

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 8 June 2015, at Dehesa School, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon.

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

B. ROLL CALL. Planning Group members Bowen, Slagill, Carroll, Walls, Wessel, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Harris and Underwood were present, forming a quorum of 10. Members Ulm and Hertel 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. Mary Manning moved that the Planning Group approves the minutes of the meeting of May 11, 2015, as submitted. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Underwood).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION.

F. ACTION ITEMS.

F1. Discussion and action on traffic and parking problems on Calle De La Sierra near Camino Monte Sombre. Chairman Wally Riggs introduced Mr. Jim Ford, resident of the Shadow Mountain community in Granite Hills, who related to the Planning Group details regarding a long term issue about persons parking, littering and loitering on Calle De La Sierra near the end of Camino Monte Sombre. He stated: 1) the Sheriff's Department suggested that appropriate signage concerning illegal activities could be helpful, by providing more authority for ticketing persons and vehicles engaged in those activities; 2) he went to the Department of Public Works to request appropriate signage, but after a field inspection by DPW of conditions on Calle De La Sierra, DPW informed him it found no safety hazards warranting additional signage; 3) DPW suggested he bring the matter to the attention of the Subregional Planning Group and other County officials. Mr. Ford requested the Planning Group to assist him, regarding the traffic and parking problems in his neighborhood.

Planning Group member Jason Harris suggested that if the County would not install appropriate signage, perhaps an adjacent private property owner could install appropriate signage, not on public property. Member Mary Manning commented that since the County maintains Calle De La Sierra as a public road, appropriate legal signage is part of the public service the County is responsible for providing. Member Darin Wessel commented that the County's DPW personnel primarily consider metrics such as numbers of accidents and traffic volume, and if these metrics don't show a history of problems, the DPW won't install "No Parking" signs; he suggested that requesting signage such as "No Dumping" and "No Littering" might be approved more easily.

Darin Wessel moved that the Planning Group authorizes Chairman Riggs to compose and send a letter to Department of Public Works, informing it that the Planning Group recommends that the County Department of Public Works installs "No Loitering" and

“No Littering” signs on Calle De La Sierra, similar to such signage on other streets in the area. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

F2. Authorization of letter to Board of Supervisors regarding LU-2.1, Leapfrog Development. Chairman Riggs reported that he had sent a letter expressing the Planning Group’s general support of not altering and weakening Policy LU-2.1, regarding the County’s controls for preventing leapfrog development, as directed by the Group at its meeting on May 11, 2015. He said the San Dieguito Planning Group was requesting continued support for the effort to retain the existing Policy LU-2.1, and was providing a template for the Group to follow in providing further comments to the Board of Supervisors about this matter. Chairman Riggs asked if this template letter satisfied the members of the Planning Group for sending to the Board of Supervisors.

Lory Walls moved the Planning Group approves sending an appropriately worded letter of support for retaining the existing Policy LU-2.1, based on the template letter discussed, to inform the Board of Supervisors of the Planning Group’s advice and recommendation concerning this issue. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

F3. Comparison of Group Standing Rules of Order, as related to BOS Policy I-1.

Chairman Riggs invited Planning Group member Darin Wessel to lead a discussion concerning possible changes to the Group Standing Rules of Order. Darin and the other Group members talked about the issues of vacant seats and Policy I-1 and Group Standing Rules, concerning absences of a Group member from regular meetings, and possible impacts to Planning Group function. Wally Riggs reminded the Group that it was agreed by Group consensus to waive the issue of a member’s absences, unless it became a chronic problem, at which time the Group could take appropriate action.

Darin Wessel moved that the Planning Group directs him to work on Group Standing Rules “cleanup language” for this topic, for discussion and possible action at the Group’s July meeting. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

G. GROUP BUSINESS.

G1. Announcements and correspondence. Mary Manning announced that the Lions Club Annual Swap and Shop event of donated items would be held on 20 June, 8 AM – 12 noon, at Old Ironside Park, Harbison Canyon. Donations of anything useful (i.e., clothes, utensils, furniture, toys, etc.) can be brought to the event on 20 June, or to Mary Manning before. All left over goods at the end of the event will be given to Crisis House or Disabled Veterans.

G2. Expense reimbursement requests. There were no reimbursement requests.

G3. Discussion and action item. None.

G4. Subcommittee reports. None.

G5. Meeting updates. The next meeting of the Planning Group will be on 13 July 2015 at Dehesa School, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon.

H. ADJOURNMENT. Ralph Slagill moved adjournment at 8:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)