

County Of San Diego
Warner Springs Community Sponsor Group
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 15th, 2023 4 pm
Warner Springs Community Resource Center
30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs CA 92086

A. Roll Call and Call to Order at 4:08 pm.

Members Present: Hans Petermann, Kathryn Fletcher, Bob Garcia, Jessica Clabaugh, Nina Karavasiles. **Potential Members Present:** John Mc Fadden and Dorothy Willis. **Members Absent:** Andy Krogh, Pam Nelson

B. Approval of Minutes It was moved by Garcia and seconded by Clabaugh that the minutes of May 18th be approved as written. All in favor.

C. Public Communication

Guests Attending: Mario Chunnicut, Brent Wolf, Richard Carrico
No Public Comments were made

D. Group Business

Report from the chairman

1. Petermann reported the progress of applicants Bob Mc Fadden and Dorothy Willis to join our CSG. Mc Fadden has been approved by Board of Supervisors to fill seat 5. Willis has completed her application to fill seat #9 but Los Coyotes Reservation needs to be added to our CSG area, as does Ranchita. Both candidates must complete training and receive approval Board of Supervisors to be seated.
2. Petermann reported that only Community PLANNING groups are getting representative seat on the SANDAG board.

E. Discussion Of Cultural Preserve at Warner Springs Ranch -Kathryn Fletcher

Kathryn provided a history of the 247 acre "Cultural Preserve" left in a public trust in 1983 by the previous owner of Warner Springs Ranch Resort Cal Rossi. There were to be three Trustees of the preserve, The Pala Tribe, The Los Coyotes Tribe and the former Ranch Owners Association. Only Chairman Smith of the Pala tribe completed the Trust Documents. After the failure of Pala to close the escrow for the purchase of the ranch, and failure to acquire the ranch in Bankruptcy court, the Pala erected an illegal 6 foot tall chain link fence around the preserve including the 1830 Chapel of Saint Francis and Graveyard and between the community of Los Tules, and the Warner Springs Ranch Resort which was purchased in bankruptcy court by William McWethy of Pacific Hospitality Group. The Pala lost an attempt to have the fence approved under a conditional use permit without an EIR by the county and was ordered to remove it. After several years of failing to remove it the county of San Diego fined the Pala. In June and early July of this year the fence was removed.

The future of the preserve should be added the CSG recurring discussion agenda.

F. Recurring Discussion Items

1. Warner Springs Ranch Resort - Fire Authority was seen on site inspecting. Approval is looking difficult with major Vehicle Miles Travel restrictions and new fire building codes and expense of Fire Insurance.

2. Highlands at Warner Springs - Chairman Petermann reported he made a presentation to the Los Coyotes Tribal Council on May 21, 2023 regarding the Highlands at Warner Springs Project. Hans Petermann asked Dorothy Willis, a tribal representative present at our meeting if the Tribal Council had made any decisions on the project. She reported that the Tribal Council opposes the project and is drafting a letter. They are looking into use of the BIA road (Los Coyotes Road) by the development.
3. Roadways, Traffic and VMT (vehicle miles traveled) - Garcia reported that he submitted his report on turnouts on highway 79 to Cal Trans. He feels that the secondary access road to the Highlands project should be the primary road and a county road. Re-routing Los Coyotes Road is not feasible.
4. Dark Sky Community - no report, Krogh absent
5. Community Park - Petermann reported that the proposal is in the County Capital Improvement plan pipeline and he should have a report by the end of June
6. Fire Risk and Insurance - Fletcher reported on the crisis of obtaining and controlling the cost of fire insurance in our area and nationwide. State Farm, Allstate, and Farmers have stopped writing policies in California and the Cal Fair plan is asking the state to raise fees by 48%. Many homeowners have received increases of 50% or more and others cancelled. July 13th will be a presentation at 5 p.m. by "Peace Offers" on the subject. The public is invited. A fee of \$150 is being paid by the Resource Center and Fire Safe Council.
7. Equitable Cannabis - no report
8. Community Survey - no report by Petermann
9. Communications - still need lead

F. New Business

All agreed we need to formulate the official position of our Community Sponsor Group to the County Board of Supervisors by October and that it is important to receive input from the Los Coyotes Indian Tribal Council's position on the Highlands at Warner Springs project as soon as possible within 30 days. Hans Petermann suggested we consider drafting a letter to the County similar to a position letter received from William McWethy stating that the Highlands at Warner Spring Project project could cause significant impacts and should be subject to an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and that a Negative Declaration of Mitigated Negative Declaration would not suffice. It was moved and seconded that a vote will be taken at the next CSG meeting as to draft such a position letter.

The Warner Springs Community Resource Center and The Warner Hub are providing 27 meals a day to Los Coyotes, and ongoing educational programs. On July 22nd from 11-3 there will be a "Summer Showcase" featuring food vendors, cultural presentations, craft vendors, local resources, a raffle and silent auction. Admission is free.

F. Adjournment - 5:10 p.m. Moved by Garcia and Seconded by Clabaugh