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, Daryl Hern, Uwe Werner, Mark Kukuchek, Tony Tieber, Judy Tieber, Daniel Diaz, Shane Parmaly, John Taylor, Sheri Todus.
Excused: Michael Garrod, Michael Clowers, Diane Carter
Shane asked her email be corrected. Corrected emailed requests. Item #2: Motion to approve with corrections noted Tony. Judy seconded. Passed: Twelve voted aye: Uwe Werner, Daryl Hern and Sheri Todus abstained.
Item #3: Sheri noted that Code Enforcement needed to go to Bonita Meadows Lane and check out the problems there. They are but not limited to: A church; an auto repair place with cars all around; a plant nursery; someone working on automobiles also. Victor asked for the address and an email. Harriet told us about Emerald Ranch where, apparently, a stable had once been. Now there were walls and a pond which seems to be harboring mosquitoes. Victor said Vector Control needed to handle it.

Action Items
Item #4: PDS2018-MUP-18-021-PDS Kiku Gardens Senior Care Facility. Olivia Stafford Presenting: Olivia spent the first ten minutes going over the information we had heard before, how long Mr. Soto had been in business and how valuable this service was to all ethnic groups. This facility is to be on 1.05 acres of mostly uphill land. They will have a total of 25 units with 17 of them independent living. 8 rooms will be board and care. The board and care facilities will be 200 sq. ft. The independent living will be 30x15.
As to a question on medical staff, the answer was none on property. The attendants can dispense medication but cannot set an IV. There was a short discussion about hospice, which needs State approval.
The building was to have gardens and no steps. There would be a biofiltration system for ground water. The grounds would have flowering cherry trees. Uwe asked about runoff from the driveways. Apparently the filtration system would take care of that. Shane asked whether there would be low income units.
No.
A neighbor asked about traffic flow, that the street was too narrow for lots of traffic and the entrance from Bonita Road has no light. She also said that she felt one of the board members may have some bias toward the applicant, and that her home value would be decreased by the project.
Tony asked about solar panels. They will be on the roof on the south side.
Shane: We need retirement facilities such as this because the aging population will need it.

Motion: To approve with the following stipulations: 1. That there be a traffic study done coordinating with neighbors; b. That there be adequate storm water management; c. That lighting at facility respect ‘dark sky’ requirements. Shane seconded.


Item #5: Nomination of 2019 Officers:

After a little wrangling, the officers for Sweetwater Community Planning Group will remain: Harriet Taylor and Steve Stonehouse as Co-Chairs, Liz Stonehouse Secretary. Vote: Unanimous.

Item #6: Parking restriction on East side of Central Ave.

After this was discussed at length, the item was tabled until Victor can give us some input as to what we can do.

Non-Action Items

Item #7: Victor Avina, Supervisor Cox’s office gave this report: We have two new staff in the Supervisor’s office:

Nathan Fletcher District 4, and Jim Desmond District 5. Sunnyside Elementary has gotten the grant for the ‘Hot’ button for traffic control. It will cost 300K. The project is due to finish in 2021. The Community Garden came in 90k short, so money had to be found for that. It is going out for bid in December. There was a short discussion about fences.

Bonita Library got 900k to finish its planned expansion which is due to start in June or July of 2020.

Glen Abbey Trail has started. It should hook Sweetwater to Rancho Del Rey by the end of April. On Dec 12 The Board made a resolution to continue the reservoir loop trail to the north. Only there will be no animals allowed on this trails, no dogs and most importantly no horses. Bonita Glen Apartments, which is technically in Chula Vista, will impact Sweetwater because it is on Pepper Tree Lane next to the 805 freeway. They want to build 170 apartments.

Ace Self Storage is to provide answers to questions from the public in regards to the mitigated negative declaration. Harriet mentioned that Mike Seiler said that Planning Commission was due to hear the project July 17.

The Bike park design is complete and should go to preapproved applicants by Jan 30. The park should be completed in the Spring 2019.

Last but not least; new regulations for Granny flats are going into effect for 5 years. Permit fees will be waived for this time. This affects second units which are from 1200sq.ft. to ½ single family unit whichever is smaller. There followed a discussion about energy allotment.

Item #8: Fill in and mail your form 700. They want it mailed so they have a ‘wet’ signature. In doubt about where to mail? Let me know.
Item #10: Presentation of Certificates of Election. Done.

Updates
Item #11: Announcements: Harriet Taylor: The November 13 subcommittee strategy for our presentation to the Planning Commission decided that Audio visual was the way to go. Any ideas on how to make them understand that we do not want two story buildings and not industrial would be helpful. The group Mt. Helix Noise Committee has updates from the airport. They are getting new GPS systems so that the planes have better communication.

Adjourned: 9:20
Respectfully submitted
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary
Sweetwater Community Planning Group

Next meeting 7PM February 5, 2019
Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Department
Community Room