

**County of San Diego
Descanso Community Planning Group
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2019 @ 7:00PM**

Descanso Town Hall, 24536 Viejas Grade, Descanso, CA 91916

1. Roll Call

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| 1. Kerry Forrest P | 4. John Elliott Late | 7. Terry Gibson Late |
| 2. Jo Ellen Quinting P | 5. Mark Gassert Absent | |
| 3. David Mellner P | 6. William Bauer P | |

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of the Minutes: Meeting of July 18, 2019 **Approved Unanimous by those present (P)**

4. Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda. Group action is not permitted on items not on the agenda in accordance with the Brown Act. **No public communication.**

5. Action Items

A. None

6. Group Business

Correspondence and Announcements **Chair shared information regarding the quarterly Chair meeting, Community Choice Aggregator program for electricity, Notice of intention to grant a license agreement to the military for use of the Descanso Dentition Facility for training and a Letter supporting the Descanso Town Hall Landscape Grant application**

A. Discussion Items

1. County of San Diego Department of Planning and Development Services Agriculture Promotional Zoning Ordinance Presentation by PDS staff
PDS staff, Timothy Vertino and Donald Chase, shared information regarding the ongoing development of Temporary Agritourism Community Events draft ordinance which was currently under public review. Criteria for these events are under development as well as an applicable regulatory structure.
2. SDGE Power Line Replacement Project, discussion on visual impacts of "large" power poles and possible ways to mitigate or moderate. Todd Voorhees, SDGE Regional Public Affairs Manager will be participating in discussion with DCPG and community members.
Todd Voorhees, SDGE, was at the meeting to listen to the community concerns regarding the ongoing SDGE Power Line Replacement Project. Todd Voorhees stated that this project was for "Public Safety" to reduce the risk of fire started by power lines during high wind events. It is not to increase electrical capacity of the transmission lines.

The main topic of discussion centered on the self-supported steel poles (micro pile foundation poles) which are very large, very industrial, very visible and out of character along our community roadsides. It was pointed out by the DCPG that there is not a drawing of these kinds of poles in the EIR and that the only visual simulation of such a pole is shown at the SR-79 at Viejas Blvd known as KOP 11. This visual shows the support platform at ground level not standing on several micro piles with large platform and huge nuts and bolts prominently visible. Several of this kind of pole has been installed along Viejas Grade and River Road.

Possible mitigations measures were discussed for these specific micro pile poles in front of our community facilities: Descanso Elementary School, the Methodist Church and the SR-79 at Viejas Blvd. Community suggestions were voiced to Todd Voorhees. Some were rejected immediately as they did not comply with the SDGE Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Project Scenery Conservation Plan. The Chair asked who had reviewed this plan in compliance with the Master Special Use Permit and Permit to Construct Power Line Replacement Project V1:D.2 Visual Resources Table D.2-11. MMVIS -1 states that "SDG&E

shall file with the CPUC a Scenery Conservation Plan that is approved by the Forest Service and provided to other applicable jurisdictional agencies for review and comment.” The Forest Service reviewed the plan. The DCPG was not considered by SDG&E as an “applicable agency” despite the fact that this project runs through the heart of our town and was identified in the EIR as being impacted by this project.

Under Grounding of power lines was dismissed as a viable option at this time. It was suggested that in the future this might be possible, years in the future. Also brought up was a County Program with funding for undergrounding utilities, called 20A funding. The DCPG will look into this option with the County.

Todd Voorehees indicated he would consult with SDGE regarding proposals for mitigation or softening the appearance of the poles identified in the discussions and return to the group for further discussion, information and possible options.

3. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas
Request for 2019-2020 Park Lands Dedication Ordinance and Recreation Programming priorities lists
Chair meeting Notes
SDGE if ready to return with mitigation measures
Agritourism

B. Meeting Updates

1. Next Meeting: October 17, 2019 @ 7:00PM.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Any Questions or Comments; Please contact Kerry Forrest, Chair: descansocpg@gmail.com

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