2. Expense reimbursement requests. There were no requests.

G3. Subcommittee reports. There were no subcommittee reports.

G4. Meeting updates. The next meeting of the Planning Group will be on 11 August, at Dehesa School.

H. ADJOURNMENT. Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 8:45 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)