

County of San Diego
Warner Springs Community Sponsor Group
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 15, 2024, 4:00pm
Warner Springs Community Resource Center
30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs, California 92086

Members of the Public Present:

John McFadden, Julia Ritzo, Joe Kleinman, Ezra Logreira, Richard Carrico, Cara Wilson, Deborah Casteel, Brenda Lytle, Barbara & Larry Kelly, Maureen Cornist and others(names not provided).

A) Roll Call and Call to Order: Chair Petermann called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

Members Present: Chair Hans Petermann, Kathryn Fletcher, Bob Garcia, Nina Karavasiles, Andy Krogh, Pam Nelson, Jessica Clabaugh

Absent: None.

B) Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Krogh and Seconded by Fletcher that the minutes of the January 18, 2024 meeting be approved with corrections of dates pointed out by Fletcher. All in favor.

C) Public Communication: Member Karavasiles recommended requesting divots on the center line of Chihuahua Valley Road for visibility of road during fire evacuations.

D) Action Item:

1) **Code Enforcement Presentation:** The group was joined via Teams Meeting by members of the San Diego County Code Compliance team, Vicky Doan, Planner and Vanessa Pash, Planning Manager both presenters have several years of experience in the Zoning Department. Vicky and Vanessa presented an overview on Zoning, Land Use, ADU's, Short Term Vacation Rentals, Solid Waste, Campgrounds, Trailer Coaches and Cannabis. A question-and-answer period followed the presentation. Currently, Mr. Brad Hernandez is the only code enforcement officer covering the greater Warner Springs area, but they are looking to hire additional officers in March.

2) **Vote to create Specific Plan Ad Hoc Committee:** The last specific plan was created in 1984. It was moved by Krogh and seconded by Garcia to form a Specific Plan Ad Hoc Committee. All in favor. Members of the committee are to be Pam Nelson, Hans Petermann, Kathryn Fletcher and Bob Garcia

3) **Vote to approve paying Resource Center \$100 per month for meeting space.** It was discussed to pay \$100 in monthly meeting space rent to the Warner Springs Community Resource Center to be paid by the County. Moved by Clabaugh, seconded by Nelson. Petermann abstained. All others in favor.

E) Group Business:

1) Report from the Chair:

i. **Follow-up to Ranch Code Enforcement:** Mr. Hernandez responded to the groups letter of concern with deadlines for the property owner. Mr. Hernandez reported to Mr. Petermann that CalFire verified that those items had been resolved.

ii. **Invite to Sheriff's Department for presentation:** Chair Petermann shared that the Sheriff's liaison will be joining a future meeting, likely on March 21st. The group is interested in clarification between code enforcement and sheriff's interactions.

- iii. **Update on the seating of Dorothy Willis:** Chair Petermann reported that boundary alterations are being spearheaded by Hunter McDonald at Supervisor Desmond's office but that no determination has been made.
 - iv. **Use of Google emails by CSG update:** Chair Petermann had nothing to report.
 - v. **Need for Hans to reclude for Ranch Project** – County counsel said if a property owner within a half mile of a proposed project should abstain from voting on actions but can still participate in discussions and cannot voice their opinions.
 - vi. **Training update** – Mr. Petermann followed up on completion of group training and everyone is up to date.
 - vii. **Endorsement letter sent to Sky Oak Ranch** - Chair Petermann did send out the endorsement letter authorized in the January 18th meeting.
 - viii. **CSG included in Resource Center's Newsletter** – The meetings were announced in the recent WS Resource Center Newsletter and will continue to be for the foreseeable future.
- 2) **Chihuahua Valley Road:** Nina will head up the committee to look into road repair due to excessive potholes and proper grading for stormwater runoff.
- 3) **Off Road Vehicle Park** – Member Nelson reported that the County has received a grant to establish an off road vehicle park and had previously indicated Warner Springs may be a good fit. Upon further review, the County is unable to find a location for a 500 acre park so they are looking for 200 acres. Preliminary maps indicate they may not be considering the Warner Springs area, though other areas may be proposed. Mr. Krogh recommends not keeping as a recurring discussion item unless there are further indications they may want to reconsider Warner Springs.
- 4) **Recurring Discussion Items**
- i. **Warner Springs Ranch Development** – Mr. Garcia reached out to the county and the new liaison on the project would like to make a presentation to the ad hoc committee.
 - ii. **New Warner Springs Specific Plan** – Nothing new to report.
 - iii. **Highlands at Warner Springs** – Mr. Petermann reported that another biological survey is in progress but there is no other information to report. Ms. Nelson will follow-up with the conservancy for an update on their efforts.
 - iv. **Roadways, Traffic and VMT** – Mr. Garcia updated members of the public on the items in the letter to Caltrans. Mr. Garcia followed up and was informed by Caltrans that they had nothing new to report. Today he was able to connect by telephone and was informed that requests to reduce from 55 to 45 must come from the CHP. Electronic speed marker signs are still under investigation. Pedestrian crossing signs still under investigation but procedure is to install larger signs before lighted/flashing signs. Gravel will not be permitted on roadsides but they will improve the weed abatement program. They are looking to install channelization pilons on the center line from north of chihuahua valley road to Riverside and requested turnouts were denied. Mr. Garcia reached out to the CHP who was not aware request needs to come from CHP but is willing to request based on information from the CSG, which will require the group to approve the letter. Ms. Nelson recommended reaching out to the county supervisors office.
 - v. **Dark Sky Community** – Nothing new to report.
 - vi. **Socially Equitable Cannabis** – Nothing new to report.
 - vii. **Community Park** – Chair Petermann heard that the county is reviewing the project to decide whether to pursue. It is on the long range planning list which is longer than 5 years.

- viii. **Community Survey** – Chair Petermann shared that the Resource Center has a QR code for a survey in the recent newsletter and encouraged those present to participate.
- ix. **Communications** – Ms. Clabaugh reported that the meeting had been shared and received feedback for the April 17th meeting to start at 6pm for more community involvement. Requests were received for recording the meeting.
- x. **New Specific Plan**—Removed.
- xi. **Fire Insurance** – Ms. Fletcher reported that CAFP is backed up and some are experiencing delays for coverage but has nothing new to report.
- xii. **Cultural Preserve and Chapel** – Stricken from recurring items.
- xiii. **Undergrounding of Power and telephone lines in Los Tules** – Mr. Petermann received a report from the Los Tules POA regarding the undergrounding project. AT&T is expected to discontinue land line service and CalFire will not call cell phones for evacuation, however, the public can register a cellular number with SD ready.com to receive emergency notifications. The project is expected to start this year dependent upon permits and land acquisition. No fire hardening construction is expected except steel poles. Old poles cannot be repurposed and they must scrap them to reduce costs. SDGE will trench on properties to connect to meter panels and will coordinate with county repaving schedules. New conductors will be installed as needed. Survey team will notify residents and coordinate with POA/HOA. Ms. Fletcher and Mr. Krogh suggest renaming the item “Undergrounding of Utilities” since the work will be done in other areas besides just Los Tules.
- xiv. **SANDAG Draft Regional Plan** – Nothing to report.

- F) **Closing Member Comments** – Ms. Nelson shared the county is reviewing a tiered winery ordinance to find more areas to put wineries. Comments can be submitted for the February 28th Board of Supervisors Meeting.
- G) **Adjournment** Krogh moved and Petermann seconded 6:30pm. The next meeting will be held at 30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs, California 92086 on Thursday March 21st at 4PM.