

**County of San Diego  
Descanso Community Planning Group  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2017 @ 7:00PM  
Descanso Town Hall, 24536 Viejas Grade, Descanso, CA 91916**

**1. Roll Call**

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| 1. Kerry Forrest               | 4. John Elliott                | 7. Terry Gibson |
| 2. Jo Ellen Quinting,          | 5. Mark Gassert                |                 |
| 3. David Mellner <b>Absent</b> | 6. Claudia White <b>Absent</b> |                 |

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of the Minutes:** Meeting of September 21, 2017 ***No minutes for September available at this time.***

**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.

***General comment from public that SDGE is installing higher poles***

***Group addressed item 6.B.1 at this time. See comments below***

**5. Action Items**

County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Staff will be attending the meeting to provide information and answer questions regarding the following:

- A. Review of Descanso Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) and Recreation Programming Plan Priority Lists and Review of Parks Master Plan
- Develop and approve 2017-18 PLDO Project Priority List (Descanso Elementary School/Park)
  - Develop and approve 2017-18 Recreation Program Priority List
- B. Review Parks Master Plan Draft and develop comments for input to Department of Parks and Recreation

***Items A. and B. Bill Saumier from County Parks and Rec addressed group with new information on Park Land acquisitions. New policy says that operation funding source is not now required for new parks prior to acquisition. Parks can investigate potential sites through a willing seller letter.***

***Group discussed upgrades to school park and expansion of community walkability.***

***Further discussions of continued access issues of the Descanso School Park.***

***Chair voiced concerns of coordination of County Parks through the Central Mountain Plan. We could develop new "Pocket Parks" as part of the community walkability plan. Old Descanso Library site?***

***Comments regarding new Parks Master Plan included lack of motorized recreation.***

***Group agreed to table this item until the November meeting.***

**6. Group Business**

A. Correspondence and Announcements

***Resurfacing of Viejas grade from Riverside to Oak Grove. Group was concerned that this resurfacing occurs after water district installs new water line.***

B. Discussion Items

1. Emergency Medical Services in San Diego County Backcountry, Proposed Improvements. Information from: Andrew Parr, EMS Administrator, San Diego County EMS Agency [www.sandiegocountyems.com](http://www.sandiegocountyems.com)

***Andrew Parr from County of San Diego addressed group regarding changes to the ambulance contracts for San Diego County. There are 3 zones. North, Middle and South zones. We are located in the Middle zone and are served by the Julian/Cuyamaca contractors. Based on historical data, contracts are being revised to reflect faster response times.***

2. Descanso Community Water District

**Nothing to report**

3. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas

**Tabled PLDO park requests**

C. Meeting Updates

1. Next Meeting: November 16, 2017 @ 7:00PM.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Any Questions or Comments; Please contact Kerry Forrest, Chair: [descansocpg@gmail.com](mailto:descansocpg@gmail.com)

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