

County of San Diego

Rainbow Community Planning Group

Advising the Board of Supervisors ~ San Diego County
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Wednesday, Feb 16, 2022 at 6:30 PM Held Via Teleconferencing

I. Open Provisions

- A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Georgantas at 6:30 PM
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Attendance: Paul Georgantas, Lynne Malinowski, Donna Zakrajsek, Martin Kurland, Jon Gorr, Mark DiVecchio, Michele Sheehan and Greg Doud. 8 members being present, a quorum is declared.
- D. Authorization of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e). A motion was made by Secretary DiVecchio to declare a finding that there is a proclaimed state of emergency and state and local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing authorizing teleconferenced meetings pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e). Seconded Mrs. Sheehan, approved unanimously.

II. Motion to approve the agenda by Ms. Malinowski, second Mrs. Sheehan, approved unanimously.

III. Public Comments

- A. Mrs. Sheehan stated that Mr. Christopher Eckert, DPW Project Manager has replaced Ms. Amanda Parra as the County contact for the Rainbow Water Quality Improvement Project.
- B. Ms. Kathleen Lippitt urged Rainbow CPG members to attend County Board of Supervisor meeting whenever possible. She commented that San Diego City is considering reducing the tax rate levied on Cannabis sales within the city.
- C. Ms. Judi Strang commented that the Fallbrook CPG will be holding a meeting to discuss the County's proposed Cannabis and Social Equity Program. Meeting is 23 Feb 2022 at 11:30 AM.

IV. Consolidated Motion

- A. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes from 19 Jan 2022 made by Dr. Kurland, second Mr. Doud, approved unanimously.

V. Continued Items, Discretionary Projects and County Action Items

- A. Ms. Malinowski introduced Mr. Murali Pasumarthi and Mr. Kenton Jones, both of DPW, who discussed a proposed San Diego County Community Identity Signs Program. Development of this program over the next few months will culminate in the presentation of a proposal to the BOS at their April 2022 meeting. The final process is expected to outline the process of requesting, designing and funding Community Identity Signs in the public right-of-way in communities of San Diego County. Mr. Pasumarthi requested that we consider writing a letter in support of this program to District 5 County Supervisor Desmond.
- B. Ms. Malinowski reported on the LAFCO meeting to approve the Fallbrook/Rainbow MSR held in early February. LAFCO did not vote on the MSR but the meeting was continued to March 7 due to SDCWA's request to review the report by consultant on FPUD/RMWD detachment. Further

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exploration of NCFPD's sphere of influence expansion into Riverside County was supported. Ms. Malinowski will report on LAFCO's March meeting at our next meeting.

VI. Old Business and Reports

- A. Announcements and Correspondence Received – Chair Georgantas continues to forward all County emails to the group.
- B. Architectural Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski's report was covered in item V (A).
- C. Social Media Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski reports that she continues to post agenda and minutes to Rainbow Cares.
- D. Parks and Beautification Subcommittee – Mrs. Sheehan reported that the pickleball courts are now installed in Rainbow Park as requested for several years on the Rainbow PLDO Project Priority List. She asked Ms. Malinowski post a note about this on Rainbow Cares.
- E. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – Mr. Doud reported that there are no Rainbow issues in front of the Board at this time. Chair Georgantas asked Mr. Doud to report, at a future meeting, on the operation and status of the I-15 CDRB. Mr. Doud should have been confirmed as Rainbow CPG representative by the BOS at their 8 Feb 2022 meeting.
- F. Roads and traffic status – Dr. Kurland reported that traffic light installation work on the Old 395 and Rainbow Glen intersection is scheduled to start on 16 Jun 2022.
- G. Water and Environmental Issues Report – Dr. Kurland had nothing new to report. Community attendee, Ms. Lippitt commented that poisons and other chemicals used the Cannabis industry need to be understood..
- H. ARC Update & Community News – Chair Georgantas reported that the ARC is going through a staffing change and will probably be inactive for some time.
- I. Cannabis and Social Equity Program update – Mr. Doud reported that the County is considering the necessary ordinances to tax the sellers of Cannabis. They have hired a company to develop those ordinances. New taxes must go before the people. The idea is to put the collections into the General Fund which needs a 50% vote of the people rather than the 66.6% required for a special usage targeted tax. They expect the BOS to consider this at either their March or April meeting. Under consideration is also the tax rate and keeping it low enough that legal businesses can compete with illegal growers and dispensaries. MHS, Inc has set up a meeting to provide insight into Environmental Impacts of Illegal Marijuana Growing Operations. To attend this meeting, send an email to <david.escovedo@mhsinc.org>. Mr. Doud then presented the draft Rainbow CPG SEC Items for acceptance by the group. He moved that the list be accepted and forwarded to the County. Seconded by Ms. Malinowski. After a discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Doud will prepare a letter for Chair Georgantas' signature.
- J. Vallecitos School District Update – Dr. Kurland reported that 4 EV charging stations are being installed at the school for use by school personnel during the school day. It was noted the school's mailbox along 5th St was broken into.
- K. Rainbow CPG Boundary Realignment – Continued to the next meeting.
- L. Member/Administrative Reports – Chair Georgantas reminded us that elections for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are past due. He urged everyone to consider serving in a leadership position. Secretary DiVecchio noted that every organization needs new ideas and new energy that new leadership brings. The election will be agendized next month.

