

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 13 November 2017, at Old Ironside Park, Harbison Canyon, 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, Ulm, Slagill, Carroll, Wessel, Riggs, Bretz, Manning and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 9. Members Trial, Harris, Hertel and Underwood were absent, but excused. Seat 10 and Seat 12 are vacant.

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

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Darin Wessel moved the Planning Group approves the minutes of the meeting of October 9, 2017, as submitted. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION.** A representative from Senator Joel Anderson's office invited the public and members of the Planning Group to attend the Senator's Holiday Open House on 12 December 2017, 6 – 8 PM, at Toyota of El Cajon. Persons interested in attending can RSVP at Senator Anderson's website.

**F. ACTION ITEMS.**

**F1. Presentation by County and vote on proposed right hand turn lane and signalization at the intersection of Harbison Canyon Road and Dehesa Road. (Richard Pettie).** Chairman Riggs introduced and invited Mr. Pettie and a project engineer from the Department of Public Works to give a presentation to the meeting describing the status of the proposed right hand turn lane and signalization at the intersection of Harbison Canyon Road and Dehesa Road. They explained the evolution of the project over the past year, referring to a large detailed display map that matched handout copies of the map provided to Planning Group members. Sycuan Band intends to develop the property adjacent to and southeast of Dehesa Road, with two separate access driveway connections (one of these is opposite Quail Haven Lane) to the east side of Dehesa Road, south of its intersection with Harbison Canyon Road; Sycuan Band is deeding land to the County for the widening of the Dehesa Road right-of-way that is necessary to accommodate the various vehicle lanes, turnouts and access road and driveway entrances; a center 2-way left turn lane will be added to Dehesa Road south of the intersection for access to the Sycuan Square property, and to Quail Haven Lane and nearby driveways; the County is facilitating the project, and wants to work with the Sycuan Band and Dehesa community for determining warning signs for the school bus stops, driveways, etc. in the project area. It is expected that the project design phase will be complete in Spring 2018, with Board of Supervisors approval and start of construction by the end of Summer 2018, and completion of the project at the start of 2019.

Planning Group members, the public and the county staff discussed concerns about the proposed project design and matters of community safety and convenience, related to anticipated traffic associated with the expanded Sycuan Casino/Resort and proposed

Sycuan Square development. Traffic speeds approaching the intersection, and safety of children accessing their stopped school bus in the project area, are significant concerns for the community.

Darin Wessel moved that the Planning Group recommends approval of the County's proposed Dehesa Road/Harbison Canyon Road Intersection Improvements in the Vicinity of Dehesa Project as described in the presentation, but with the request for additional consideration of possible design improvements for maximizing children's safety at school bus stop turnouts near Quail Haven Lane. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

**F2. Issue of traffic problems and discussion of speed bumps and traffic calming on West Noakes, in Harbison Canyon.** Chairman Riggs explained that this agenda item is included to give the community an opportunity to discuss their concerns about safety issues on West Noakes, specifically with reference to discussion of speed bumps and traffic calming measures. Riggs reported that DPW has already begun a study and analysis of traffic calming and speed bumps for West Noakes; the study will include consideration of storm water drainage issues, possible sight line improvements by brush trimming, signs for speed control, etc. This issue will again be included on a future agenda when Planning Group consideration of it will be helpful.

## **G. GROUP BUSINESS.**

**G1. Announcements and correspondence.** Mary Manning announced that on December 21, from 11 AM to 1 PM at Olde Ironside Park in Harbison Canyon, there will be a pot luck, open microphone, rock painting, and Santa Claus will arrive for a pre-Christmas visit; the community is invited.

Darin Wessel announced he accepted a job as Senior Deputy County Counsel, beginning 1 December 2017, that he needed to resign from his position on Seat 6 of the Planning Group, and that 30 November would be his last official day on Seat 6.

Chairman Wally Riggs announced that the Department of Public Works is requesting Planning Group assistance in updating the County's road resurfacing program list, noting that in the past, 3 of the 11 recommendations made by the Group have been done; DPW is currently asking for a list of 20 recommendations for the paved County roads in the Subregion; he will forward by email the DPW request to Planning Group members to review for the meeting on December 11.

**G1a. Update on AD 17-015.** Chairman Riggs received notice from the County that the Applicant for AD 17-015 is preparing a resubmittal letter for this animal raising project, and that the County appreciates the input the Planning Group has provided.

**G2. PLDO report and priority list discussion and recommendation.** Mary Manning reported that she discussed the County Department of Parks and Recreation PLDO project priority list process and policies with members of the Crest Community Association, and that the CCA will come to the Planning Group's December meeting to make a presentation about recommendations for PLDO projects at parks in Crest. Mary plans to provide a draft 2018 PLDO Project Priority List for all parks in the Subregion for the Group's consideration at the 11 December meeting.

**G3. Appointment of Nominating Committee for group officers for 2018.** Chairman Riggs asked for three members of the Group to volunteer to form the Nominating Committee for Group Officers for 2018. Karla Carroll volunteered first, and was appointed by Riggs to act as chairman of the committee. Michael Rich volunteered for the second position, and Tim Lucas volunteered for the third position. This Nominating Committee will propose candidates for election to the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Planning Group for 2018 at the next regular meeting on 11 December 2017; nomination of additional candidates for these officer elections will be accepted from the Planning Group members present at the December meeting.

**H. ADJOURNMENT.** At 8:30 PM Ralph Slagill moved adjournment of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)