

# Rainbow Community Planning Group

Advising the Board of Supervisors ~ San Diego County  
MINUTES of Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Rainbow Valley Grange, 2160 Rainbow Valley Blvd, Rainbow CA 92028

**I. Open Provisions**

- A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Georgantas at 6:30 PM.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Attendance: Paul Georgantas, Mark DiVecchio, Lynne Malinowski, Jon Gorr, Ron Ehrler, Frederick Rasp, Michele Sheehan. 7 members being present, a quorum is declared.

**II. Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Rasp, second Mrs. Sheehan, approved unanimously.**

**III. Public Comments**

- A. None.

**IV. Consolidated Motion**

- A. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes from 18 Oct 2023 made by Mr. Rasp, second Mr. Gorr, approved unanimously.

**V. Continued Items, Discretionary Projects and County Action Items**

- A. None.

**VI. Old Business and Reports**

- A. Announcements and Correspondence Received – Chair Georgantas will forward information on 2024 County training schedule.
- B. Architectural Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski. Nothing new.
- C. Social Media Subcommittee – Ms. Malinowski has been corresponding with County to find out about how CSPG vacancies are posted and communicated. Filling vacancies and maintaining robust CSPGs is vital for the unincorporated communities, with outreach to the community about them a cornerstone of filling them. Further dialogue with the County is needed. This issue will be raised at the Association of Planning Groups (APG) meeting.
- D. Parks and Beautification Subcommittee – Mrs. Sheehan received community input for the PLDO list to provide the County. Motion to approve by Chair Georgantas, second by Ms. Malinowski. Approved unanimously.
- E. I-15 Corridor Design Review Board – Mr. Doud was not present, as he was attending this month's meeting of this group which had been rescheduled for today.
- F. Roads and traffic status – Dr. Kurland was not present. Ms. Malinowski updated group on the response from CHP Commander Goulding that more time and resources will be directed to Rainbow over the next few months and new year. His department has staffing shortages. Mrs. Sheehan noted that when comments are made about seeing law enforcement presence, care should be taken to identify and communicate whether it is the Sheriff or the CHP. It was also reported that Mr. Doud is in contact with Jim Boles (SD County) regarding the importance of a sidewalk on 8<sup>th</sup> Street because of safety issues.

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Mr. Boles is responsible for all capital projects and funding. He will personally look at escalating this matter and looking for funding for it.

- G. Water and Environmental Issues Report – Dr. Kurland was not present. Mr. Ehrler commented that Measure B passed for Rainbow with 94% vote.
- H. ARC Update & Community News – Mrs. Sheehan. Classic Car rally occurred on 11/4/23. Upcoming events; Star Party at the Rainbow County Park for 11/18 may be canceled due to bad weather; Blood Drive on 11/26/23; Christmas Parade on 12/2/23. Discussion about how to make Classic Car Rally more popular. A driver will be needed for the Christmas parade float.
- I. Cannabis and Social Equity Program update – Mr. Doud was not present. Ms. Malinowski presented the letter to PDS staff regarding concerns from RCPG and FCPG. Motion to approve by Mr. Rasp, second by Chair Georgantas, approved unanimously. This letter will be forwarded to the APG group for additional communication to County staff.
- J. Vallecitos School District Update – Dr. Kurland not present.
- K. Community Access to fire hardening and insurance premium control programs – Mr. Gastelum not present.
- L. SANDAG Advisory Seat for Unincorporated Communities – Ms. Malinowski reported that all CPG groups have voted to approve by-laws and selected representatives. The next step is to have the advisory seat request placed on SANDAG’s 12/8/23 agenda. Community organization support letters are requested. Mrs. Sheehan will submit one on behalf of the Rainbow ARC organization.
- M. Regional Study of Rainbow traffic concerns – Chair Georgantas. Nothing new.
- N. Member/Administrative Reports – Chair Georgantas has forward anything he has received.
- O. Election of officers for 2024. Chair Georgantas nominated the following: Chair – Dr. Kurland, Vice Chair – Mr. Doud, Secretary – Ms. Malinowski. Second by Mr. Rasp. Approved unanimously. Ms. Malinowski will forward roster changes and new contact information to County liaison.

**VII. New Business**

- A. Consider canceling the December 2023 RCPG meeting. Motion to cancel meeting by Mr. Rasp, second by Mr. Ehler, approved unanimously.

**VIII. Call for New Agenda Items for next meeting**

- A. Agenda items can be submitted up until the next meeting’s agenda is posted at the meeting site.
  - i. Committee chair replacements (Voting Item)
- B. Adjournment by Chair Georgantas at 7:00 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting 17 Jan 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Malinowski      Secretary, Rainbow CPG

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**RAINBOW LOCAL PARK PLANNING AREA AND RAINBOW COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
PRIORITY LISTS**

**PARK LANDS DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PLDO) PROJECT PRIORITY LIST:**

PLDO Eligible Recreational Use examples include but are not limited to sport fields and courts, playgrounds, picnic areas, community gardens, and recreation buildings.

