

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY**

**August 5, 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, Steve Stonehouse, Doc Stokos, John Taylor, Rick Blacklock, Irene Blacklock, Judy Tieber, Don Scovel, Diane Carter, and Daryl Hern.

Sheri Todus and Michael Garrod

Michael De La Rosa, representing Supervisor Greg Cox.

Guests: various members of the public.

Item #2: Last month's minutes. No Corrections. Judy motioned to approve as sent. Uwe seconded. Approved. Sheri abstained.

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. No speakers.

Item #4: Michael De La Rosa from Supervisor Cox's office gave this community update: Held until later in meeting.

Item #5: Proposed new beekeeping ordinance changes Tracy Ellis County AWM, representation only. No action required: David Kellum once again discussed the various methods of keeping honeybees. The County is discussing a tiered system to allow the average hobbyist to keep bees on his land without setbacks of 150 ft. He also handed out a flyer with the agreed upon requirements for beekeepers. He ended his lecture with the statement that things were not complete yet, but the beekeepers were making good progress in their goals. Several questions were asked and answered most concerning Africanized honey bees. It seems that most bees are not aggressive unless one bothers the hive.

## Action Items

Item#6: negative mitigation declaration for zoning ordinance update No.30 and County code Amendment POD 13-003 Log NO ECR 13-00-001. Public comment required by August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Action Item: Heather Lingelser presenting from Planning and Development Services: She handed out a list of the proposed changes. There was a change about beekeeping putting it in the section on bees, one on dumping of asphalt and concrete, and one on 'wireless communication facilities' which when changed would allow public safety communications facilities to be exempt from the regulations. Also mentioned was a section about barns and agricultural buildings of 1000 sq. ft. or less.

Rick motioned to accept the changes as written. Doc seconded. 13 approved. Don Scovel opposed.

Item #7: PDS-2014-MUP-14-037 Verizon cell tower at Briarwood Community Center, 5120 Robinwood Road. Stealth Tower 50 foot variance requested. Lisa Mercerio from M & M Telecomm presenting. Verizon wants to place a tower in the shopping center for their use within the area. Bonita does not have the elevation for one. She showed several pictures of the area. Steve asked a question about placement of the tower. John asked whether the residents had been notified and why they did not show a concept of what they wanted to do.

Sheri noted that a tree had to be removed and would require replacement. Rick motioned to accept variance for Verizon: Michael Garrod seconded. Sheri wanted the motion amended: to insure that all trees removed would be replaced and that the tower would be architecturally pleasing from all four sides. Liz seconded.

Vote on motion 1: 10 aye, 4 noe: Don S., John T., Steve S., Liz S.

Vote on amendment: 8 aye, 6 noe: Don S., John T., Steve S., Liz S., Diane C., and Doc S.

Further discussion followed about what the design elements would be considered. The presenter was invited back to further discuss the subject.

Item #8: PDS-2013-TPM-21197-3364. 3364 Randy Lane. Hector Martinez presenting. Review revised plan for grading, drainage and site/lot plan. Action item.

There was a lot of public discussion concerning issues with this plan. Homes would be facing bedrooms of existing houses, the habitat which had already been damaged would be further damaged.

Diane was concerned that the original lot size of 25,000 sq. ft. had been dropped to 10,000 sq. ft. which was not a quarter acre. The pads needed to be larger and the garages needed to be closer to the houses.

Michael G. wanted to know if they would present again. Yes.

Judy was concerned about drainage and that it needed to be kept away from existing homes. And Harriet was very concerned about the proposed grading of the access road to the new homes.

Irene motioned to accept the revised plan for grading drainage and site/lot plan. Sheri seconded. Vote: 3 aye, nine noes: Harriet T., Don S., Diane C., Daryl H., Doc S., Steve S., Uwe W., Liz S., Michael G. Did not pass.

Item # 9: PLDO- Park land dedication ordinance. Project List requested for 2014-2015. Letter received 7-15-2014. Action Item.

Liz motioned to table, Rick seconded. Unanimous.

Item #10: Reimburse Harriet Taylor for SCPG mailbox expenses for one year \$232.00. Sheri motioned to reimburse Harriet for her expenses. Doc seconded. 12 voted aye. John and Harriet abstained.

Item #11: Post SCPG agenda on Community Bulletin board on the Trail Bridge by the Duck Pond. Mark said he'd see to it. Liz motioned to accept the suggestion. Doc seconded. Unanimous.

Item #12: SCPG comments regarding the USFW Comprehensive Conservation Plan. Action Item: Diane Carter presenting. Diane gave us a copy of the letter she had drafted. We read it. Steve moved to approve and mail the letter. Liz seconded. Rick and Sheri abstained. 12 voted aye. Passed.

## Non-Action Items

Item #13: Candidate filing for board members up for reelection in November, even year seats- Rick and Irene Blacklock, Daryl Hern, Jim Stokos, Don Scovel, John and Harriet Taylor. Paperwork was filled out and checked by members already filing. Diane volunteered to drive up Registrar of Voters and deliver the applications.

Item #14: Updates. Pam Elias of Code Enforcement has discovered that La Finca De Adobe does not own the land. So, Code Enforcement is forwarding the fines to the land owners in hopes that something can be done. Don Craft has been working for years on this project. He says that there is sub-standard wiring in the building that may be a fire hazard. Liz volunteered to see Capt. McAllister about this.

Michael De La Rosa spoke about the State of Bonita. He said the PowerPoint presentation was long, but that there was a good turnout. A lot of information got out including the information that segment three near Plaza Bonita was being undergrounded starting this year.

US Fish and Wildlife is going to be involved with Public User groups from each of County Planning Boards. They are very vocal. Along with Supervisor Cox, Diane Jacobs is a vocal trails advocate.

Diane Carter mentioned that Bonitafest, which will be held at Bonita Vista High School on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, will offer a twilight ride on Sept 12. This is very Adhoc. People wishing to be in the parade as such: All are welcome, walkers, bike riders, dog walkers, equestrians come to the Sunnyside Arena at 6:30 for staging. We take off at 7:30 to go around the Chula Vista Golf Course trail.

The Melodrama will be at Sweetwater Church from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of September. The Theme is When Dinosaurs roamed the Valley.

August 30<sup>th</sup> the steamer train exhibit celebrates it's 40<sup>th</sup> year at Rhor Park. Coastal Clean up is the 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

Michael de la Rosa also mentioned that the Otay Pipeline was looking into going East of Sweetwater into land over by Proctor Valley Road where they are planning a new subdivision.

Uwe was interested in mitigation. Harriet mentioned that SDG@E was undergrounding at Plaza Bonita. Don S. mentioned that Country

Roads had not gotten back to him on Sweetwater Road paving. Michael de la Rosa said that it was going to be hard to get roads paved without gas taxes.

In answer to a question, Diane said that the new Alzheimer's hospice wanted the horses to cross by them to give their people something to look at.

Michael de la Rosa also mentioned signs which caution to be neighborly and slow down were available and that Tom Pocklington was interested in getting them for the residents of Winnetka.

Diane wanted to know whether a blinking traffic sign noting the speed of approaching cars could be gotten for San Miguel Road. Michael de la Rosa explained that County would look into it.

Motion to adjourn Uwe, second Steve.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 P.M.

Next meeting September 2, 2014 Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Stonehouse, Secretary

