Co-Chair Steve Stonehouse brought the meeting to order at 6:00PM


Excused: Uwe Werner

Item #2: Approval of minutes: after discussion, Unanimous, one excused. Uwe Werner.

Item #3: Jim Groth, resident of San Miguel Road stated: SCPG approved the changes to San Miguel Road in July of 2019, but what we agreed to was not what the County is doing now. Because I believe there are too many issues with the ongoing construction, I want to ask the Group to issue an emergency request for the County to cease and desist all work until all plans can vetted by Planning Group. Harriet, Mike Clowers and others agreed with Jim’s request. Harriet said that she would contact Jessica Turner, our liaison, to see whether this is doable. Daryl said the sidewalk is dangerous. Murali Pasumarthi, with DPW said the following: when DPW brought the plans to the Group it was in the concept stages only. After serious consideration to the situation at San Miguel Road and Sunnyside School, DPW decided to use the manner they are now involved in to make the crosswalk safer for all users by giving them extra space to stand and wait. It will also slow traffic on San Miguel Road down as the road will narrow there for cars. The ‘bulb’ design was always there. There should be no trouble with trash pick-up or mail deliveries.

Mike Clowers stated that Sweetwater no longer has a CHP community policing officer. Harriet asked Sam Chrun also from DPW Whether there would be a crosswalk between San Miguel Road and the Bridge. He replied that there would be one.

Action Items

Item #4: Signage to Prohibit parking on San Miguel Road: Murali Pasumarthi, Sam Chrun presenting: Basically, we need to know what sort of signage you want and for how long, like ‘no parking any time’ or ‘no parking 10PM to 5AM’. That sort of thing.

After that there was a great deal of discussion about the RV’s: where they parked, and what they did there. They also park to block trails. One resident stated that a ‘no parking anytime’ would prevent her from getting deliveries. She
was informed that deliveries as long as they are not parked are exempt from that rule.

Mark made the motion: That Sweetwater Community Planning group endorse a permanent 'No Parking Anytime' set of signage on both sides of San Miguel Road from the Bike Park to the bridge over SR125. Sheri seconded.

Vote: 14 aye one excused, Uwe Werner

Item #5: Proctor Valley Road Improvements: Murali Pasumarthi, Sam Chrun presenting:

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Judy Tieber sent the preceding checklist to the Group. It was discussed at length and the following motion was made by Mark: That Sweetwater Community Planning Group send a follow up letter to DPW along with the above spreadsheet and ask that they advance the work. Also, to be added to the spreadsheet: create a bike lane on Proctor Valley Road. Seconded by Tony Tieber. Vote 14 ayes, one excused: Uwe Werner.

The Co-Chair paused the meeting in order to recognize as a guest speaker Supervisor Greg Cox: good evening. As you all know my last days as Supervisor will be the fourth and fifth of January. With the concurrence of my fellow Supervisors I intend to ask for $130,000.00 to support a feasibility study for
three Sweetwater Trails, the 45, the 61 and the Carriage House trail. There will be more on the Tieber Trail next year. I want to get $125,000.00 for Morrison Pond to begin cleaning up the area around the Pond which still has sand mining equipment there. The money will go to DPS to make this preserve a focal point in the area. Also, in the mix is the Sweetwater Reservoir Trail funding for 5, 6, and 7 North West to Lake View Staging Area; $25,000.00 to design segment 8 retaining wall for Jamacha Road. Additional funding grants are in the works for Sweetwater Regional Park, Sweetwater Road and Willow Street asphalt curbing so the water won't fall back onto the trail there.

The Co-Chair thanked Supervisor Cox for his long service for this community and that he would be surely missed. Supervisor Cox said goodbye to one and all and mentioned Tony Tieber.

Item #6: PLDO 2020-2021 priorities list: Mark Kukuchek presenting:
The item from last year about the Community Garden is to be eliminated. Add to Priority list: add a permanent Restroom to the Bike Skills Park on San Miguel Road. List Follows: Sweetwater Community Planning Group PLDO Priorities update

PROJECT LIST 2020-2021
1. Completion of the Trail #45 of the Sweetwater Community Trails and Pathway Plan from the Degan Drive Trail Easement to the Carriage Hill Trail (currently under construction). The Carriage Hill trail will start at the intersection of quarry and Sweetwater Roads.
2. Add a new permanent Restroom to the Bike Skills Park on San Miguel Road.

RECREATION PROGRAMMING PRIORITY LIST 2020-2021
1. Trail use program to encourage hikers (young people) to utilize the many trails at the park. Perhaps in conjunction with the interpretive courses recommended above.
2. Guided Senior walks from Morrison's Pond.
3. Wildlife observation and interpretive classes at the community amphitheater at Summit Park.

Mark made the motion to delete the Community Garden from our list and add the Restroom at the Bike Park, leaving the rest as they are. Diane seconded. Vote: 14 aye, 1 excused Uwe Verner.

Item #7: Reinstatement of Uwe Werner and add new member Sharmane Estolano: Harriet Taylor presenting: New member was introduced to the Group. Harriet made the motion to reinstate Uwe Werner and accept Sharmane Estolano as new member. John seconded. Vote 14 aye, 1 excused Uwe Werner
Item #8 Harriet Taylor with Community Updates: Brian Sorensen came to her about the 10-acre parcel of land across Quarry Road. He wants to build four houses and a storage unit on it, leaving room for an RV storage place and one acre for ‘horsemen’. John and Michael Garrod were involved in this conversation. Michael said the man was speculating. Harriet also complained that Code Compliance wasn’t doing enough to stop the dumping of dirt at the end of Central Ave along Sweetwater Road. Tony mentioned that the Group should hear from potential applicants not two or three people. Mark said that the sign at Quarry Road as well as the sign by the Fire Station both claim to be for storage units. Harriet also mentioned that Dave’s Wholesale was on hold until the scoping letter could be answered. Item #9 Marvin with Updates: County voted a stimulus package for small businesses, granted 20 million for businesses effected by Covid-19 such as restaurants and gyms. Application can be made online on County website. Item #10 Trails Report: Diane Carter Mark Kukuchek: The Senior patrol is now back in action. Let us know about any SMALL projects you see along the trails. The Tieber Trail is once again wet and clogged. We’ll try to get someone out to fix it, but be careful. Mike Clowers said that the County Water Authority left a mess on their property. Sharmane stated that the roofs at the Wells Fargo Shopping Mall had not been repaired and there were tarps for roofs at food establishments. She was told to go to Chula Vista Fire about that. Item#11: County Training: Jessica will advise Liz when training link is ready. Liz will send it on to you when she gets it. Item #12: Announcements: none Item#13: Adjournment: 8:25PM

Respectfully submitted
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary
Sweetwater Community Planning Group

Next meeting via Zoom; January 5, 2021