

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AMENDED**

**TUESDAY**

**July 7, 2015 7:00PM**

Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Department  
4900 Bonita Road Bonita CA 91902

**Administrative Items**

Item #1: Roll call: Liz Stonehouse, Steve Stonehouse, John Taylor, Harriet Taylor, Judy Tieber, Diane Carter, Uwe Werner and Daryl Hern, Sheri Todus, Doc Stokos, Rick and Irene Blacklock, Tony Tieber.

Excused: Mark Kukuchek, Michael Garrod

Michael De La Rosa, representing Supervisor Greg Cox.

Item #2: Approval of Minutes from June 6th. Corrections follow:  
On the Jonel Way property: Steve explained that the property was on Code Enforcement's radar, not the County: Rick did not stop the presentation, statement deleted. State of Bonita is on July 16<sup>th</sup> not June: Mark's remarks about water deleted: Item 7: Uwe mentioned that the vacant house on San Miguel Road had been torn down: Irene not Sheri had spoken for the Friends of Bonita. Uwe motioned to accept minutes with corrections. Daryl Seconded. 12 aye. One abstention; Tony.

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's community update: On June 24<sup>th</sup> The County held its annual Trail's meeting at Provence House. The discussion was mostly about ongoing projects such as; the Willow Street Bridge Project, the Stage 3 and Sweetwater Loop Trails. There was also a discussion concerning the homeless population and what to do about them. There needs to be more coordination between law enforcement and County Parks on this situation.

Steve read a note from a member of the Civic Association who was concerned because the "Welcome to Bonita" sign at the head of the valley by the 805 overpass was choked by weeds. Michael said he'd

look into it. The Willow Street Bridge is slated to be finished December of 2017. Harriet wanted reflectors at both sides of the bridge now in use as at night it is very hard to see. Sheri had two items: a. a tree fell across the riding trail by the little league fields on San Miguel Road, and b. there needs to be signage at the Women's Club driveway saying, "Keep Clear" on the street because cars stack up there making entrance and egress nearly impossible. Could we make it an action item next month? The question about the length of the Memorial on San Miguel Road arose. Michael said that he'd look into it. Tony said that there should be better signage at the entrance to the Provence House as it's nearly impossible to see from the road and impossible to see at night.

### Action Items

Item #5: Revisit SW201 and General Plan 2010 text changes: Do to circumstances beyond our control, the item was voted on and passed incorrectly. There should be two motions, the first on building type and minimum land size and the second on GP2020 language cleanup. Liz motioned: Regarding SW201, to change the zoning building type from building type 'a' to building type 'c' and change the zoning minimum lot size from none to one acre. Aye 9, noe 2, Daryl and Diane. Abstentions one, Tony.  
Liz motioned to approve the 2015 General Plan Cleanup as submitted. Aye 10, abstentions, Tony, Rick, Irene.

Item #6: PDS-2015-MUP-15-18 Proposed Verizon Cell Tower at 9923 Jamacha Blvd Spring Valley 91977. Chris Harrison presenting: Verizon wants to put this cell tower near an At&T tower. It needs to be 50 feet tall in order to service a larger number of residents. There was a question by Diane whether it would be in the way of the proposed horse trail through that area. There was a discussion between broad-leaf versus pine for the faux tree. Everyone wanted extra trees surrounding the fake one.  
Sheri motioned: Move to approve the project with these stipulations: that additional trees are planted and that potential trails issues are addressed. Judy seconded. Aye 11, noe Steve, Daryl.

## Non-action Items

Updates: Item #7:

- a. Randy Lane- County Zoning Administration passed the initial CEQA and has forward to building.
- b. Trails Report: Diane Carter told us that the Trails Advisory Meeting was great. The situation with the Homeless is this: If you have a reason to want homeless moved you can call Greg Cox or Michael De La Rosa. Michael chimed in and cautioned that the area where they are is a big problem, in Chula Vista, they are to be dealt with by Chula Vista police, in the County by the Sheriffs. What you need to do is record things like lewd acts or acts of impropriety by getting the day, the time, the place, a description (and the longer and more accurate the better), and what happened exactly. Then you can call Michael with the information. The county is doing well on the trails. Someone mentioned that people have been smoking pot at the Western Gateway.
- c. Judy spoke about the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting. She, Daryl and Tony attended. The idea of a three –way stop was stopped. But they did agree to revisit it in nine months. Also, they agreed to take down the Eucalyptus tree because it was a liability in that it was full of sap and might fall during a storm onto a nearby house. There was also a mention that Murali would see if a three-way stop could be put in if a horse trail could go through the area. There will be a meeting with Maryann Vancio on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Harriet asked to attend as well. Also noted was that the split-rail fence would be repaired. Officer Panfil the liaison to the SVCA had attended and made a compelling argument. After more discussion, Rick motioned to put this back on the agenda for August. Doc seconded. Unanimous.

Item #8: a. Announcements: a. 6645 Jonel Way is being handled as an agricultural issue, not land use. The County wants the property owners to address problems and have till Oct 15<sup>th</sup> to respond. Martin

Lodge, a resident, stated that a retaining wall was built on the South side of the property last month. Michelle Tanner, also a resident, stated that the road between this property and hers had been widened without her permission. Steve told her the County was handling it.

b. Sweetwater Authority had gotten a negative declaration for 3276 ground mounted and 264 roof mounted solar panels at their second street facility. Steve and Liz had attended a meeting at County to discuss an Agricultural Promotion program and municipal storm-water permit ordinance. The agricultural one really doesn't effect us, but the storm water one concerns new builds that using x amount of concrete they need y amount of land to allow for water runoff. Harriet mentioned that she had spoken with people building the new Mexican Restaurant across the parking lot from the Post Office and they had no idea that we even had guidelines.

A suggestion to write a letter following an agenda item to Chula Vista to co-ordinate their signage guidelines along Bonita Road to more closely reflect ours.

Daryl stated that the Historical Society needed docents and the Bonitafest was accepting booth applications.

Adjournment 8:35

Next meeting: August 4, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Stonehouse, Secretary,

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