

MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 05, 2019

Location

Otay Water District Headquarters
2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd
Spring Valley, CA 91978
Training Room, Lower Level

Meeting called to Order: 7:00 PM, Wendy Tinsley Becker, Chair

A. ATTENDANCE

Present: 13 (Baillargeon, Bickley, Feathers, Gerhart, Hermann, Herron, Johnston, Kossman, Myers, Schuppert, Steele, Tinsley Becker, Zimmerman)

Absent: 2 (Burley, Hyatt)

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• **Minutes to Approve:** February 5, 2019 VDO CPG Meeting

• **Motion to approve:** Myers

• **Second:** Feathers

• **Yea: 12** (Bickley, Feathers, Gerhart, Hermann, Herron, Johnston, Kossman, Myers, Schuppert, Steele, Tinsley Becker, Zimmerman)

• **Nay:** (None)

• **Abstain: 1** Baillargeon (not present at VDO CPG meeting January 2, 2019)

• **Absent: 2** (Burley, Hyatt)

• The CPG adopted the minutes from the January 2, 2019 meeting

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Schuppert: Cell booster units: possibly generally available and beneficial to residents

D. INFORMATION ITEMS

Proposed creation of a fire prevention council in the VDO CPG territory Kathleen Hedberg, GMIA; Ann Baldrige, Resource Conservation District of Greater SD County

Hedberg: Threats to our community from fire hazards obvious to all. A Fire Safe Council (FSC) would provide information, partnerships, and funds. An FSC is formed by group of committed neighbors in a region formed to mitigate these threats by obtaining by this summer or fall. The immediate need is to enlist people interested in helping form a local FSC.

Discussion

Feathers: Need for caution when clearing during nesting season

Myers: Positive experience with Mt Laguna FSC

Herron: Longer term goals? possible involvement of Casa de Oro Alliance

Steele: Area to be included? Grossmont Mt Helix Improvement Assoc. (GMIA) boundaries or enlarged?

Gerhart: Another group already responsible? Hedberg: none

Schuppert: Mechanism for policing? Hedberg: Not yet determined

Tinsley Becker: Relationship with GMIA? Hedberg: Collaborative, FSC entity would be independent of both VDO CPG and GMIA

Herron: In favor of area larger than GMIA boundaries, Risk is widespread Tinsley Becker: Enlarged boundaries could be made more manageable by segmentation into quadrants

General support for the concept with expanded boundaries was expressed, group agreed to help secure additional participation, and several volunteers stepped forward.

E. ACTION ITEMS

Item E1:

- **Start Time:** 7:35 p.m.
- **Item issue Summary:** APN: 495-320-45-00 Provide comments and a recommendation to approve, deny, or approve with conditions, the proposed Wastewater Service Agreement & Sphere of Influence Amendment for 9319 Carmichael Drive.
- **CPG Presenter:** Schuppert
- **Applicant Speakers / Representatives:** Nate Wyman, Property Owner
- **County Representative:** (None)
- **Abstentions or Disqualifications:** (None)
- **Public Comment:** (None)
- **CPG Discussion Points:**
 - Schuppert: distinguishing circumstances include:
 1. Site is surrounded by City of La Mesa by roughly 86% and decision would not set precedence
 2. Existing system is almost 60 years old and is nearing the end of its functional life
 3. Advanced systems are now allowed but the high initial and annual costs together with environmental risk seems to out-weigh the benefits
 4. Community Plan discourages annexation as it may serve as a catalyst for more intensive land use
 5. Low to no risk that this site could ever be split or developed with a more intensive land use
 6. Sphere of influence and wastewater agreement is a prerequisite for the annexation process, but does not necessarily result in an annexation.
 - Johnston: Need based on existing dwelling or ADU? Wyman: Existing dwelling
 - Johnston: Alternative solutions? Wyman: Not proven over time
 - Myers: Alternatives difficult to support
 - Kossman: Proposed solution is lesser of two evils
- **Motion to not object to Wastewater Service Agreement & Sphere of Influence Amendment** Schuppert
- **Second:** Herron
- **Yea: 13** (Baillargeon, Bickley, Feathers, Gerhart, Hermann, Herron, Johnston, Kossman, Myers, Schuppert, Steele, Tinsley Becker, Zimmerman)
- **Nay:** (None)
- **Absent: 2** (Burley, Hyatt)