VII. New Business

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A. Approval for Reimbursement for one Name Plates (Zakrajsek) -- Mr. Rasp \$16.20. The receipt was not available so item was tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. Call for New Agenda Items for next meeting

- A. Consider drafting a letter in support of the Community Identity Sign Program to District 5 County Supervisor Desmond. (voting item)
- B. Ms. Malinowski will report on the March LAFCO meeting at which they may vote on the Fallbrook/Rainbow MSR.
- C. Elections will be held for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. (voting item)
- D. Agenda items can be submitted up until the next meeting's agenda is posted at the meeting site.
- E. Continuance of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e). Secretary DiVecchio moved that Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), the Rainbow CPG has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency and state and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing. Second Mrs. Sheehan, approved unanimously.

IX. Adjournment by Chair Georgantas at 7:45 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting 16 Mar 2022 which will be held via Zoom teleconferencing starting at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Mark DiVecchio Secretary, Rainbow CPG

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Architectural Subcommittee Report from Ms. Malinowski – Item VI(B)

2022.01.19 Meeting Talking Points – Community Identity Signage Program

Last week, I spoke to Hunter McDonald, the Land Use Advisor for Supervisor Jim Desmond, about the status of the Community Identity Signage pilot program. He told me that the Department of Public Works is spearheading the community outreach on this matter. The overall process of this sign program should be in front of the Board of Supervisors about early April 2022. Hunter offered to have me contact a member of the DPW Traffic Division to come out and talk to our group about the program. While it was too soon to arrange for the 1/19/22 meeting, I said that I would suggest it to the group tonight and get their agreement to move forward and try to schedule for the February meeting. [PLEASE GET AGREEMENT THAT I SHOULD PROCEED WITH THIS.]

A document containing samples of signs from local areas and other locations has been distributed to start the visualization process. The next step would be to consider where a sign placement would have the best representation for the Rainbow community. The DPW Traffic Dept is would be the resource to know where the public rights of way are located to facilitate placement decision-making.

This topic will be carried forward for successive Architectural Committee reports.

Comments by Ms. Malinowski on the Fallbrook/Rainbow MSR – Item V(B)

1. MSR Page 39, Item 4: I completely support recommendation to permanently live-stream and post board meetings online. We need the transparency. (Agencies RMWD and NCFPD as it concerns Rainbow) 2. MSR Page 39, Item 5: The report recommends preparing an informational report on incorporation opportunities in Fallbrook. Would Rainbow be drawn into this? If so, my preference is to remain under County governance. 3. MSR Page 40, Item 7: I support expansion of NCFPD sphere of influence into Riverside.

Notes from the 12/6/21 meeting:

1. Transitioning from Avocado groves on steep slopes into additional housing:
 - * LAFCO staff stated this trend could lead to policy implications (without specifying)
 - * Remarks by FPUD and RMWD representatives indicate that the County's VMT proposal would make it difficult for residents in our areas, thus may not be attractive for new residences
 - * Steep slopes usually have lower density, thus no significant increase housing units could be gained if housing replaces groves.
2. Recommendation #8: This is not on the summary list of recommendations at the meeting, but Chief McReynolds said that he was going to work with Desmond's office to explore this more. My question: What does this mean for Rainbow?
3. Supervisor Desmond asked if any of the recommendations were 'red flags', and that answer was 'no'. Generally, no immediate actions were being recommended, only his suggestion that due to the changing agricultural economics, that perhaps a 2-3 year revisit on this MSR would be recommended.
4. Legal counsel advised that because of the FPUD and RMWD detachment proposal, the information in this report is meaningful.
5. Overall, the report was well-received by participants in the meeting.

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RPG SEC Items by Mr. Doud – Draft – Item V(I)

The below list of items reflects constraints that the community of Rainbow would like to add to record as conditions in accepting any cannabis related business into the unincorporated areas of the county, and some specifically for the Rainbow community. These items outline guidelines for operations, infrastructure, and

1. require cultivation to occur on property with A70 agricultural zoning
2. require parcels to be at least five acres
3. limit cultivation to no more than 20% of the parcel
4. require a 100 foot separation between a cultivation facility and the property line
5. require 1000 foot setbacks to schools, churches and other child or family sports and family activities
6. require that all cultivation within a cannabis cultivation facility or cannabis nursery shall take place in the interior of a fully enclosed secured structure
7. require that vented air must be filtered so that odors can't be detected outside, or in adjoining sites, by a person with a "normal sense of smell.". Additionally, use of field olfactometer called the Nasal Ranger to determine excess odor by code compliance when complaints occur
8. limit lighting height to 25 feet and prohibit light emission onto other properties
9. limit signage to address and directional signs with no advertising allowed
10. require roads leading to the facility to be surfaced
11. require either that parcels are accessed by a public road or that a written recorded road maintenance agreement have the approval of all owners of a private road
12. require building and grading permits for structures
13. require that the operations meet all state, and local regulations
14. no consumption lounges within Rainbow community, including sampling at dispensaries
15. All dispensaries shall only reside within the commercial zoning sections of Rainbow (Rural and General)

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