

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL
PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 14 August 2017, 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 Rich, Slagill, Carroll, Trial, Wessel, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Harris, Hertel and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 11. Member Ulm was absent, but excused. Member Underwood was absent, not 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 12 June 2017 as submitted. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 2 abstain: Carroll and Hertel).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. Khandy Franklin, Crest, reported that the Crest Fire Safe Council is currently: 1) reconnecting communications between elements of the community needed for coordinated emergency responses to active wildfire threats; 2) planning to make available on its website the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and the emergency egress plan (not “evacuation” plan) for Crest; 3) requesting Planning Group support for the re-energizing of community fire protection communications; and 4) hosting a community reception on Thursday, 17 August, at the Crest Community Club House to welcome back the San Miguel Fire District to Crest.

Planning Group member Mike Rich requested clarification about Khandy’s reference to a locked gate with a code, and she explained it was for the gate at the South Lane Park horse arena area that leads to Old Suncrest Grade = SC 60, that would be used as an emergency egress route for removing horses from the Crest community in the event of wildfire threat.

Planning Group member Tim Lucas proposed posting of the Planning Group’s meeting agenda on his neighborhood’s info-sharing website, and suggested this could possibly also be done on the websites of other groups, to encourage more public attendance at the regular Planning Group meetings.

Planning Group member Mary Manning reported that Thursday, 10 August, County Fire Authority personnel met with the Harbison Canyon and Dehesa communities at the Harbison Canyon Fire Station, to talk about the current fire conditions, internet applications and sites for connecting to CalFire for information, and contact information for involved agencies and media; they also wanted to get to know people from the communities they serve. Mary said Fire Information packets are available at the station for community members to pick up, and she added that the resident firefighters are very nice and positive and interested in meeting the people they serve.

Planning Group Darin Wessel mentioned that firefighters stationed at Harbison Canyon are trying to meet people out in the community neighborhoods and learn where they are; that 85% of the calls are for medical aid; and that the station is close to getting its emergency response certification (but they need Epi-Pen capability first).

F. ACTION ITEMS.

F1. Pending tree removal on Dehesa Road and Singing Vista Drive. Chairman Riggs reported that there was no need for Group discussion and action for this item, as the tree pending removal is already in the process of being removed, and is almost gone.

F2. Follow-up on AD-17-015, Request for Administrative Permit for animal raising for educational purposes at 2037 Harbison Canyon Road, El Cajon, APN 513-110-04. Chairman Riggs reported that he had received nothing from the County concerning the need for Planning Group action on AD-17-015, but that he had received an email from the applicant requesting the matter to be included on the agenda of the September meeting. Mary Manning said that she had visited the property recently, and it looked as if more than 100 animals are still there; and she said the owner told her they were buying the adjacent 3.5-acre property, and that would make the permit issue about animal numbers moot. Tim Lucas also talked about visiting the property and adjacent convenience store, noting the current conditions of the properties, and mentioned that he had a number of questions for the applicant, and for surrounding neighbors. Chairman Riggs reminded the Group its role is not code enforcement, that the 90-day period for the applicant's opportunity to make adjustments to the animal raising operation is still in effect; and that the County wants to hear the Planning Group's recommendation after it considers the matter with the applicant at the next regular meeting.

G. GROUP BUSINESS

G1. Announcements and correspondence. Chairman Riggs announced that he received a registered letter from the County, informing the Group about the County's proposed Climate Action Plan, and requesting the Group's review and recommendations about the CAP and associated CEQA documentation by 25 September. All of the relevant documents pertaining to this CAP are available for review on the County's website. Darin Wessel requested that the County's Climate Action Plan be included as an action item on the September meeting agenda.

G2. Report on Meeting of Chairs (Wessel). Vice-chairman Darin Wessel reported that at the Meeting of Planning Group Chairs the following topics were discussed: 1) State-mandated automatic time extensions for Tentative Map to Final Map approval are no longer available, and now a property owner must meet all current County code standards required for a Tentative Map, before obtaining from the County a single 3-year extension for attaining Final Map approval; 2) the County's proposed Climate Action Plan (CAP) was discussed, and Planning Groups' comments are welcome and requested; 3) there are no more Property Specific Requests pending in the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Subregion, although 41 of the original 47 throughout the County remain under consideration; 4) the Alpine Community Plan is currently in the process of being updated; 5) the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) plans to release its draft Park

Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Boundary Ordinance for comments in the Fall; it is establishing a Partner Evaluation Program for linking local non-profit organizations with DPR in mutual maintenance programs at local parks; a Parks Master Plan update will be released in the Fall for Planning Group review and recommendations for new park sites; the PLDO program fund received an augmentation of \$13M; and the Planning Group's PLDO project priority list for 2018 will be due soon.

G3. Meeting updates. The next meeting of the Planning Group is at Old Ironside Park, Harbison Canyon, El Cajon, on September 11, 2017.

H. ADJOURNMENT. Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 7:50 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)