Item E2:

- **Start Time:** 8:15 p.m.
- **Item issue Summary:** PDS2019-ABC-19-001 Proposed Type 42 ABC License for a Hookah Lounge with Beer and Wine Service 2990 Jamacha Rd. Suite 106 & 108 APN: 506-120-01-00. Earlier application to upgrade ABC license to serve wine mishandled by third party, resulting in loss of license.
- **CPG Presenter:** Herron
- **Applicant Speakers:** Ronnie Elias, MSL LLC (applicant), Nathan Elias, Steve Mattia (attorney)
- **County Representative:** (None)
- **Abstentions or Disqualifications:** (None)
- **Public Comment:** (None)
- **CPG Discussion Points:**
 - Johnston: Hard to support given number of licenses already in the area
 - Herron: No offences reported for this business by sheriff
 - Johnston: Number of crimes in reporting district is 630% higher than average of all districts
 - Myers: Different types of licenses
 - Herron: More concerned about liquor stores. Several adjacent eating places have licenses
 - Hermann: Health risk of hookah use? R. Elias: low used in moderation Mattia: regulated as tobacco, 21 or older
 - Johnston: Sympathetic, but number of licenses in district is already nearly double (15/8) allowed
 - Tinsley Becker: Casa de Oro Alliance (CdOA) position? Herron: CdOA aware, no objection expressed. Hours 12 – 2, adequate parking, no DJ, local clientele
 - Feathers: How were excess seven licenses granted? Myers: Planning Commission overrules negative recommendations
 - Herron: Responsible proprietors and environment
- **Motion:** Herron
- **Second:** Feathers
- **Yea: 10** (Baillargeon, Bickley, Feathers, Gerhart, Herron, Johnston, Kossman, Myers, Schuppert, Steele, Tinsley Becker, Zimmerman)

- **Nay: 3** (Johnston, Hermann, Kossman)
- **Absent: 2** (Burley, Hyatt)

F. GROUP BUSINESS:

F1: 1st Quarter Planning & Sponsor Group Chairs Meeting; Tinsley Becker

Update on Park Lands Dedication Ordinance funds
AB626 Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations
Accessory Dwelling Units: County is waiving many fees for next five years

F2: Dropbox Access and Organization; Tinsley Becker

No members had access problems

F3: Capital Improvement Projects Subcommittee Update; Tinsley Becker

Road improvement priorities updated and presented

F4: Short-Term Rentals Subcommittee Update; Kossman

Mike Pisor, neighbor of Airbnb rental at 4715 Divine Way, 91941, informed CPG of continuing problems with unsupervised short-term rentals getting out of control and causing unacceptable disturbances
Spring Valley CPG also expressed concerns

F5: Skyline Church Project Subcommittee Update; Feathers

(Nothing to report)

F6: Estrella Park Project Subcommittee Update; Myers, Feathers

(Nothing to report)

F7: Subcommittee Update – Helix Canyon Estates; Baillargeon

(Nothing to report)

F8: Subcommittee Update – Casa de Oro Business Corridor; Tinsley Becker

(Nothing to report)

F9: Subcommittee Update – Literacy First Charter High School; Myers

County staff are waiting for applicant to submit the next round of reports and materials. VDO Member Stephen Bickley has agreed to assume the role of Ad hoc Subcommittee Chairman from Lori Myers

F10: Next Scheduled Meeting; Tinsley Becker; April 2, 2019

F. ADJOURNMENT: 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by: David Zimmerman
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, March 5, 2019