

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL  
PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 8 August 2016, 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 Hertel were present, forming a quorum of 10. Members Ulm 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.** Mary Manning moved the Planning Group approves the minutes of its meeting on 11 July 2016 as submitted. The motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 2 abstain: Carroll and Hertel).

**E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION.** No one from the public requested to speak. Planning Group member Bretz described a recent truck roll over accident on Sloane Canyon Road.

**F. ACTION ITEMS.** None.

**G. GROUP BUSINESS.**

**G1. Discussion and recommendation for updating the rules for administrating PLDO Fund for County Parks and specifically for our Subregion. Vote to authorize a letter to DPR on this matter.** Chairman Riggs commenced a discussion about recommendations the Group could provide the Department of Parks and Recreation concerning its administration of the PLDO Fund for County Parks, and also concerning DPR administration of its parks' various needs, which are ineligible for PLDO Fund support.

Mary Manning said she thought that: 1) the County should change the narrowly defined "active recreation" restriction currently applied for projects at parks eligible to receive PLDO funds, enabling more types of projects to potentially qualify for support; 2) that every park in the system should be getting County-funded general maintenance at an adequate level; 3) that any existing park, including older parks established before the PLDO, should be eligible to receive PLDO funds for new projects; and 4) that possibly some way to expend PLDO funds for selected needed maintenance projects, currently defined as ineligible, could be determined. Wally Riggs mentioned that South Lane Park was established in 1972 with the help of the Crest Equestrian Group, but that without the help of that group now, the County has not been spending its funds on adequate general maintenance there. Judy Bowen suggested the problem with the County's narrow definition of "active recreation" might be solved simply, by using only the word "recreation" without the qualifier; she noted that the "active" versus "passive" qualifier seems to be more about the recreation infrastructure type, and less about the actual

activity level of the users. Judy also mention the Group should consider the wisdom of recommending a realignment of DPR districts with the County planning districts' boundaries, considering how PLDO funds are collected and distributed. Lory Walls said that PLDO funds should not have to be spent on park maintenance, but should be reserved for new parks and new parks' infrastructure. Darin Wessel suggested that the term "active recreation" might have a definition in the California Public Resources code that could be at the root of the County's definition of this term, as currently used in administration of the PLDO and the projects it funds. Group discussion included observations and consenting comments from the other members. Chairman Riggs suggested that a letter summarizing the Group's consensus about recommendations to the DPR could be based on Mary Manning's notes she brought to the discussion, assuming the final, fourth point is eliminated; and also assuming that the topic of DPR district boundary adjustments should not be included.

Judy Bowen moved that the Planning Group sends a letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation expressing the Groups consensus about recommendations for certain changes to its administration of the PLDP Fund, and other department funding, to better meet our parks' operational needs. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

## **G2. Announcements and correspondence.**

**G2a. Clarification of weed abatement responsibility in County road right of way along private property (Walls).** Planning Group member Lory Walls reported that her questioning about weed abatement responsibilities along Dehesa Road and Harbison Canyon Road resulted in responses from Supervisor Diane Jacob, and then from the Director of the Department of Public Works. Lory provided copies of the letters from Supervisor Jacob and Director Crompton as handout. DPW is responsible for vegetation management within public rights of way; DPW has inspected Dehesa and Harbison Canyon Roads and determined vegetation maintenance is necessary, and has scheduled removal and mowing of overgrown vegetation, and also annual spraying of herbicide to suppress weed growth in the right of way. This work will extend over the following six weeks.

**G2b. Medical marijuana ordinance revisions.** Chairman Riggs announced the County is considering proposed changes to the Medical Marijuana Ordinance, and this topic could be included on the September agenda. Group discussion supported including this topic at the next meeting.

**G2c. Environmental subdivision map.** Chairman Riggs announced that he had received a new, revised map for the Davidson Environmental Subdivision, TPM 21237, 14907 Montana Serena – Montana Serena Court. Karla Carroll requested the opportunity to review the map, which Riggs provided.

**G3. Subcommittee reports.** None.

**G4. Planning Group election filing date by August 12, 2016, 5:00 p.m.** Chairman Riggs requested all Group members whose terms are expiring to file for re-election before the deadline.

**G5. Meeting updates.** The next meeting will be September 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Old Ironside Park, Harbison Canyon Road, El Cajon. If the Old Ironside Park building is not available, the September meeting will be held at Dehesa School.

**H. ADJOURNMENT.** Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 8:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)