

County of San Diego Sweetwater Community Planning Group

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY

August 1, 2017 7:00PM

Provence House 4370 Sweetwater Road

Administrative Items

Co-Chair Steve Stonehouse called the meeting to order at 7:00

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

Excused: Doc Stokos, Uwe Werner

Item #2: Approval of minutes of May 2, 2017 meeting: Rick commented that the proposed cross-walk at Bonita Road and Dory had not been mentioned along with one at Bonita Meadows and Proctor Valley Road. Mark moved to approve as amended. Sheri seconded. Vote 13 Aye

Item #3: Members of the public to speak no longer than three minutes on items not on the agenda:

Tony mentioned that the State of Bonita address in conjunction with the annual Board elections of Sweetwater Valley Civic Association was coming up tomorrow August 2, 2017 at the Library Community Center.

ACTION ITEMS

Sheri made the motion to move action item number 7 so that it could be heard before item number four. John Taylor seconded. Aye-13.

Item #7-PDS2017-TPM-21256: Lot split: 4368 Linwood Drive Chula Vista, 91910. Presenter Nick Dias. This is a lot split of a single family one acre lot. No vegetation is endangered, no neighbors are against it. Neighbors want something done with the lot. It has met all the County Conditions. The cross streets are Holly and Linwood. Mark motioned to approve the lot split as presented. Irene seconded. Vote 13 Aye.

Item #4: Approval of P.O. Box rental 2017-2018 of \$236.00. This rental is one year only. Sheri moved to approve. Rick seconded. Vote 11 aye, two abstained: Steve Stonehouse, Liz Stonehouse.

Item #5: General Plan Update regarding regional transportation and cultural resources. Steve Stonehouse presenting:

We have changes to the GP-2020 General Plan. These changes are word clarification changes: the first is to use the anagram FACT to allow Sandag to handle specialized transportation services. The second is to allow native tribes to study plans and recommendations closer. Motion to approve Sheri. Second Rick > Vote 13 Aye.

Item#6: Valley Road and Sweetwater Road Sidewalk Improvement. Vote of Group concurrence presented by Steve Stonehouse:

This has to do with the study for "safe access to Schools" that came to us. This is part two which wants sidewalks from Alemedia Way. Move to approve, Sheri. Second Rick. Vote 13 Aye.

Non-Action Items

Item #8: Jill Blankston Chief Project Development coordinator and Suzie Murphy from Mountain Bike Associations came to talk about the proposed Bike skills course. This really new idea would create the first mountain bike skills park in San Diego County. There is one in Morro Bay.

The idea is to have several skill levels so all people who can ride a bike can participate at some level. The ground will be dirt. There will be adequate signage. Since the land selected will be near a horse trail several questions were asked and answered about what the impact would be to the trail. The native plants and grasses would be preserved.

There are still several hurdles to get through with the State and County. There will be no fee for the park at this time. They could have more on engineering plans and specifications in a few months. There will be no skateboards allowed.

Item # 9: Victor Avina with community update: The proposed vineyard on Jonel Way is going forward. They are growing grapes for personal use only. At Cordel Lane a free standing pole was given an administrative warning. If it is not removed by August 21 a different order will be given and it will be removed. On Bonita Meadows Lane a house is in the right of way. The residents still want a three way stop there. The reason that the stripes at Central Ave and Bonita Road have not been painted is that the machine is broken.

Item #10: Trails report: Diane Carter/Mark Kukuchek: there are still PLDO funds available. The community garden idea is still on the table. Parks master plans last three years. We want to thank Jill, Kenton Jones and Murali for progressing on the Proctor Valley Trail Crossing. Sweetwater Water has a new manager, Tish Berge who seems very progressive and forward thinking. She is working on the loop trail to be all around the reservoir for horses and dogs as well as hikers and bikers. What is needed next is Cal State division of drinking water to tell us how far the trail needs to be from the reservoir.

County Parks is doing a great job in fixing trail washout. Right now they are working on Morrison Pond trails. Then east to San Miguel Road and the fairy shrimp bridge. September 16th there will be a clean-up at the Western Staging area.

Item #11: Updates and announcements: The State of Bonita is tomorrow at 6:30 at the Community Room next to the Library. Please come and join us.

There have been many letters concerning the storage units. The project manager is getting together a scoping letter. Right now the project does not meet the community character in size and bulk.

There were several complaints about the condition of the shopping center just south of the Willow Street turn on to Bonita Road. One concerned the safety of the building housing Bonita Liquor.

Daryl mentioned the Bonita Blast where Bonita Service Groups will be recognized for their continuing efforts. There should be thirteen group displays. This is a benefit for the Museum. There will be a live band and auction.

September 15th will be the fourth annual Twilight Trails parade. Carts, bicycles, equestrians and families are welcome to walk around the Golf Course. At the Museum there will be a live band and refreshments.

September 16th will be the BVHS Street Fair and Performing Arts day. There will be two stages and activities all day long. This being the 45th year of Bonitafest, since 1973, everything shows the horse as Elton John.

The Melodrama will be performed the week after the BVHS Street Fair.

Diane opened a discussion on trash pick-up which varies with trash company.

Move to adjourn: Rick, second Steve. Meeting adjourned 8:29

Respectfully submitted Liz Stonehouse, Secretary Sweetwater
Community Planning Group

Next meeting October 3, 2017