

County of San Diego Palomar Mountain Community Sponsor Group

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Conference Call Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 6:00pm

Board members present via conference call: Robert Carlyle, William "Bill" Leininger, Micah Beard, Mike Appelman, Cliff Kellogg

Board Members not present: Curtis "Dutch" Bergman, Teresa McCarthy

A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting began at 6:03 pm.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

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

Motion Passed – Unanimous

C. 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.

No public communications

D. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Ron Schramm from the San Diego Lotus Club (SDLC) would like to bring us up to date on their upcoming 'hill climb' on the south grade next month on the 22nd of October.

Ron Schramm went over the schedule and order of events. He talked about what was expected for the day, parking, safety, times of closedown and reopening the road. We looked at the map of the course, staging area, and closures. Ron talked about the details of actual race and how they are going to run the race.

We can get the word out to the community by the Palomar Mountain next door group app about the event and the plan. Ron asked if we could post about volunteers needed for the event as well.

The need for communications during the race. The problems that Ron is having with communications and how to solve it. Discussed ways to communicate on the mountain with ham radios or cell phones or internet. He has a safe solution but is looking for a better solution. Talked about using repeaters to extend the signal for the radios. Still working on the solutions.

Question about food before and after the event. Discussed bringing food trucks up. Ron has food for the event for the participants with Rock and Jenny's deli in Escondido.

Five participants have cars that are not road legal. They would really like to bring their cars to this event. These cars will make a little bit of noise. The road is going to be closed and the course is going to be closed. Ron wanted us to know this could be happening and that the cars would be great to see and look at. The community will be able to view the cars at the summit.

b. Cliff Kellogg, chairman of the sub-committee for new signage for Palomar Mountain, will give us an update on the Counties progress.

Cliff Kellogg discussed the August 17th County board of supervisors meeting and his meeting with Mr. Morally. Mike Appelman spoke at the meeting. The board of supervisors discussed keeping the community identification signs, the green signs. Costs about \$800 a sign. Maintain the 90 signs throughout the county. The fancy decorative overhead signs cost \$10,000-\$20,000 that the county would waive. These signs would have to be funded by private money. The county will not pay for these signs. They will waive the cost of the consultation fees. Would tourist fees be able to pay for these signs. We have about \$40,000-\$50,000 to use for this if they allow public funds. Cliff Kellogg stated that he had a meeting with Mr. Morally and watched the county board of supervisors meeting that he got these details from both.

Mike Appelman discussed the funding ideas that the county board of supervisors and community could have. Most communities do not have the funding to support a fancy decorative sign. The county board of supervisors said to bring it back in 3 months. Mike Appelman stated that we could work on it at the community level and take it back to the county board of supervisors for approval. Director of public works is excited about these projects. Mike stated that it was a positive step that the county board of supervisors approved waiving the fees involved with the project. They wanted to look at the funding to get these signs done this year.

We could get a county identification sign right now, but if we wanted a decorative sign those funds will have to come from somewhere. Who would manage the TOT funds? Will it require a prevailing wage?

Mike Appelman said he can help with the CE grant request. We make a CE grant and Palomar can be trial community.

Discussed the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization taking the lead on this project instead of the Palomar Mountain Community Sponsor Group.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Bill Leininger

Seconded by Cliff Kellogg

Motion Passed - Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm

Purpose of Planning and Sponsor Groups:

Advise the County on discretionary projects as well as on planning and land use matters that are proposed within their respective community planning or sponsor group area.

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