

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY

June 3, 2014 7:00PM

Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Department
4900 Bonita Road Bonita CA 91902

Administrative Items

Mark Kukuchek brought the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Item #1: Roll call and introduction: Planning Group members: Mark Kukuchek, Liz Stonehouse, Uwe Werner, Harriet Taylor, Sheri Todus , Steve Stonehouse, Michael Garrod, John Taylor, Rick Blacklock, Irene Blacklock, Judy Tieber, Don Scovel, Diane Carter, and Daryl Hern.

Excused members: Doc Stokos

Michael De La Rosa, representing Supervisor Greg Cox.

Guests: various members of the public.

Item #2: last Month's Minutes. Corrections to last month's minutes are as noted: Harriet noted that the chairs should be noted in the minutes by name not by title. On Item 7 Diane actually voted no. Motion to accept with corrections: Harriet. Seconded by Rick.

Unanimous.

Item #3: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Planning Group on any subject within Planning Group's Purview but not on the agenda. Presentations are limited to three minutes. No action can be taken on items not on the published agenda but can be added to future agendas for action.

Maureen Hogan commented on the number of cars speeding on her private road. Uwe mentioned that he had heard that 140 private homes were scheduled to be built on dedicated open space. Michael De La Rosa stated that was not likely. Diane asked about whether private roads had to be at County maintained standards. Since it is a private road, the County has nothing to say about it.

Also noted at this time, the County is reexamining the issue of the cell phone tower by Verizon. County is in discussion with the residents on this. At the end of Jonel, someone wants to build 20 or 30 homes on twenty acres of land.

Daryl stated that The Taste of Bonita is June 26th at 6 pm. Tickets are \$30.00.

Item #4: Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave this community update: On June 18th at 7pm there will be a trails meeting at Summit Park. Supervisor Cox will be glad to take your questions and concerns. This is to keep the State of Bonita address short. Sweetwater Authority is ready to have bridges built on the Loop Trail where the trail was closed due to fairy shrimp activity in the rainy season. All parties concerned are trying to work together on this. Liz mentioned that a section of the fence between the Preserve and the Sweetwater River Trail at the Stephani Rossi Trail was down near the crossing by KFC.

Action Items

Item#5: Presentation by Planning and Development Services on methodology to insure trail easements and alignments are included in new development projects. Action item.

Everett Hauser and Maryanne Vancio presenting. Discussion concerning the heritage trail next to the new Sharp hospice building at Sweetwater Road and Valley Vista Road. When the trail was cut off, Bonita Valley Horsemen President, Diane Carter got ahold of the builders and explained the situation. They immediately removed the barriers and allowed access to the trail. However the trail needs to be reapproved by the County. Sheri asked about the trail under the Willow Street Bridge as the rebuilding project starts. Will the trail be preserved?

Michael De La Rosa stated that insuring the continuation of trails should be on the permit application before new building is allowed. If anyone has further questions contact Maryanne Vancio at maryanne.vancio@sdcountry.ca.gov. Also noted, County Water is shutting down the Tieber Trail for one day, June 22nd for maintenance. No action taken on this information at this time.

Item #7: Taken out of order by approval. Presentation by the Phair Company on proposed development plans for vacant lands along Bonita Road East of the Fire Station. Kirk Phair Presenting:

A Major Use Permit to be issued for 26 single-family units(cottages) on 3.63 acres. These units will be approximately 1300 sq.ft.,have a one car attached garage, and be built to green specifications.

Photographs of the outside of the buildings were shown. It was explained that there would be extra room for two more cars in driveways. The grading had to be leveled but from front to back it would only go up three feet. There would be fencing.

Sheri asked 1. For security lighting that would be sensitive to neighbors, and 2. Examples be given of the floors and/or slabs.

She was assured that everything would be ADA compliant.

The largest concern was that with the housing density, there would not be enough visitor parking in the area which will be gated. There are no large areas of parking nearby. This was a fact finding discussion by the developer.

Item #6: Election of new Trails Representative for SCPG. Action item. Sheri motioned that Diane Carter should be our new Trails Representative. Uwe seconded. Vote 12 aye. Diane recused herself.

Item #8: Announcements:

Harriet mentioned that a representative for Stuart Engineering was making a request to the County to remove a required gate on Tennis Court Lane. The gate is still on the County's records from a former project that didn't go forward. No gate is requested. A letter needs to be written to have it removed.

Also noted was a request for a granny-flat at 5217 Nannette Street. These items are to be put on a future agenda.

Item #9: Updates:

- a. Trails report-Diane Carter Sharp Hospice graciously removed their barrier from the trail that had been closed by Sweetwater Road and Valley Vista.
- b. The issue of the Sweetwater River (Southside) Trail is moving along. Public comment on the permit request Fish and Wildlife signed May 9th is ongoing. No contracts between groups have been signed yet, but the CCC has been contracted to build bridges over the areas where fairy shrimp are during the rainy season.

- c. A homeless encampment near the Western Gateway has been discovered. There were two fires there last month, and a person died. The fire department will have brush cleared.
- d. Trail 140 trails map connector trail from Bonita Highlands to Bonita Meadows has water running over it in a stream. Bikers and hikers cannot cross but horses can. A meeting with Maryanne Vancio has been set up.

Diane mentioned that the bulletin board was being built to go next to the bridge at the foot of Otay Lakes Road and across Bonita Road.

There was a discussion about leaving a bucket for lost and found.

Harriet mentioned that all lost items could be taken to the Safety Center if they are open. Also there was a comment on content and what Chula Vista will allow on the board.

Bonita Business and Professional Association disbanded this month.

As of now there will be no Bonitafest or Chili Cook Off this year.

Kiwanis and Optimists may be interested.

Meeting adjourned 8:30

Liz Stonehouse, Secretary

Next meeting July 1, 2014 Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.

