

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 11 May 2015, at Dehesa School, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon.

A. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

B. ROLL CALL. Planning Group members Ulm, Carroll, Walls, Wessel, Riggs, Bretz, Manning and Hertel were present, forming a quorum of 8. Members Bowen, Slagill, Harris and Underwood were absent, but excused. Seat 10, Seat 12 and Seat 15 are vacant.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Lory Walls moved that the Planning Group approves the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2015, as submitted. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. Bill Bretz reported seeing a black throated magpie jay at the east end of Sloane Canyon, and then learning a colony of these birds (normally found in mainland Mexico) is established now in the Tijuana River valley. They have also been seen recently in the Jamul area, so they could be showing up increasingly in our community neighborhoods.

F. ACTION ITEMS.

F1. Consideration of support letter in reference to Leapfrog Development.

Chairman Riggs reminded the Group about the request from R. Bruce Liska, Chairman of the San Dieguito Planning Group, for Planning Group support for his letter to Supervisor Bill Horn in reference to Leapfrog Development. Pat Ulm commented that she believes it does all property owners and taxpayers a disservice to allow leapfrog development in the County. Group members briefly discussed supporting Liska's letter to Supervisor Horn and supporting existing General Plan policies that define and prevent leapfrog development. Ulm moved that the Planning Group approves writing a letter of its support for R. Bruce Liska's letter to Supervisor Horn regarding Leapfrog Development. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

F2. Renewal of Planning Group website. Chairman Riggs informed the Group that its website has not been updated for the past 3 years, and asked everyone to consider if there is any point in paying to maintain an neglected site. Mary Manning observed that without an interested and able webmaster it is unlikely the Group's website would be kept up to date. Discussion focused on the essential information about the Group being available on the County's website, making a separate Group website unnecessary. Manning moved that the Planning Group approves the suspension or termination of its website, effective immediately. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

F3. Consideration of Plan Cleanup wording change (part 2). Chairman Riggs informed the Group about a telephone discussion with Kevin Johnson, County Department of Development Services, regarding the Plan Cleanup text language wording changes being proposed for approval. He learned that language changes approved now by the Board of Supervisors will not actually be changed in the General Plan text until 2 years from now. Riggs briefly reviewed the changes of language in the documents provided by Department of Planning and Development Services that pertain to properties in the Subregion. Darin Wessel commented that the proposed changes are technical editing changes that do not alter the content or meaning of any information in the documents. Wessel moved that the Planning Group recommends approval of the Plan Cleanup wording changes, as currently proposed by the County Department of Planning and Development Services. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

G. GROUP BUSINESS.

G1. Announcements and correspondence. Mary Manning announced that 1 June 2015 is the deadline for submitting applications to the Harbison Canyon Lions Club from students (ages 16 – 21) interested in being considered for a Lions Club Student Scholarship.

G1a. Consideration of applicants for vacant seats. Chairman Riggs commented to the Group that it's had 3 seats vacant for three years; that he's gone through the process and expense a number of times to advertise the vacancies, but no one ever responds and applies; and that there is the option of reducing the number of seats on the Planning Group, but he considers that a poor solution. The Union Tribune has a column concerning volunteer service opportunities, and he will try placing a notice there about the Group's vacant seats.

G1b. Presentation by Sycuan Chairman Cody Martinez.

G1c. Update on AD-13-022 Bogi Project. Chairman Riggs reported that Department of Development Services informed him by letter that the Bogi Project, AD-13-033, was approved and the project has been closed out.

G2. Expense reimbursement requests. There were no requests.

G3. Subcommittee reports. There were none.

G5. Meeting updates. The next regular meeting of the Planning Group is at 7:00 pm, 8 June 2015, at Dehesa School, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon.

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

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)