

Jacumba Sponsor Group Approved General Meeting Minutes Of 02-28-2012

MEETING PRELIMINARIES

- Mark Ostrander called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
- Mark requested that all Cell Phones and Pagers be silenced and then led the pledge of allegiance.
- Mark led the Roll Call: Shirley Fisher (absent), Howard Cook (present), Steve Squillaci (present) Mark Ostrander (present), and Pat Fauble (absent). Mark established that there was a quorum.
- Minutes of Last Meeting – Mark Ostrander announced that since the draft minutes of the last meeting were distributed in advance and were available at this current meeting, they would not be read. He asked if there were any additions or corrections. Mark Ostrander moved to accept the minutes as written. Steve Squillaci seconded the motion. Vote taken to approve the minutes, three in favor, and none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

- DPLU Residential Guidelines letter – General Plan residential guidelines text and Mark Ostrander letter previously presented. No questions or discussion. Steve Squillaci moved to accept the letter, Seconded by Howard Cook. Vote was three in favor, none opposed.
- Equine Ordinance - Ordinance text and Mark Ostrander letter previously presented. No questions or discussion. Steve Squillaci moved to accept the letter, Seconded by Howard Cook. Vote was three in favor, none opposed.
- Amonix /BP Solar project comment letter – Mark Ostrander presented his previously presented letter with incorporated Board suggestions. Mark Ostrander briefed all those attending on the contents of the letter after a request from the audience. Howard Cook moved to accept the letter as written. Steve Squillaci seconded the motion. Vote was 3 in favor, none opposed.
- Shallal Liquor License – Mark Ostrander pointed out that the Sponsor Group letter opposing the license had been sent soon after the last meeting and that the state had already approved the license. Mark noted that Regan Shallal was in attendance and he asked if Mr. Shallal wanted to comment on the license application since he did not attend the last meeting. Mr. Shallal proceeded to tell us those customers for his liquor was not local, but were tourists traveling to the river or the dunes. He reassured Jacumba that the liquor would be kept locked and that his sales staff would be all over 21. He reminded the Sponsor Group that the county sheriff was a supporter. He also pointed to his well-lit parking lot and his own policing to prevent drinking on the premises.

NEW BUSINESS

- Border Patrol thank you letter - Mark Ostrander asked for Board approval to send a letter to Cory Anderson of Border Patrol thanking them for improving (paving) Heber Street south of Old Highway 80. Mark Ostrander moved to send letter, seconded by Steve Squillaci. Vote to send was three yes, none opposed.
- Wind Ordinance – Discussion on wind ordinance. Decided to utilize Mark's previously reviewed letter. Howard Cook moved to utilize Mark's letter. Steve seconded the motion. Voting was 3 yes none opposed.
- Standing Rules for Sponsor group – Mark Ostrander asked Board members if they had selected or had changes to Standing Rules previously distributed. Howard Cook said that he had objection to a paragraph that gave President the right to terminate membership for missing a meeting. Board was confused as to previous direction given by Mark. Mark said he sent out three versions of standing rules and we should have picked one. Mark is going to resend preferred one version to Board and ask for revisions. The issue is tabled until the review has been made and revisions made by the Board.
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after a request from the audience. A general discussion on planned electrical projects. Donna Tisdale provided a map showing various projects. Mark gave a lengthy summary of his proposed letter. Howard Cook moved to accept the letter as written. Steve Squillaci seconded the motion. Vote was 3 in favor, none opposed.

