

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 3, 2025 @ 7PM

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

1. Roll call by Lori Noe, Secretary: All members present except Michael Garrod.
2. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
3. Motion to approve May 2025 Minutes (1st by Mark, 2nd by Liz); approved by all present after correction of spelling of Leanne Crowe noted.
4. Public Comment: John asked that we include Lincoln Acres in our group. Susan remarked that other community members are interested in Shane's vacated position if Steve is not voted in.

ACTION ITEMS:

5. Approval of Order of Agenda (1st by Liz, 2nd by Mark). All approve.
6. Steve Stonehouse for SCPG Seat 8 Vacancy Consideration, as he was on list of candidates in the election. Motion to vote (1st by Mark, 2nd by Tony): 9 aye votes, 3 no: Harriet Taylor, John Taylor, Patty O'Mara). Liz (spouse of Steve) abstained. Steve will be reinstated per County guidelines.
7. Nectar Restaurant Tenant Improvement and Request for Exemptions-Abhay Sweitzer presenting. Site will be restored to previously approved condition. Unpermitted additions will be removed. Interior to be completely remodeled. New street access. Trash enclosures to be changed to meet compliance/regulation and setback requirements. New HVAC units, ground-mounted. Exterior downlighting compliant with dark sky ordinance. Tenant improvement minor in scope, with no increase in footprint or parking. No landscape being considered at this time. Will look into "no left turn" sign, as requested by Steve Stonehouse. Several questions answered, as follows. Parking lot will be resurfaced. Seating for 36 people. Parking spaces: 16. Chain link fence along Bonita Rd will stay. Timeline? If our group approves tonight, permit in 6 weeks. Construction takes 3-4 months. Owner lives in community. No more food truck. Not a chain restaurant. Motion to vote for Exemption (1st by Mark, 2nd by Judy). Recused members: Liz, Penny, and Harriet due to proximity of project to their homes. All other members present voted aye. Approved.
8. Appointment of Ad Hoc Chair for Rural Residential Zoning Ordinances for CPGS-John, Harriet, and Liz: Patty nominated Harriet, who declined. Liz volunteered. Motion to vote for Liz (1st by Liz, 2nd by Judy). Unanimous aye. Liz is new Chair.

NON-ACTION ITEMS:

9. County Updates-Marcelo Ramirez. Reiterated timeline for voting for new Supervisor in Special Election. Formal appointments in limbo until new Supervisor in place. Send letters regarding policy and site visits to Marcelo. Sweetwater Summit has new RV spots. CHP received grant to increase coverage, so we hope to see increased safety in 1-2 months. Richard Scott asked if chance to re-do presentation regarding appeal of storage unit Quarry Rd. Felix stated vote is final, per County. Members conveyed disappointment with the process and feelings of disrespect by CBOS at the meeting. Per Marcelo, new Supervisor will be briefed.
10. Community Updates-Harriet. Input requested from community regarding Rohr Park Master Plan.
11. Trails Updates-Mark: none.
12. Traffic Updates-Michael C.: none.

13. Ad Hoc Updates for San Miguel Community Watershed-Judy presenting. Hydrology study underway, from Conduit to bike park along San Miguel Road. Three alternatives discussed, with the 3rd being most comprehensive and costly. Another County meeting this summer. Community members from Bonita Highlands stated that creek also drains into storm drain area near Central Ave and the Highlands. Not being clear or maintained; overgrown. Bonita Highlands in the past would get permit and maintain storm drain, but it was turned over to the County and “they are not doing it.” Recommend they report this on Tell Us Now app. Judy stated that Civic Association may take this on in 2026.
14. Ad Hoc Updates for Rural Residential Zoning Ordinances for CPGS- Liz, John, Harriet: none.
15. Design Reviews Update-Harriet, Judy, and Felix: none.
16. Adjourn at 8:55PM.