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REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 1, 2016
APPROVED MINUTES

Scheduled start time: 7:00 PM

Place: Pauma Valley Community Center
16650 Hwy. 76
Pauma Valley, Ca. 92061

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM.

- a. Roll Call and quorum established: We had five members present: Andy Mathews, Chairman; Brad Smith, Vice Chairman; Fritz Stumpges, Secretary; Ben Brooks; and Robert Smith. Stephanie Spencer was absent and we have one vacant seat.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- a. The minutes of October 6, 2015 had been previously submitted to all, corrected and resubmitted for final review. Brad made a motion to approve as presented, Ben gave the second and they were approved 6-0. The last meeting in February had to be cancelled due to lack of quorum and the abbreviated minutes were moved to be approved by Fritz, Brad gave the second and they were approved 6-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION, OPEN FORUM:

- a. This is an informal opportunity for community member comments on any matters of concern within our area of jurisdiction. Andy reminded the audience about this Thursday's SGMA meeting that will continue discussing Ground Water Agency formation.

Jenny Merhar asked that we consider working with the county to ensure that the upcoming multiple road projects in our area be coordinated not to run concurrently. These are the CalTrans roundabout at HWY 76 and Valley Center Road (3- 3 day weekend closures min.), the County's one year, \$1 million road widening on Cole Grade Road near the High School, the County's road improvements on Valley Center Road near the Middle School, and the widening of Valley Parkway at the bottom of the grade into Escondido. Each of these improvements will be major impairments to traffic in and out of our valley, including emergency responders such as fire, sheriffs, and ambulance and, if done with schedules that overlap, will cause major inconveniences at least and is a major safety hazard at worst. Andy asked Fritz to follow through with the county to ensure the County's coordination of these constructions and to report back at the next meeting.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. We heard from Marcus Lubich, one of the Park Project Managers from the County, who was present to direct discussions and gather input on the proposed update to the Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO). He specializes in coordination with Planning and Development Services (PDS), whereas Stephen Paul works more with the design and construction of the parks. They have been tasked by the BOS to give suggestions on any possible improvements and input that might be gathered, one way of which is from outreach in communities. He explained the goals of the County in achieving 10 acres per 1,000 residents of local parkland and 15 acres of Regional Parks per 1,000 residents. He said that the current PLDO allows funding for achieving about 1/3 of the goal. He said that PLDO funding comes from new construction permits and can be used for creating active sports /

recreational areas but not for maintenance or passive open space or hiking trails etc. There are 24 different park areas in the County, all with different fee structures. New development in the Pala Pauma area is currently being charged \$4,360 / development unit. If the development is greater than 50 parcels then they are encouraged to provide the actual park instead of paying fees into the park development fund.

He stated that they were charged with attempting to engage other entities such as non-profit organizations to expand access to PLDO goals. They have also been asked to look at other jurisdictions for ideas and to look at adjusting the park land boundaries to eliminate overlaps and confusions. They are also to look at suggestions providing more flexibility and clarity. He hoped to get our input along with others and that they would return later to let us know what changes were to be proposed to the PLDO from all of this.

Andy thanked him for his presentation. He then stated that one of our problems out here was the complexity and length of time it takes to form a JPA or legal joint powers agreement between the County and another organization. Andy said we have the money and we know what we want to improve, but nothing ever happens. Fritz added that he, as a member of this Community Center Board, was working with Stephen Paul on a JPA that was anticipated to take quite some time to formalize. Andy reiterated that it was important to have a practical balanced method to achieve the community's goals, without all of the bureaucratic impediments. It is our money and we feel we should have support without all of the restrictions to achieving what we want. Brad then mentioned that Marcus had raised the term, "more flexibility" and said that this is just what we want out here. We do get concerned though with granting of "flexibility" to other concerns who are attempting end runs around what the community wants and what the general and community plans stipulate. Ben then asked how current projects will be brought into the new agreement. Marcus said that all old and current projects will be grandfathered into the current law and after the official change, new projects will be required to comply with the new version. Andy then suggested that the inclusion of hiking trails and open space could be a very positive use of funding. Ben added that including demographic consideration of areas would help make specific uses more appropriate such as in an area like this with fewer children and an older population. Here, hiking trails might be more appropriate. Marcus said that there is help in obtaining open space from MSCP and developer dedicated offsets. Andy then brought up the restrictive definition of what "Developments" are. An example is not including Condominiums or trailer parks when in this new day these are heavily used as private family homes. We feel that the fee should be paid per dwelling unit, not restricted by other definitions. Fritz questioned the possible addition of adding maintenance provisions to which Marcus said they were looking into new ways to obtain new funding for this. Brad then added his experience with the great success in skate parks and suggested that they be added to the accepted list for some areas. He said the second most successful use was for playgrounds for developmentally challenged children. Both of these types or projects are probably most appropriate in more densely populated areas than Pala/Pauma. Andy then asked for audience comments to which Jenny Merhar commented that it might be beneficial to look into how Poway was able to secure all of their equestrian trails while it was still part of the county. Marcus stated that there are in place laws to require right a ways for planned trails and other supports for open space.

- b. We were unable to address the issues with traffic on Pala Temecula Road. The Chief of Traffic Safety was unable to gather all of the information needed about the safety and bus travel on Pala Temecula road before our meeting, and therefore was not able to make the meeting. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- a. We had posted a request for persons interested in the vacant seat on our board in the local newspaper but we did not receive any applications. Andy requested any ideas that we might have for suggestions of persons to fill the seat. We discussed Bobby Graziano and Laurie Kariya, both of whom had been interested but we learned that both have new positions on

local water boards. This does not leave them with sufficient time for this board also. Ben mentioned Tom McAndrew to which we agreed to look into since he was Chair of this Group briefly awhile back. Dave Shell of Cuca Ranch area said that they might know some people out there who might be interested and Andy gave them his contact information.

- b. There were no communications to respond to.
- c. There were no operating expenses.
- d. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2016.

- 6. ADJOURNMENT:** Robert Smith moved to adjourn at 7:46 PM, Fritz gave the 2nd and it unanimously carried.

These minutes were approved at the May 3, 2016 meeting. Ben moved to approve as presented, Brad gave the second and they were approved 4-0.

Fritz Stumpges,
PPCSG Secretary