

Valley Center Design Review Board

Approved Minutes: Jan. 10th, 2012

DRB Members present: Montgomery, Moore, Herr, Splane, Robertson

Members of Public: Lavonne Johnson

4:00 PM Lael Montgomery opened the meeting.

There were no speakers for Public Forum.

Splane made a motion to approve the minutes (with changes from Moore) from the last meeting. Herr seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Scheduled Projects:

1. Presentation & request to support improvements

28404 South Cole Grade, Valley Center, CA. (APN 188-260-37)

Owner: Jerry Gaughan

Jerry stated that after purchasing the former 4.3 Ac. sand & gravel site on So. Cole Grade Rd. he'd cleared and cleaned the site, repaired and screened the fencing, added a new gate, laid stone ground covering and planted landscaping in preparation for an open air storage area. This area would provide an impound yard for law enforcement (covered by a major use permit) as well as truck and RV parking / storage. As the property is zoned R2 (and is in a flood plan) Jerry was informed by the County that he could not use the property for any purpose whatsoever. Following his appeals to the county, he was required to obtain letters from the planning board and the DRB expressing their support for his use of the land.

As the property has long been surrounded by, and used for, industrial purposes, the board felt Jerry's uses were in keeping with this area of Valley Center. Moore suggested minor changes to the landscaping, but aside from this the DRB felt it could support his effort. As the DRB has worked successfully with Jerry many times the board felt it could depend on him to provide any appropriate improvements and at 4:35 a motion by Herr to compose a letter of support (on Jerry's behalf) to Erick Gibson was approved unanimously.

Chairman's Announcements

Montgomery said that letters had been mailed to a few property/business owners on VC Road asking for voluntary compliance with VC's Design Guidelines

Montgomery explained and DRB briefly discussed the County's Red Tape Reduction Task Force

Montgomery closed the meeting at 5:20.