<b>FY2023-24 Rainbow Community Planning Group (CPG) PLDO Project Priority List (List in order of priority)</b>
<b>1. Fitness stations along path around fields</b>
<b>2. ADA compliant play structure and playground</b>
<b>3. Swings for children/toddlers</b>
<b>4. Recycling cans added in each section of park near trash</b>
<b>5. Dog refuse bags at front and rear of park to support cleanup in these areas</b>

<b><u>PREVIOUS</u> FY2022-23 Rainbow CPG PLDO Project Priority List (Listed in order of priority)</b>
1. Install fitness stations along path around field
2. Install solar lighting on timers for evening use of park
3. Install disc golf baskets at a few locations around the park in grassy/hilly areas not being used
4. Update maintenance plan for landscaping and repairs to existing issues to occur more regularly.

**RECREATION PROGRAMMING PRIORITY LIST:**

Recreation programming examples include but are not limited to afterschool programs, sport leagues, and fitness classes.

<b>FY2023-24 Rainbow CPG Recreation Programming Priority List (List in order of priority)</b>

<b><u>PREVIOUS</u> FY2022-23 Rainbow CPG Recreation Programming List (Listed in order of priority)</b>

**Please email to [Mark.Kieser@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Mark.Kieser@sdcounty.ca.gov) by November 30, 2023.**



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Subject: Socially Equitable Cannabis Program

The San Diego County Community Planning and Sponsor Groups (CPSGs) would like to address Phase Three “Emerging Concepts & Final Feedback” for the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program (SECP) program. Overall, the perspective of participants in the outreach is that the input we provided has not been reflected in any policies or implementation strategies.

Throughout the SECP development process, the engagement and outreach have been inconsistent, especially with the CPSGs. Unless one is keeping track of the Program via County website or have subscribed to email updates, it’s difficult at best to keep up with what’s going on regarding Cannabis. The general public who actually reside in the areas in which this Program will be implemented have not been thoughtfully considered or sought out in the process. From the most recent presentations, the collection of info to be proposed to the BOS for adoption has come from Cannabis industry stakeholders. Very little of what CPSGs have recommended is included. In fact, most recommendations have been sidelined or dismissed altogether.

A repeated observation is the unequal balance of attendees at the outreach meetings. Many industry stakeholders and lobbyists do not live in the unincorporated areas, yet their feedback has carried more weight on recommendations. Is this because they “attended more meetings?” Given this program is only being implemented in the unincorporated areas, it seems fair to instate the feedback of the locals. Development of a program with the name “equity” in its title should be inclusive of all who will be affected by it, with a special focus on those who actually live in the communities this program will impact.

How many CPSGs were given presentations by Staff?

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Recently, Staff rolled out the PHASE THREE MESSAGE TO BOS. Multiple sections do not include the recommendations of CPSGs.

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**1. Design Guidelines:**

- a. The Phase 3 Message to the Board states: *"Cannabis facilities would be subject to existing Community Design Guidelines."*
- b. CPSGs are concerned about locations of various operations and proximity to sensitive use spaces. For example: 500-1000' in a rural community is vastly different than in an urban area or Village Zone. Details like this are safeguarded by CPSG Design Guidelines, but if a community doesn't have them, what standards will be used when licensing and permitting these operations?

**2. Facility Caps:**


- a. The Phase 3 Message to the Board states: *"Facility caps should not be considered unless necessary for environmental mitigation with considerations for retail and cultivation. If caps by geographic area are desired, area should be by Supervisor District."*
- b. CPSGs have been consistently vocal on the importance of facility caps in their respective communities. The role of a CPSG is to advise on Land Use matters such as this. Why have these recommendations from CPSGs fallen on deaf ears?
- c. Realistically, a County Supervisor will not have adequate bandwidth nor insight into each community to provide a say. It is fair and equitable for the residents of each community to have a say rather than the Supervisor.
- d. Concerns cited in the BEST PRACTICE RESEARCH regarding CPSGs not being formed on census tract data, or that not all unincorporated areas of the County are within CPSGs are easily handled with a hybrid solution: allow caps within CPSGs and allocate the remaining cap quantity within Supervisorial District for the non-CPSG regions.

**3. Community Equity Contribution Program:**

- a. The Phase 3 Message to the Board states: *"The County should prioritize benefits for those harmed by the War on Drugs. The community should recommend how funds towards benefits are allocated, and there should be a wide array of benefit options."*
- b. CPSGs have placed Public Safety as their top priority in many webinar polls and unanimous vote recommendations from Day One.
- c. Specifically, CPSGs have requested Law Enforcement receive specific funding from the Contribution Program for Cannabis related needs. Why has this message fallen on deaf ears at the County:
- d. The additional staffing required to effectively regulate the various operations (retail, cultivation, consumption lounges, manufacturing, etc.) should be decided on by the size and impact of each type of operation in its particular area, not a one-size fits all calculation.
- e. Law Enforcement is needed in real time. Many incidents occur after hours when PDS is unavailable to respond.

CPSGs play a vital role in representing the interests of 500,000 residents in San Diego County's unincorporated areas. In the development of the SECP, more significant outreach needs to be devoted to these groups and their voices need to be taken seriously. This SECP will be implemented in their own communities and will affect each and every resident. Therefore, we have a vested interest in ensuring that all concerns are addressed successfully.

Best regards,



Paul Georgantas, Chair

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