

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY

November 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: Secretary Liz Stonehouse called the roll by name. Steve Stonehouse co-chair, Harriet Taylor co-chair, James Stokos, Mark Kukuchek, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Diane Carter, John Taylor, Rick Blacklock.

Excused: Michael Garrod, Sheri Todus, Daryl Hern, Uwe Werner, and Irene Blacklock

Tony Tieber made a point of order to not discuss Ace Self Storage presentation at the Planning Commission. Judy seconded. After further discussion the point was dropped.

Item #2: Motion to approve with the single change that Diane Jacob name does not have an 's' at the end. Rick, seconded Doc. Motion Carried.

Item #3: Shane Parmaly, one of our newly elected members noted that there was a project on Bonita Mesa at Bonita Center Way. This development was discussed at a previous meeting.

Action Items

Item #4: Response from Planning Group to Brian Albright concerning the community garden. Diane reported that her letter was almost complete. A question about why Planning Group should have to review this was raised. Harriet stated that County Parks came before Planning Group as the designated representatives of the area for guidance before letting contractors just make things "esthetically pleasing".

This suggestion was put forth: that we provide some solutions to the issue perhaps with pictures, cost analysis, or how people might use this information. Another was that we should see what the County intends to do before letting it go out to bid.

Tony wanted to know whether it had gone for bid. No

Mark mentioned that County wanted to put in an operator before they laid water pipes. He wanted to request permission to work with the Operator to hammer out details to make it work.

Mark made the following motion: Sweetwater Community Planning Group responds again by requesting a cargo container-like shed with a roof be placed on the Community Garden property to store tools. We would also like the existing fence replaced by new. Diane seconded. Passed unanimously. It was also noted that Planning Group was the Governing body for Sweetwater and as such has the right to see plans which are in process. This note was to be cc'd to the Supervisor.

Non-Action Items

Item #5: Introduction of new Group members: Michael Clowers: I was born and raised in National City and have lived in Bonita for the last 9 years. I am a member of Sweetwater Valley Civic Association. Daniel Diaz: Has been in the valley since 1984, has two children, and has worked for the Orange Crate Derby for Bonitafest. Lives in the Highlands. Shane Parmaly: Lived here fourteen years in Grandparents house near Plaza Bonita. She feels that major cities are not doing enough about homelessness.

Item #6: Group input regarding Ace Self Storage:

Harriet listed the reasons she wants to give to the Planning Commission: a. Community doesn't want it; b. it's not light industrial, c. not commercial; d. not in keeping with our Community Character. e. at our last meeting we had the largest turnout to say no to project. Steve set an ad hoc committee for this and put Harriet in charge. Tony argued against discussing this subject since we had already vetoed it. He thought we should send a letter campaigning against the project. That we should not have to reiterate what we have already said.

Harriet stated that we were not the voice of the planner, we were the voice of the Community. Shane stated that we needed a consensus as the voice of the community. Harriet stated that Michelle was helping us all she can.

Updates

Item #7: Victor Avina, Supervisor Cox's office was absent due to ill health.

Mike Clower made a mention of the traffic problem at San Miguel Road that the CHP has granted a 25 mph on San Miguel Road and 35mph on Proctor Valley Road radar enforced. There is work being done for a grant for 'safe to school' pathway as an easement at the crosswalk at Central Ave.

Item #8: Trails report: We went to a meeting in San Diego to discuss the loop trail around the North Side of the reservoir. Supervisor Jacob is in favor of it. It is time for the Supervisors to take charge and do something. What they want to do is make the trail 'no animals' . Supervisor Jacob has 100K to give the trail. It's along the North Trail between the Swap Meet and where Point Water district starts, about ½ mile. The total loop is fourteen miles.

Item #9: Updates: Harriet- This is cleanup month. To look at design guidelines and realize that pole signs are not allowed. In 2011 freestanding signs up to 20' were approved and supposed to be reviewed every two years. This will be taken into consideration in the November 2019 review.

The Massage parlor has a ten year lease but has not been told about the guidelines.

La Finca has tables and chairs outside and a grill-top. She was going the next day to discuss the fire hazard.

Adjourned: 8:43

Respectfully submitted

Liz Stonehouse, Secretary

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Next meeting 7PM January 10, 2018 Bonita-Sunnyside Fire
Department Community Room