Minutes of the Meeting July 5, 2016  (Approved August 2, 2016)

Location:  Otay Water District Headquarters
           2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd.
           Spring Valley, Ca. 91978
           Training Room, Lower Level

Meeting Called to Order:  7:04 PM -- Mark Schuppert, Chair

A.  SELECTION OF NEW SECRETARY

   This position may be filled by election if there are more than two members
   seeking the position, or by a volunteer from the Group. A short discussion
   was held to determine which members may be considered exempt from
   filling this office, if any. Opinions were shared, and the discussion ended with
   Tierney volunteering to fill the position.

B.  ATTENDANCE:  Verification of members present

   Members Present:  9
   Members Absent:  3
   Member Vacancies: 3
   In Attendance:  Nold, Burley, Zimmerman, Myers, Tierney, Baillargeon,
                  Schuppert, Johnston, Bickley
   Absent:  Hyatt, Feathers, Rand
   Vacant:  Seats 6, 12, 14 (Kossman to fill Seat 12 and waiting BOS approval)

C.  APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR  June 7, 2016
    VOTE:  8—0—1—3—3  (Yeah—Nay—Abstain—Absent—Vacant)

D.  PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

   Wendy Tinsley Becker has submitted a letter of interest in applying for
   Seat # 6 or 14 on the Group. She attended this meeting and provided
   information regarding her background in the area, her interests, and her
   qualifications.
E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Ballard Apartments**, PDS 2016STP16-004 (4015 Bonita Street)  
   Site Plan [Johnston]

   This item has been postponed indefinitely; no action taken.

2. **Starbucks Minor Deviation, Special Area Regulation “B” Signage**  
   (3777Avocado Blv.) [Baillergon]

   This Request for Exemption from Site Plan Permit Processing  
   Requirements for “B” Special Area Regulations is for the proposed  
   relocation of Starbucks within the Rancho Village Shopping Center. The  
   center was developed with a major use permit and has the Special Area  
   Regulation “B” overlay which calls for the VDOCPG to review any  
   changes made for signage and assess its impact on the center and  
   community.

   Review of the signage plan for location and size was conducted with  
   input from the County Planner, Michael Johnson. Items discussed  
   included signage on Walls, Drive Thru, Directional, Pylon, and Height  
   Clearance Signs. Parking and outdoor seating were also discussed.  
   Baillargeon reported all permits were in order, all dimensions are well  
   within guidelines, and the signage is in conformance with our  
   community character. In addition, Tony Rector, agent for Starbucks, was  
   present to answer questions.

   Baillargeon motioned to approve this exemption from the requirements  
   to process a Site Plan Permit for the proposed Starbucks Signage Plan.

   Meyers seconded.  **VOTE: 9---0---0---3---3**

3. **Midterm Appointment, Seat #6** [Schuppert]

   A Letter of Interest and Application were received for this seat, but the  
   applicant did not attend the meeting to address the Board. Therefore, a  
   recommendation to fill Seat # 6 was not made at this time.

   [Tierney, Schuppert]

   Tierney and Schuppert reported their review of Mr. Ledbetter’s  
   concerns regarding the safety at the entrance to the 9800 block of  
   Dale Ave. and his request for a consideration of street improvements.  
   Tierney and Schuppert visited the site, and Schuppert also contacted  
   David Sibbet with PDS Project Planning. Although we agree there
may be safety factors regarding street width, right of way, and traffic flow at this location, we were advised that the County is highly unlikely to take action to remedy the problem because the County has not obtained the necessary street dedication for the full right of way at this location. Improvements will probably not occur until redevelopment, when the County will require the necessary street dedication.

Discussion was held in an effort to determine other possible solutions, including investigating the possibility of requesting “No Parking” signs on either or both sides of the entrance to Dale Avenue from Bonita Street. Mr. Ledbetter is very interested and willing to approach the County himself but county first requires input by the VDOCPG.

Myers moved that a letter be drafted to the San Diego County DPW requesting that a case be opened to evaluate the safety concerns at the 9800 block of Dale Avenue.

Bickley seconded. **VOTE: 8--1--0—3--3** (Johnston opposed)

**F GROUP BUSINESS**

**Active Project Status**
- Literacy First is still being worked on
- Skyline Church will likely be presented to the Board in September with request for the Group’s Initial Response
- Continuing Terms & Elections - All odd numbered seats are up for Re Election. Information to follow via email.
- Vacant Seat Status – Seat # 12 (Candidate Charles Kossman, M.D.), waiting approval by BOS: Seats # 6 and #14 are vacant, but applications have been received from two candidates.

**Correspondence:**
- Complaint to Supervisor Jacob’s office regarding disruptive night time activity on Mt. Helix Drive resulted in request by the Supervisor for the County to explore options such as lighting, signage, striping, and/or barriers.

- DPW reported remediation is complete and the file has been closed regarding the prior contamination near the 7/11 on Campo Rd., at the east side of Casa de Oro.

**G ADJOURNMENT: 8:45**

Submitted by Eileen Tierney