

PALA - PAUMA COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP

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REGULAR MEETING, MAY 3, 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 four members present: Andy Mathews, Chairman; Brad Smith, Vice Chairman; Fritz Stumpges, Secretary; and Ben Brooks. Robert Smith and Stephanie Spencer were absent and we have one vacant seat.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- a. The minutes of March 1, 2016 had been previously submitted to all, corrected and resubmitted for final review. Ben made a motion to approve as presented, Brad gave the second and they were approved 4-0.

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. There were no comments from the audience but Andy suggested that Fritz comment on the public request by Jinny Merhar at our last meeting. She wants us to ensure that all road improvement projects are coordinated so as not to impede traffic should there be a need for emergency evacuation after a wildfire or earthquake. Fritz had contacted Michael Long, the head of the County Department of Public Works, Capital Improvements. He told us that the primary condition that we should be aware of is that all road work contracts, be it Caltrans, or County are required to have provisions in place for emergency traffic flow needs. This satisfies Jinny's concerns. Mr. Zoubir, of County Roads and Traffic was present in the audience for our next issue, and commented that this was true and that many road projects do not go through the Capital Improvement department but are necessitated by utility work. He said that it was still true that bypass provision for emergency traffic is always provided. See Attachment A for more details.
- b. Fritz then spoke as a concerned citizen and presented his official complaints about abandoned motor homes and trailers on Ron Cassini's property, Parcel No. 111-120-48-00 on El Sendero Drive (Rd). He stated that he had filed an official complaint on the county's code enforcement website but wanted us to be aware of the extent of trash and to reaffirm our concerns with the county. Fritz complained that if this mess was anywhere else in the county, like the country club or across from a church, it would be cleaned up immediately; but here we will have to wait years again! A member of the audience stated that on private property, often a simple notice posted on abandoned vehicles, is sufficient to get them towed away after 7 days. Fritz presented the details with pictures and this is included as Attachment B. Andy said that he would forward our concerns to Code Enforcement.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. We had all been given the background information on a Minor Use Permit application to relocate an existing wireless tower facility to a new location on the Yuima Municipal Water Company tank located at 32796 Avenida de Las Estrellas, here in Pauma Valley. Brad moved to approve and Ben gave the second. This was very straight forward and it was approved 4-0.

Fritz did say he wished that the wireless providers were present so he could ask if the limited height on the antennas was being addressed.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- a. Andy reported on the traffic safety issues related to use of Pala Temecula Road by commercial buses. He stated that he talked with several traffic engineers in the County and that Mr. Zoubir, (County Traffic Engineering Dept.) was kind enough to come here tonight and talk about it. Andy stated that there was a concern made at our previous meeting, that there were weight restrictions of 7 or 8 tons on the road but much heavier buses are permitted!? Mr. Zoubir stated that when it comes to weight restrictions, the California Vehicle Code is specifically addressing trucks and that busses are considered vehicles such as are cars (with passengers). Mr. Zoubir stated that in the last 4 years there have not been any bus accidents on Pala Temecula Road whereas out of the total 160 accidents, there have been 4 reported accidents with trucks.

Ben then asked why busses were not allowed on Hwy 76 between Pala and I15 but are allowed on Pala Temecula Road, which is much worse with hills and turns. Mr. Zoubir responded that Hwy 76 was a state road and P. T. Road is county. The Federal Government funding of State Hwy's stipulated that busses longer than 40 feet not be allowed on Hwy 76 with the sharp turn there. Caltrans therefore implemented the ban on Hwy 76. It is one of approximately only two highways in the county with length restrictions due to sharp turns. The county is not as concerned with length of vehicles as much as weight and that is because of slowing traffic, especially with steep grades, and also some concern for pavement damage.

Mr. Zoubir then stated that the weight restriction is really for through traffic. If you have a business along this route then the restriction should not apply. Tell our concerned bee transporter to speak to some legal authority in the county (county council) or vehicle code jurisdiction.

