

County of San Diego
Warner Springs Community Sponsor Group
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2024, 4:00 pm
Warner Springs Community Resource Center
30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs California 92086

A. Roll Call and Call to Order: Chair Petermann called the meeting to order at 4:06pm.

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

Absent:

B. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Fletcher seconded by Krogh

C. Guest Speaker(s): California Highway Patrol, Lt. Brian Gonsalves and Lt Rick Rodriguez and CalTrans, Erwin Gojuangco, Hanh-Dung Khuu, and Steve Welborn

- a. The Sponsor Group Members made introductions for the guests and Chair Petermann gave a short overview of the events at the Resource Center
 - i. Garden Club meets the last Tuesday of the month, 2pm – 4pm
 - ii. Feeding San Diego, 3pm – 5pm
 - iii. Food Bank, third Tuesday, 8am – 10am
 - iv. Warner Springs Community Sponsor Group (WSCSG) meets third Thursday, 4pm – 6pm
 1. Facebook page, Friends of Warner Springs
 2. Possible Cool Zone coming
 3. Possible Hot Summer Nights Event, showing a movie, star gazing, telescope, and Dark Sky information
- b. The Warner Springs Community is a “Post Area,” meaning an officer posted in our community and basically on call 24/7. The officers assigned to our community cover Warner Springs to Imperial County Line, Ramona, Julian, Borrego Springs, and Aguanga. There were questions that covered various topics from speed limits, signs, and staff. There are items like speed and zoning characterizations that are controlled by Vehicle Code Regulations, based on data and formulas and San Diego County Planning and Code Development. There have been surveys and inspections completed and more requested for crosswalks. Signs for Highway 79 are coming, but there are no current installation dates available currently; signs on private property are permissible. The School Zone speed infrastructure is being evaluated for update. There was discussion about road visibility and landscaping upkeep. Their departments are experiencing recruiting issues like a lot of other industries. We are still moving forward in the right direction to make our community safer.

D. Public Communication: Primarily these questions were posed to the guest speakers.

E. Action Items:

- a. Discussion and vote to have Dorothy Willis take meeting minutes; Willis is not an official Member, she will send meeting minutes to Nina Karavasiles for review and distribution; motioned by Garcia, seconded by Krogh; passed unanimously

- b. Discussion and vote to recommend that the County Board of Supervisors vote to seat Joe Kleinman to WSCSG (Warner Springs Community Sponsor Group); motioned by Nelson, seconded by Garcia; passed unanimously
- c. Discussion and vote to participate as an Associate Non-Voting Member of the APG (Association of Planning Groups); motioned by Chair Petermann, seconded by Krogh, passed unanimously

F. Group Business

- a. Chair Report; will share agenda and the San Diego County and Los Coyotes experienced with set back with boundary issues and seating Dorothy Willis
- b. Recurring Discussion Items:
 - i. Warner Springs Ranch Development – CalTrans Public Affairs asked to be kept informed, will contact Planning Iteration Letter, and there's a rumor of 3-5 acres being donated to county
 - ii. New Warner Springs Specific Plan
 - iii. Highlands at Warner Springs – Looking for conservation purchaser
 - iv. Roadways, Traffic, VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled), the special guests represent the report
 - v. Dark Sky Community – No new updates, but possible informational table at Summer Nights event
 - vi. Socially Equitable Cannabis – More discussions from Chair with lots of concerns regarding enforcement
 - vii. Community Park – No new updates; trying to purchase land as community, will contact Mr. McQuethy to check if interested in selling to be held in trust and will also investigate interest and maintenance
 - viii. School Water – the State of California trying to force a collaboration with Los Tules Water System, Dave Lowe, Water Operator, has participated in conversations for a well and collaborating partners for funding
 - 1. Unsure if school can get approval to proceed with well
 - 2. Trying to consolidate small water municipalities
 - ix. Community Survey – Next newsletter
 - x. Communications – Exploring ideas how to reach community
 - xi. Chihuahua Valley Rd – No new updates
 - xii. Fire Insurance, Protection, Agency Liaison, there are setbacks and obstacles in state legislation, which is impacting the homeowners in the backcountry and reducing market value, appreciation, financial support, and affecting real estate.
 - xiii. Under Grounding Power and Telephone Lines – No idea where the power lines are going, there may be changes to the easements
 - xiv. Palomar Mountain Power Line – it will be years before it is resolved

G. Adjournment: Moved by Krogh seconded by Chair Petermann, passed unanimously at 6:36pm