

COUNTY SERVICE AREA 81
Committee Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2023

1. The meeting, held at the Fallbrook Community Center, was called to order by Sean O'Callaghan at 9:01 am.

In attendance: Chair Sean O'Callaghan, committee members Stephani Baxter, Ricardo Favela (virtually), Kari Hoyer, Susan Reed and David Throop. Jim Loge was absent.

SD County staff: Amber Blackman and Jake Enriquez

Guests: Luisa Cano with the Dark Sky Initiative

2. Open Agenda: None

3. Financial Report: Jim Loge was absent from the meeting so there was no report. Jake said the \$1,000,000 encumbrance for the PLDO money is now showing up on the financial reports.

4. Approval of Minutes: Sean made a motion to accept the February minutes as presented and the motion was seconded by David. The February minutes were approved unanimously. Sean also made a motion to accept the March minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephani and the March minutes were also approved unanimously.

5. Dark Sky Initiative: Luisa Cano attended the meeting to answer any questions we might have. David wanted to know how Fallbrook businesses would benefit. Luisa stated said the dark sky would draw out of town visitors. Businesses would have 10 years to become compliant and they could get shields for existing lights. She said retrofitting lights is not that expensive. Grants are also available. She reiterated that Dark Sky doesn't mean you can't have lights at night.

The Dark Sky Initiative needs to be approved by County Supervisor Jim Desmond to move forward. He is the person that would move Fallbrook from zone B to zone C.

Sean wanted to know how the dark skies related to the parks. Jake stated county parks are already using LED light. The parks are complying, but it all takes time and doesn't happen overnight. The public needs to get used to the idea.

Sean made a motion to keep the dark sky subject open as an ongoing discussion. He felt it was too premature to vote on the issue and there was no deadline. Stephani seconded the motion, and it was passed by the committee.

There is going to be a Dark Party on May 19, 2023. Luisa would also like to put on a star gazing party. Jake said he could ask astronomers that have presented similar events in the past and pick a date.

6. Ingold Sports Park: Sue Reed reported no action was taken on approving the Dark Sky Initiative by the Sports Park board members. They currently put the issue on hold while gathering more information. They are concerned about the expense of having to replace all the field lights, which would be a major expense.

7. Community Center: Amber reported Breakfast with the Bunny was a huge success. The summer camps are full and have a waiting list. Three field bus trips for the summer campers have been planned. Most of the center's advertising is done through Facebook.

8. Park Updates: Jake reported April and May are very busy months for Live Oak Park with Bark in the Park and Kids in the Park. Over 500 youngsters will visit the park from various community schools over a 10-day period.

Clemmens Lane, Rainbow Park and Don Dussault Park look good.

9. Village View Park Update: Reporting remotely, Stephanie Kopplin said the storm water situation had been resolved and the park was getting close to procurement. The plans will soon be going out for bid and hopefully we will be breaking ground by August.

Signage about the future park will be installed on Fallbrook Street during the construction period. Sean said Fallbrook Skate Inc would like to collaborate on the sign.

Much to the committee's dismay, Stephanie said this would be her last meeting as she is moving to Arizona. We all thanked her for the work she has done in developing Village View Park and we hate to see her leave. She introduced Riley Dewitt-Richards to us, who will be the new project manager.

10. Other Business: Vickie Swenson, who lives adjacent to Clemmens Lane Park, would like a sound study. She would also like the soccer fields removed. She says the noise from the soccer field is unbearable.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.

The next meeting will be held May 18, 2023, at the Fallbrook Community Center.

Respectfully submitted by,



Susan Reed