- b. We had posted a request for persons interested in the vacant seat in our group in the local newspaper and we did receive an application. Andy got an application from Bill Jacobs and confirmed with the County Register of Voters that he is registered to vote here. Mr. Jacobs was present and Fritz asked him why he wanted to be on this sponsor group. Bill responded that he had asked Andy about the goals and objectives of the group. After consideration, he realized that he was interested in applying his organizational and analytical talents, which he attained during an engineering career, to serving the interests of the community. He commented that he really loved the valley and was committing his life with his family to this area. He stated that he was interested in learning about all of the issues here. Ben then moved to submit Bill Jacobs to the Board of Supervisors for approval to our vacant seat, Fritz gave the second and it was passed 4-0.
- c. There were no communications to the group requiring a response.
- d. Andy presented operating expenses of \$68 for our yearly post office box rental. Fritz moved to approve this expense, Brad gave the second and it was approved 4-0.
- e. The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2016.

6. ADJOURNMENT: Fritz moved to adjourn at 7:36 PM.

RE: ATTACHMENTS A AND B.

These minutes were approved at the June 7 meeting. Ben moved to approve as presented and Fritz gave the second. They were approved 4-0.

Fritz Stumpges,

PPCSG Secretary

**Road Repair Scheduling;
Pertaining to emergency evacuation from Pauma Valley**

I spoke with Michael Long, head of the San Diego County Department of Public Works, Roads Capital Improvements about ensuring that there remain ample escape routes out of Pauma Valley should there be an earthquake or large wild fire during times of road work. This question was presented by a local resident at our last meeting after she saw and heard about many road projects scheduled in the near future.

Michael stated that, first of all, all County and State road contracts specify that road projects must be able to be opened in case of emergency needs during construction. Therefore, when CalTrans states that HWY 76 and VC Road intersection will be closed for 3 days during construction, they will have provisions for emergency situations and vehicles to pass in all directions should the need arise.

As for particular road projects, we looked at PPCSG's priority list and noted that our first request was for improvement of the intersection at Cole Grade Road and HWY 76 and that this project is still not on any list for improvement. The Rincon Tribe was in negotiations to do a fair share contribution to help with VC Road but not in the area that we had requested, but near Valley Center in that first large "S" curve headed out. Cole Grade widening has already been finished out to the Library and this consists primarily of turn lane pockets. The library to High School is scheduled for some time in 2018. Mac Tan road resurfacing is the main project coming up shortly but is not part of escape roads. Our bridge over the San Luis Rey River is still a dream way out on priorities.

Fritz Stumpges
Secretary, PPCSG
April, 2016

May 3, 2016

ADDENDUM B

Complaint submitted to Pala Pauma Community Sponsor Group

Forward to?:

San Diego County Code Enforcement,

San Diego County Assessor's Office,

RE: Clean Up Request: Pauma Valley Property, Abandoned Illegal Encampment,
on El Sendero, Ron Cassini Property, Parcel No. 111-120-48-00;

This property contains the remains of many abandoned motor homes and trailers and the previous occupants discarded trash and refuse. About April 25th another trailer was abandoned there right along El Sendero and a second motor home on May, see the last picture.

This property is owned by Ron Cassini and has been tax delinquent since 2011 and still the Tax Sale will not be scheduled until July 2017.

The water bills have not been paid and water is turned off.

Approximately 7 separate groups of people illegally lived there for about two years before they were finally evicted in late 2015. They had been found in possession of stolen property, many had been arrested multiple times and were known drug users; yet it took two years to get rid of them.

Now the trash is unbearable! How long would something like this be allowed in your neighborhood or next to a church or any other business. Why does it take an act of congress to get anything done?

Please remove the vehicles and trash and charge the land owner!

Fritz Stumpges
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Pauma Valley, CA 92061



Cassini Property, Abandoned Illegal Encampment



Cassini Property, Abandoned Illegal Encampment, Right Side Close Up



Cassini Property, Abandoned Illegal Encampment, Left Side, Close Up



Cassini Property, Abandoned Illegal Encampment, El Sendero Road, Close Up

And there is much more hidden junk there!