CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 11 December 2017, at Olde 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, Trial, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Hertel and Lucas were present, forming a quorum of 10. Members Harris and Underwood were absent, but excused. Seat 6, Seat 10 and Seat 12 are vacant.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Mary Manning requested changing the incorrect date “December 21” to the correct date “December 2” in Item G1, line 2, of the minutes for the meeting of November 13, 2017. Michael Rich moved the Planning Group approves the minutes for the meeting of November 13, 2017, corrected as requested above. The motion passed (9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Trial).

E. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION. Kandy Franklin informed the Planning Group that CalFire does not want Suncrest Boulevard to be recognized as an Emergency Egress route for the community of Crest, and that the route identification signs have been removed. She said that a meeting is scheduled in January with CalFire, Supervisor Diane Jacob, and the San Miguel Fire Chief to consider this issue; that Supervisor Jacob supports using Suncrest Boulevard as an Emergency Egress route; and that her office would arrange funding for three years of maintenance for a designated Emergency Egress route utilizing Suncrest Boulevard. Kandy asked the Planning Group to include on its agenda for the January meeting an item concerning this issue, to consider and make a recommendation about. (Chairman Riggs announced this issue would be on the agenda of the January 8, 2018, meeting.)

F. ACTION ITEMS.

F1. Road maintenance priority list for plan area. Chairman Riggs moderated a Group discussion of County-maintained roads in the Subregion that need maintenance, with the goal of determining a prioritized list of up to 20 specific road segments most in need; he reminded everyone that projects to pave currently unpaved County-maintained are not eligible for consideration. The Group’s review and discussion of previous lists and available maps resulted in the following Road Maintenance Priority List of 11 County road segments:

1) Frances Drive/Mountain View: Harbison Cyn. Rd. to La Cresta Road
2) Willow Glen: Dehesa Road to Camino De Las Piedras
3) Suncrest Boulevard: Juanita Lane to La Cresta Boulevard
4) Harbison Canyon Road: Dehesa Road to Sycuan Oaks
5) Dehesa Road: Singing Trails Drive to Granite Hills Drive
6) Sunnybrook Lane: Horsemill Road to cul de sac
F2. Declaration of vacant seat number 6 in Dehesa area. Chairman Riggs asked the Planning Group to declare Seat 6 of the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Subregional Planning Group vacant, due to the recent resignation of Darin Wessel. He said that most of the relevant County officials and personnel were already informed of this opening on the Group; and that he would start the process according to Policy I-1, for public announcement and advertising for a candidate from the Dehesa area to be nominated by the Planning Group for appointment by the Board of Supervisors to fill Seat 6.

Michael Rich moved the Planning Group declares that Seat 6 is vacant and open to be filled by a Board of Supervisors’ appointment. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

G. GROUP BUSINESS.

G1. Announcements and correspondence. Mary Manning announced that she put a notice in the Alpine Sun announcing the Planning Group’s open Seat 10 and Seat 12 representing the Harbison Canyon area, and inviting interested residents to apply for the Group’s nomination for appointment to these seats.

G2. PLDO report and priority list discussion and recommendation. Chairman Riggs asked Mary Manning to report on the Park Lands Dedication Ordinance priority list of park projects for possible PLDO funding in 2018. Mary described the various efforts she made to obtain suggestions for projects from residents of the Subregion’s communities; she provided a list of 13 project suggestions gathered from Harbison Canyon residents for Olde Ironsides County Park; and she introduced Kandy Franklin to explain the recommendations for projects at Nancy Jane Park developed by the Crest Community Association, representing suggestions from Crest residents.

Kandy explained that the Crest community recommends four possible project to be considered for 2018 PLDO funding at Nancy Jane Park: 1) expand the capacity of the existing gazebo; 2) provide functioning electric service at the gazebo; 3) construct a raised, paved activity area at the corner of Park and La Cresta; and 4) create an expanded parking area where the park’s landscaping has encroached on County road right-of-way. Mary led a discussion that reduced the ‘13 suggestions from the Harbison Canyon community to 6 possible projects to be considered for 2018 PLDO funding at Olde Ironside Park: 1) provide safe access with clear signage to the unpaved parking area
adjacent to the paved area on Harbison Canyon Road; 2) install lighting for the Community Building’s covered patio area; 3) finish painting the Community Building’s exterior, and paint its main room; 4) provide a hitching post and rest stop for equestrian park visitors; 5) install bike ramps in space by the basketball area; and 6) install a volleyball court.

Mary Manning moved that the Planning Group approves the 10 projects described above (Nancy Jane Park, 4 projects; Olde Ironside Park, 6 projects) as its 2018 PLDO Project Priority List. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

G3. Election of Planning Group officers for 2018. Chairman Riggs asked Karla Carroll, Chair of the Planning Group 2018 Officers Nominating Committee, to moderate the Group’s election of officers for 2018. Karla asked if there were any nominations from the floor for election to be the Group’s Chairman, Vice-chairman or Secretary for 2018. No nominations for Planning Group officers were offered from the floor; Karla then reported that the Nominating Committee proposed that the Group elects the following slate of officers for 2018: Wally Riggs for Chairman; Tim Lucas for Vice-chairman; Bill Bretz for Secretary.

Karla Carroll moved that the Planning Group approves and elects the nominated slate of Group officers for 2018 consisting of: Chairman Wally Riggs; Vice-chairman Tim Lucas; and Secretary Bill Bretz. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

G4. Update on West Noakes traffic issues. Chairman Riggs reported that the County’s study on the West Noakes traffic issue is not yet finished; and that 25 mph is the minimum speed limit allowed by law on public roads. He also reported that Department of Public Works sent a letter stating that no County funds are available for paving any of the unpaved roads in Harbison Canyon; that many of these roads are not located properly on recorded ROW’s; that many easements appear to be invalid; and that road paving is categorized as a Capital Improvement Project that requires the support of the County as well as several State agencies.

G5. Meeting updates. The next meeting of the Planning Group is scheduled for January 8, 2018, at the Crest Community Building, 113 N. Park Drive, El Cajon (Crest)

H. ADJOURNMENT. Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 9:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William Bretz (Secretary)