

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 11 April 2016, at Crest Community Building, 113 North Park Drive, El Cajon (Crest).

**A. CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL.** Planning Group members Bowen, Ulm, Slagill, Walls, Wessel, Riggs, Bretz, Manning and Harris were present, forming a quorum of 9. Members Hertel 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.** Pat Ulm moved the Planning Group approves the minutes of its meeting on 14 March 2016 as submitted. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION.** No one from the public requested to speak. Planning Group member Mary Manning called attention to an article in the Alpine Sun about three areas in the region that are “islands” lacking coverage by a Fire District. Group member Bill Bretz announced that a Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is scheduled on Saturday, April 23, 9 AM – 3:30 PM, at the Barona Creek Golf Club, sponsored by the California Fire Safe Council; contact 805-559-0082 for information. Group Chairman Wally Riggs announced he would attend a Planning Group Chairs Training Session on Saturday, April 16, and would report on this at the May meeting.

**F. ACTION ITEMS.**

**F1. Review of Planning Group’s previous vote in reference to Verizon Cell Towers at 515 Alta Lane, Crest.** Chairman Riggs asked member Darin Wessel to inform the Group about his research into whether its previous vote regarding Verizon Cell Towers at 515 Alta Lane, Crest, could be reviewed, reconsidered and re-voted, as a number of residents of Crest have requested. Wessel reported that the Group’s by-laws do not address the matter of reconsideration, and that Board Policy I-1 is silent about a time limit for initiating a reconsideration; the County Zoning Ordinance and the County Administrative Code and the State Government Code all have time limits for specific types of reconsiderations, the longest being 90 days; 22 months have elapsed since the Group’s original vote about the Verizon Cell Towers, and it is apparently too late for a simple reconsideration of that vote.

The County can revoke a permit it has approved, if it can be established that fraud was involved in obtaining the permit. Wessel outlined that the circumstances of the original Verizon permit would need to be the subject of an agenda item at a regular meeting of the Planning Group to which Verizon was invited; and if adequate information was collected and the Group could agree to finding Verizon possibly conducted fraud (i.e., knowingly falsifying information about easement rights, etc.), then the Group could recommend that the County consider taking action on the matter.

Group discussion with the residents from Crest included a number of inaccuracies and misrepresentations in the original Verizon permit application, the lack of a clear record of clear easement rights for the project at the County, the lack of a biological study in spite of the adjacent MSCP habitat in protected Open Space, and the lack of proper notification about the original project to all of the affected nearby property owners.

Wessel suggested it could be helpful to have the County staff from DPDS come to the Planning Group and go over the process involved for obtaining a cell tower permit, keeping and renewing the permit, ending such a permitted use, and what the Planning Group and local residents can consider and do throughout the process. Chairman Riggs asked for the Group's consent for implementing Wessel's suggestion, and stated he would ask the County for planning presentation about cell tower permitting.

**F2. Authorization for payment of Crest Community Association room rental.** Pat Ulm moved the Planning Group approves and authorizes a request to the County, for it to pay the Crest Community Association \$400 total, for four public Planning Group meetings held at the CCA building, at \$100 per meeting. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

## **G. GROUP BUSINESS.**

**G1. Announcements and correspondence received.** Mary Manning initiated a brief discussion about record keeping by the County concerning Form 700, Annual Training, and Ethics Training.

**G1a. Consideration of applicants for vacant seats.** There were no applicants.

## **G2. Subcommittee Reports.**

**G2a. Finalization of PLDO priority list.** Chairman Riggs asked Judy Bowen to provide the status of the final PLDO priority list for Group consensus, which was: #1) outdoor weight training stations at Old Ironside Park; #2) second gazebo, with electricity, in northeast corner of Nancy Jane Park; and #3) tennis court renovation, Nancy Jane Park. This is the 2016 PLDO priority list that will be provided to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Chairman Riggs reported that he sent a letter to DPR with the Planning Group's questions about conditions at the Subregion's parks, and that he recently got a reply with the following answers: 1) work on changing the playground equipment at Old Ironside Park stopped because of the challenging terrain, and concerns about adequate resources protection and appropriate ADA access; 2) the issue of poor drainage from the patio roof causing building damage will be added to the major repair list for Old Ironside Park; and 3) DPR has scheduled a work crew for April to address weed abatement at South Lane Park.

**G5. Meeting updates.** The next Planning Group meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, 9 May, at Dehesa School, 4612 Dehesa Road, El Cajon.

**H. ADJOURNMENT.** Darin Wessel moved adjournment at 8:45 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)