

County Of San Diego
Warner Springs Community Sponsor Group
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 21, 2023 4 pm
Warner Springs Community Resource Center
30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs CA 92086

A. Roll Call and Call to Order at 4:03 pm.

Members Present: Hans Petermann, Kathryn Fletcher, Bob Garcia, Andy Krogh
Nina Karavasiles, Pam Nelson, Dorothy Willis (not seated). Absent: Jessica Clabaugh

B. Approval of Minutes It was moved by Krogh and seconded by Garcia that the minutes of August be approved with corrections. All in favor.

C. Public Communication - Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the groups jurisdiction even if it is not on the agenda. Limit 3 minutes per person.

Guests Attending John Mc Fadden, Melissa Krogh, Alice Wolf, Community Church Pastor and School Communication member Keith, Pat Cannon, Paul And Sandy Gaff, Larry Petersen, Los Tules Water Company.

D. Action Items -

Traffic Report

1. Garcia and Petermann reported on the September 14th meeting in Sunshine with representative from Cal Trans, CHP, Congressman Issas, Supervisor Desmond, and Assemblywoman Waldron's Offices. (see supplemental report from Garcia handed out at meeting).
2. Garcia felt the meeting went well and our concerns were taken seriously.
3. Thank you notes were written to all parties and emails received from CHP and Cal Trans about increased patrols and clearing of shoulders.
4. Garcia will follow up sometime after October 10th with Cal Trans and CHP after October 1st.
5. Future action will include determining long term objectives on 79 and 76 junctions, S2, and village areas of Sunshine Summit and Warner Springs Post Office areas, School and Eagle Rock PCT Trailhead.

Under-grounding of SDGE Electrical and AT&T Telephone lines in Los Tules

1. Guest Pat Canon requested the CSG approach the county to have AT&T underground both lines, not just SDGE.
2. The project slated for this year and next is under a State Grant to increase fire safety and does not include AT&T telephone lines unless AT&T is willing to share the cost, which at this point they do not.
3. The CSG declined to take up this issue. Pat Canon will take up the issue on her own.
4. SDGE power lines in other areas too are slated for under-grounding.

Discussion about requesting a new Specific Area Plan

1. Last plan was in 1983 and Nelson feels a new plan is needed.
2. The discussion was tabled to the next meeting. and a draft letter is to be written.

Discussion of SANDAG's draft 2025 Regional Plan - tabled to next meeting

E. Group Business - Report from the chairman

1. Petermann reported on the progress of applicants John Mc Fadden and Dorothy Willis. Willis has completed her application to fill seat #9 and the Los Coyotes Reservation has written a letter to be included in our CSG area. still needs to be added to our CSG area, as does Ranchita. The CSG will write a letter also requesting the reservation be added. Mc Fadden still has issues with the form 700 requirement of the county. All candidates must complete training and receive approval by Board of Supervisors to be seated.
2. Petermann reported letter to the County of San Diego by the CSG sent requesting that the Highlands at Warner Springs project should be required to do a full EIR and that Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration will not suffice. Los Coyotes Reservation letter to the County was mailed.

F. Recurring Discussion Items

1. Warner Springs Ranch Resort - Petermann and Fletcher
Guest Larry Petersen brought up the fire at the Resort's golf course maintenance building and Fletcher shared pictures. Cal Fire reported the fire hydrants and fire extinguishers at resort were not operational and water from the Los Tules Water Company had to be used to put fire out. Due to the chemical nature of the fire the smoke was toxic and students at the school kept inside. Krogh suggested a letter be written to Supervisor Desmond and the County stating our concerns and requesting a full investigation of the incident and report. Fletcher and Petersen will write a draft letter to be presented at the next meeting.
2. Highlands at Warner Springs - Petermann
See Action item 2 under E. The Tribe opposes the project and is drafting a letter that they will not allow access from Los Coyotes Road. The Highlands is under the Vehicle Miles Traveled Threshold.
3. Roadways, Traffic and VMT - see report under action items.
4. Dark Sky Community - Krogh stated no report
5. Community Park - Petermann reported that the proposal is in the County Capital Improvement plan pipeline. A library is being considered additionally.
6. Fire Risk and Insurance - Fletcher and Krogh reported on the crisis of obtaining and controlling the cost of fire insurance in our area, and efforts to repeal Prop.103 and use future not past projections and blanket rates. There are 8 new companies writing policies than are less expensive than the California Fair Plan.
7. Equitable Cannabis - Mc Fadden reported there are underground fires caused by waste being buried in Chihuahua Valley. Melissa Krogh gave a very informative report. Desmond voted against Equitable Cannabis in January 2012. There are only 3 code enforcement officers, 3 Sheriffs 7 days a week from Julian to Temecula, and no regulations. Convicted felons can operate a business and get a fast pass into the industry. EIR CEQA reports are for the whole county

and not location. Andy Krogh will draft a letter from the CSG to protest to be given by Petermann at the quarterly CEQA meeting.

8. Community Survey - Petermann no update
9. Communications - still need lead
10. Cultural Preserve - Fletcher still waiting to hear Willis report on the the Los Coyotes input. The St. Francis Chapel is in great need of repair. Pictures shared. The RV and occupant at the graveyard have left.

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 we need important input from the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation.

- F. Adjournment -6:06 p.m. Moved by Krogh and Seconded by Garcia
Next Meeting October 19th to be chaired by Garcia as Petermann will be absent.**