- Echo Substation with transmission lines and Wind projects report – Mark discussed the upcoming County vote on the projects and would draft a report and distribute it to the Sponsor Group before the next meeting. There was also discussion about changes being made by the PUC Administrative Judge. These would include the not yet firmed up decision to underground the 138 KV line along Old Highway 80. The Board complained that they have no ability to provide input on the changes. Cameron Durckel of SDG&E promised personally to let the Board know when changes were made in time to comment on these changes. This would enable the Board to have at least 30 days time to comment on these PUC or other changes. Mark will put this on next months Board meeting.
- Red Tape Task Force/ Planning and Sponsor Group elimination - Mark Ostrander advised the Group that the Board of Supervisors was not going to discuss or vote on the Planning and Sponsor portion on February 29, but would instead delay a vote until next month. Mark urged people to speak at the March Supervisors meeting and to write the Board. Howard Cook reported on Danielle's petition drive that resulted in about 500 people petitioning the Board in opposition to curtailing the Planning and Sponsor Groups. Howard Cook made motion to approve the Bullet Points from all of The CSG/CPG Chair meeting, Seconded by Steve Squillaci, all in favor none opposed.
- County Form 700 completion – Mark Ostrander reminded Board of deadline for completing form and mailing to county is March 31, 2012.
- Revitalization Committee update by various Revitalization Committee members as follows:
 - Revitalization; Community Garden Project by Mark Ostrander – Mark Ostrander advised that payment for phase one has been received. Fencing and irrigation systems are underway at Jacumba. Boulevard fencing is already in place. A Second Grant request will enable us to put in place raised beds for seniors and handicapped for planting.
 - Revitalization; Lake Project by Howard Cook – Howard reported that Dave Landman was still working his way through the Spa, Spring/lake and surrounding lands foreclosure process. He asked Dave Landman, who was in the audience to report on progress. Dave said that he expected the foreclosure to be completed on March 8. He said that multiple work crews would start immediately on the Spa building reconstruction. His goal is to open the restaurant and pools in May and the rooms before then end of June. Dave reported that the lake project was moving along. Dave has had multiple meetings with the four entities who will be sponsoring the Lake rehabilitation. These three have committed to the project: State Audubon, San Diego Audubon, and US Fish & Wildlife Service. State Fish and Game is slow committing to the rehabbing.



CORRESPONDENCE

There were several correspondences from the County.

UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

- Border Patrol Update – None
- Sheriff Update -None.

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- Eye Gnat Report by Bill Pape - Bill reported the following: The proposed eye gnat ordinance has been sent to the San Diego County Supervisors. The Supervisors will be discussing the issue at their March 28th meeting. He reported that Neil Hamada and Danielle Cook had submitted comment and rebuttals to parts of the ordinance. Everyone is asked to review and send their comments to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. He also discussed the upcoming Eye Gnat Research Symposium on March 22 at the Center for the Arts in Escondido. The UC Extension, S.D. County Department of Environmental Health and UC Riverside Department of Entomology sponsor the symposium. Danielle Cook will speak on behalf of Jacumba and the Escondido communities about the impact of Eye Gnats on their lives.
- Boulevard, Jacumba, La Posta Fire Safe Council and Cert by Mark Ostrander – Cert training will be offered on March 23/24/29/30/31 at the La Posta Substance Abuse Center. Space is still available. Call Mark Ostrander to sign up. The Fire Safe Council will have “Family Night” on April 13 at the Campo Community Center.
- SD Gas and Electric – Cameron Durckel reported that the Sunrise Powerlink project was 60 to 90% complete. He also discussed the probability of placing the 138 kV lines interconnecting the Eco Substation and the enlarged Boulevard substation underground. Howard Cook advised Cameron why either Fish and Game or BLM had put up multiple signs banning travel on roads adjacent to the Eco Substation and other proposed development because of Peninsular Mountain Sheep lambing season. He asked Cameron why the EIR for the Eco Substation and surrounding input and output power lines had failed to mention that this was Mountain Sheep habitat. Cameron had no answer. Howard asked that this be investigated and further power work be suspended.

NON-AGENDA PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

None

Meeting was Adjourned 8:34 PM. Next Meeting – March 27, 2012 6:00 pm at the Jacumba Library

Respectfully submitted by,
Howard Cook-Sponsor Group Board Member and Secretary