

**Descanso Community Planning Group
Minutes of the Regular September 17, 2015 Meeting**

**Date, Time and Place: September 17, 2015 @ 7:00PM @ the Descanso Town Hall,
24536 Viejas Grade, Descanso, CA 91916**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
 1. Kerry Forrest
 2. Jo Ellen Quinting,
 3. Deirdre Carter
 4. John Elliott
 5. Mark Gassert
 6. Claudia White
 7. Terry Gibson
3. Open Discussion/Presentation from the Floor. Any member of the public may address the Group on topics pertaining to planning, zoning and land use, which does not appear elsewhere in this agenda. No Group action is permitted on items not on the agenda in accordance with the Brown Act. Speakers will be allowed 3 minutes.
4. Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2015 Regular Meeting *Motion to approve: Gassert/Gibson 7-0-0*
5. Correspondence and Announcements
*Letter from 2nd Amendment Rights Coalition.
DPW letter outlining 5 year resurfacing plan.*
6. Prioritization of this Meeting's Agenda Items *New Business item order changed to A,C,B,D*
7. New Business

A. Sub-Committee Report on pursuit of a park in Descanso Community

Sub-Committee chair Gassert reported they are evaluating the two acre area south of the library and west of existing Descanso School/County Park. Proposals include picnic benches under the trees and new tot lot play area. Representatives of the Friends of the Library expressed concerns with that proposal including loss of existing library parking and lack of restroom facilities. Discussions followed regarding expanding scope of sub-committee to include new park land acquisitions in other areas of the community. Committee chair indicated he was unable to devote time to investigate new land acquisitions. Poll of DPG membership indicated that no other members were willing to accept this position. DPG Chair suggested that one of the Sub-Committee's public members accept the responsibility to investigate this on their own. Chair will keep this agenda item open for our next meeting date.

C. Park Lands Dedication Ordinance Project Priority List

PLDO Funds are monies generated by development in the Central Mountain Park area which include Descanso, Pine Valley and Jacumba. Group discussed options on the use of this money which included developing the 2 acre site per agenda item 7.A. and the existing School/County Park. Maintenance of existing and new improvements is an issue and will continue to be in the future. Motion: Gibson/White: "To approve the PLDO list as shown as Exhibit A". 7-0-0

Exhibit A

Bathrooms

Drinking fountain

Replace Baseball bases

Install dugout benches

Install tot lot playground within existing oval perimeter

Improve baseball and soccer fields

Install fitness stations by new running track on northwest end of field

B. Descanso Pathway Project; 1017552 *Mark Perritt, DPW project manager of the Descanso Pathway Project updated the group on the status and future work to be completed. Project to be completed by September 27th. Work needed includes new AC berms and redwood backing on the opposite side of the pathway. DG to be installed. Hydroseeding of the disturbed areas. He also informed the group that the community no longer qualifies for Community Block Development funding for future funding of pathway projects. From the audience there were numerous complaints regarding the project including project need, aesthetics, scale, conflicts with community character, lack of notifications of property owners, concrete sidewalk, concrete retaining wall, State Park access, loss of street parking for the Descanso School and size of the ADA ramps. Staff will review possible concrete staining and or sandblasting to reduce visual impacts. Other suggestions included painting of retaining walls by school children.*

D. Up Date on proposed Bee Keeping Ordinance, AWM Letter

Changes are being made to the County Bee Keeping Ordinance. Primary changes include making sure African Bees are not establishing themselves in local hives. Specific changes are available on the County website.

8. Old Business

A. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas

B. *“Active Transportation Plan Participation Opportunity”*. ATP integrates existing County plans including trails, bike paths, pedestrian routes and safe routes to school. County to establish stakeholder group.

C. *Park Committee reports*

D. *Descanso speed limits.*

9. Next Meeting: October 15, 2015 @ 7:00PM.

Any Questions or Comments; Please contact Kerry Forrest, Chair @ 619-445-6343 or email: descanso.forrest@gmail.com

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