

# County of San Diego Palomar Mountain Community Sponsor Group Special Meeting Minutes of the Board Meeting

Conference Call Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 6:00pm

**Board members present via conference call:** Robert Carlyle, Cliff Kellogg, William “Bill” Leininger, Micah Beard, Mike Appelman, Curtis “Dutch” Bergman

**Board Members not present:** Teresa McCarthy

Meeting began at 6:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING: Cliff Kellogg makes a motion to accept the minutes. Bill Leininger seconds.

Motion Passed - Unanimous

## PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the board’s jurisdiction. This time is reserved for matters not already on the posted Agenda. Remarks shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes unless additional time is authorized by the Board.

Katie Heuermann – Through the county code compliance officer there is someone that is reporting code violations. Property is being trespassed on to report these codes. Thinks it is a retaliation from community meetings.

Mike Appelman – Would reiterate the point of Katie. May be good to make a formal agenda item for next month.

## ACTION ITEMS:

1. The County Board of Supervisors has sent us a request to determine interest in County funded community signage for Palomar Mountain. Cliff Kellogg has been appointed Chairman of a sub-committee to determine interest and ideas for the mountain. Please come and bring any ideas with you!

Cliff Kellogg – Mike Appelman’s wife is going to help with this project. It was the majority of the board that is in support of looking into the signage. County road department says that it will be going to the county board of supervisors. Have to find out if we will even have funding for it. There would be community involvement before it would be approved.

Justin Davis and his wife are interested in helping with signage for our community.

Mike Appelman – county is testing the idea if communities have interest in signage. See how much the county would put toward the project. Could be up to a road spanning sign.

Yvonne Vaucher – Whatever is the proposed, would it come to the community first? Yes, there would be community involvement.

2. Ron Schramm from the San Diego Lotus Club (SDLC) would like to make a presentation to our group for a proposed 'hill climb' on the south grade in the fall. This would require closing down the South Grade on a Saturday ala the bicycle run. The County requests the Mountains residents' interest in such event - pro or com.

Ron Schramm – Lives in Escondido. Board member of the San Diego lotus club 36 members. Part of 4 clubs together that make a few hundred of lotus car owners. Next event is in October. They want to do a car show and hill climb on Palomar Mountain, Saturday, October 22, 2022. Hill climb is a regularity run. Competitors match a preset time. This is a timed race. The goal is regularity and not necessary a speed event. Wants to close the road. Has contacted law enforcement to control traffic. Will have an ambulance on site in case of emergencies. Most cars would have two people in them to be accurate in times. Will wear seat belt and helmets! Road closer will have to have permission of the county and the PMCSG. No spectators on the road. They would need to be at the top or the bottom. Start at 3800 ft and finish at 5000 ft elevation. Goal to work with the community on this project. Would need to figure out food service. Would have port-a-potties for the event. Would clean up after the event. No cost to the community. There is an inconvenience to the community. Community would have to use east grade road. There will be a little noise. Could be done on a Friday or Saturday. Would take steps to accommodate as much as possible the residents on the route. Could donate to the community or host a BBQ. If the community does not want us to come we will not come. Has not contemplated moving the date of the event.

Cliff Kellogg – How long time wise? From 8am to 5pm. Setup at 7am. 45 minutes for lunch.

Yvonne Vaucher – It is a road race. Have we had road races before? Would we be encouraging others to have road races? Should be concerned by the precedent that it sets in the future.

Mike Appelman – What about the residents on the south grade? They will be able to shut down the illegal racing on a Saturday. I like the planning of this event. What is the concern with the date?

Karen Fraser – What about the residents on the south grade? People cannot get in and out the residents. How is this beneficial to the community?

Bill Leininger – Fire danger this time of year. Safety of the roads and fire safety. Would like to look at the hard schedule and see if the event can be moved off of opening weekend for deer season.

Cliff Kellogg – What is the speed of the racers? 30 or 40 mph range. Will have two or three classes of cars. How many cars at a time? They are separated by enough time. Do you have a tentative approval from County roads?

Michael Pique – Not sure that this will set that much of a precedent. We have had road closures before. Bike races, commercials.

Katie Heuermann – This would be the gold standard of event.

Robert Carlyle – Sent out information on this event several months ago. Can you move the date? Yes, we can move the date.

Dutch Berkman – Opening day of deer season

Lafe Ball – This used to happen every weekend. Car and Motorcycle racing happened every weekend. What is the win/win for the community?

Mike Appelman makes a motion to move forward with this event with the assurance of the south grade residents and considered in the event planning.

Mike Appelman makes a motion to talk with the community and talk next month

Robert Carlyle - We are going to table the conversation to next month in order to get a schedule, incident action plan, south grade residence information. Talk to the community.

3. Kathleen Beck from Julian wishes to make a presentation to our group on a proposed: Chaparral Pacific Crest National Monument, within San Diego County.

Kathleen Beck – Community organizer. Working with 13 different organizations. Getting endorsement for the proposal. Not getting a lot of push back from any areas.

David Hogan – Longtime San Diego resident. Federal National Monument and Bureau of land management lands. Wants to keep the land natural. Better manage the recreation use of the land. Makes it easier for agencies to get more money. 480,000 acres. Special place. Biological diversity. 4 territory for tribes. Outdoor recreation areas. Significant History in this area. Unique beauty. Will not take private property. Will not affect right of ways.

Discussion of the Monument

Bill Leininger – Who has forest fire management on this?

Michael Pique – Concerned with government encroachment

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Mike Appelman – Concerned with government encroachment. Likes the idea that it would protect the land from energy building. This could be the way. More and more energy projects. Likes to be able to keep the land how it is.

Elizabeth Getzoff – Survey mistakes is what took private land.

Robert Carlyle – How is this going to affect private land? What rights are going to be taken away?

Mike Appelman makes a motion to support this monument. Retracts motion.

Bill Leininger would like to hear more about the monument.

Cliff Kellogg makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Leininger seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Adjourned at 8:19pm