

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY**

March 6, 2018 7:00PM

Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station 4900 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902

Administrative Items

Co-Chair Steve Stonehouse brought the meeting to order at 7:00

Item #1: Roll call: Steve Stonehouse co-chair, Harriet Taylor, co-chair, Liz Stonehouse, secretary, Uwe Werner, James Stokos, Mark Kukuchek, Michael Garrod, Rick Blacklock, Irene Blacklock, Sheri Todus, Judy Tieber, Tony Tieber, John Taylor, Daryl Hern

Excused: Diane Carter

Item #2: Move to approve: Mark second Doc.

Vote: 13 aye; 1 absent, Diane Carter; 1 abstain, John Taylor

Item #3: No one spoke.

Action Items

Item #4: PDS2017-TM-5622Egson LLC. Tentative map address 4753 Sweetwater Road, cross street Central Ave. A seven Lot Development. Carlos Madrazo presenting.

Marisa Smith came to discuss this meeting. In answer to questions, The time limit for projects is up to ten years. Usually it takes 12 to 18 months. This project started in 2013 with 4 lots on a tentative map. Since then, the new team working on this has changed the plan from four to seven homes. The scoping letter has not gone out yet.

Each pad one half acre. The lots are to be pulled forward on the lot and not cut into hillside. The pads need to be raised to prevent flooding. There will be a ten foot wall along Sweetwater Road. A suggestion was made to make this wall split fence or use vegetation to make it prettier. Michael G wanted to know whether the wall would end up level to the pads. Marisa said that the wall was for noise abatement. The wall would do nothing for flooding and be a graffiti problem. A suggestion was made to use a 'keystone' wall. Liz

objected claiming that a ten foot wall would harm oncoming driver's line of site in the turn along Sweetwater near Central.

Marisa said that the scoping letter would have flood information and biological information in it.

Michael said that a dirt wall would be more in keeping with the character of Bonita than a masonry one.

The answers from questions are:

If the hydrologist pushes for a wall along with the noise abatement they want a stark slope wall and will deal with graffiti.

Drainage must be dealt with and not leave the site. It must be cleaned before it can run off into the river through a pipe which will go across Sweetwater Road to augment the existing pipe.

Concrete run off maintained rate of flow after development as before.

The driveways will not be of permeable material, thereby spilling most of the runoff onto unsuitable soil. The answer was that the soil used for fill would be approved by the County. To the question, "How wide would the access road be?" The answer was, "A forty foot easement with twenty-four feet developed." The Fire Department has a road agreement as to the width of the area for its trucks to turn around. The ground drains toward a ditch and gutter. Michael Garrod the issues of a block retaining wall where the map said it would be. The first that it would be of little use for flooding, the second it would be an invitation for graffiti. Liz mentioned that where the wall was situated now would cause the west bound drivers on Sweetwater Road to have a line of site issue with the road.

Mark: Motion to approve Provided that the retaining wall be built from something like keystone brick rather than block brick.

Irene seconded.

Vote: 6 aye, 7 noe-Michael Garrod, John Taylor, Sheri Todus, Daryl Hern, Uwe Werner, Steve Stonehouse, Harriet Taylor, and Liz Stonehouse. 1 abstained Diane Carter. Project not passed

Both Steve and Harriet mentioned that the County had yet to send a scoping letter about this project.

Non-Action Items

Item #5: Victor Avina with a community update. Victor is in Washington.

Item #6. Trails Report: Diane Carter/Mark Kukuchek: Mark told us the Sweetwater Summit Bike Park is moving ahead.

Trail Issue: Three are now three camps of Homeless in the Valley. They are around Morrison Pond, On the Western Side of Willow Street Bridge plus the one that was just raided. Mark says it takes \$500K for the County to clean up after them.

The condition of the trails is pretty good. The cemetery trail will go in next year. The trail is to be cleared from Willow Street to the Western Gateway. The County is moving along on the three way stop at Procter Valley and San Miguel Roads but until the bike park is open, Parks won't see the need. Kenton Jones mentioned that the road has not met the warrants for a three way stop. A woman identifying herself as Elizabeth stated that she had been hit five times going westbound on San Miguel.

Item #7: Updates and announcements:

According to San Diego County Sweetwater Present Design Review, Sweetwater is built out as of five years ago. Sheri had a comment about road ethics. Apparently fewer and fewer drivers have any. Supervisor Greg Cox issued a warning about an invasive species of palm beetle. It is killing one species of Palm, with destruction of the effected trees the only current manor of stopping the beetles.

Adjournment: 8:27 PM

Liz Stonehouse, Secretary

Next meeting April 3, 2018 Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.