

**County of San Diego**  
**Descanso Community Planning Group**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**November 16, 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. JoEllenQuinting, <b>Absent</b> | 5. Mark Gassert  |                 |
| 3. David Mellner                  | 6. Claudia White |                 |

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of the Minutes:** Meeting of September 21, 2017 and October 19, 2017 **No Sept Minutes Available; Motion to approve October Minutes: Gassert/Mellner 6-0-0-1**

**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. **Sandra Wilson: Town Hall wants to get involved in creating a community sign at Riverside Drive and Hwy 79.**

**5. Action Items**

**A. Shellstrom TPM 21094 Time Extension**

Heady Levine REC Engineering representing property. Owner is requesting a time extension from County on their TPM 21094 Map (Maggio Ranch left side). County had approved the original TPM in 2010 and the site plan in 2015. There are no proposed changes to the TPM or Site Plan. There have been changes in the storm water laws since original approval. Property owner still needs to complete road and site improvements per the TPM and site plan. Owner Shellstrom is asking DPG approval of the time extension to give her time to complete same. Time expires in December.

**Group Discussion:**

DPG opposed original TPM because project did not meet new community plan density and Community Character standards. This area is noted for its high groundwater issues and view shed sensitivities. Chair (and others) voiced their concerns on the projects impacts to ground water, view sheds and new community plan standards and voiced their desires to oppose the time extension and to let this project's map expire and have the property revert to the new zoning/density.

**Motion:** To not recommend the time extension as project does not meet current community density and character standards. White/Millner 5-1-0-1 Elliott oppose.

**Item 6.B.1 was heard at this time. See below.**

**B. 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
- Develop and approve 2017-18 Recreation Program Priority List

**C. Review Parks Master Plan Draft and develop comments for input to Department of Parks and Recreation**

Items B. and C. were discussed. General discussion on how School Park has failed to meet Community Park needs. Group feels we need to move in another direction such as promoting walking trails with pocket parks that allow siting, yoga, etc. Chair has written letter that includes County Parks Master Plan comments and Descanso PLDO Project priority list.

**Motion:** To approve Chairs letter as amended outlining our recommendations for PLDO funds and recreation opportunities. Elliott/Mellner 6-0-0-1

## 6. Group Business

A. Correspondence and Announcements **None**

B. Discussion Items

1. CalTrans proposal for traffic calming at the junction of SR 79 and Riverside Drive AKA: The Junction **Elliott discussed Caltran proposals for traffic calming at Descanso Junction. Original Caltrans plan had Flashing pedestrian warning lights at restaurant locations along with other signs located up and down Hwy 79. Caltrans has agreed to move flashing signs out of the Junction and move them up and down the Hwy to allow greater warning time for vehicles. This appears to be satisfactory with property owners and should any changes occur in the future, Elliott will report back to the group.**
2. Descanso Emergency Planning Group and Fire Safe Council and Sherilton Valley Letter **Terry Clampham from Sherilton Valley Ranch property owners voiced their groups concerns over recent SGDE induced power outages. \* outages last month 4 to 18 hours each time. We need new protocols for outages for shutoffs. DPG will work with SVR in the future and will communicate with same.**
3. Descanso Community Water District **None**
4. Next year's DCPG organization: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary  
**Motion: To approve Forest, Mellner, Elliott as Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary Gassert/Gibson 6-0-0-1**
5. Request for Agenda Items on Upcoming Agendas

C. Meeting Updates

1. Next Meeting: January 18, 2018 @ 7:00PM.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

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

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