**Elfin Forest-Harmony Grove Town Council General Meeting**

**Fire Station**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2011**

**7:30 pm**

**EFHG Town Council Board Members present:** Amy Molenaar, Nancy Goodrich, Gordon Taggart, Melanie Fallon

**EFHG Town Council Board Members absent:** May Meintjes, Sandra Bartsch, Minoo Sohaey, Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin, Mid Hoppenrath

**Guests:** Jessica Norton and Jake Enriquez, from San Diego County Parks to present information on the Draft Resource Management Plan for Del Dios Highlands Preserve and Escondido Creek Preserve

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

* This Meeting was called to order by EFHG Town Council Secretary, Amy Molenaar, at approximately 7:37 pm.

1. **Introduction of EFHG Town Council Board and community attendees**

* EFHG Town Council Board Members and attendees introduced themselves.

1. **EFHG Town Council Board Chairperson’s Report**

* There was no Chairpersons Report; however, Chief Twohy offered some updates regarding the Fire Training Events that took place during the weekend of May 22nd, 2011. Firefighters from all over the county came to the EFHG community to train.
* Chief Twohy also noted that there will be an upcoming Fire Authority Event with free home inspections for EFHG residents. There will be more information about this in the upcoming weeks.
* Chief Twohy offered an overview of Duracell’s involvement in the EFHG Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. Duracell will be donating food and equipment for the parade and picnic as a result of an ad they did with Elfin Forest Volunteer firefighter John Reyes.

1. **EFHG Community Crime Report**

* Jacqui Cruz noted that there were no major crimes in the community and that there has been a substantial halt to the serial vehicle break-ins that were happening in the Elfin Forest Preserve. The reduction in crime is related to more visits from the County Sheriff and the Volunteer Patrol.

1. **EFHG Fire Department Report**

* Fire Chief Twohy reminded residents to keep weeds down to lessen fire danger. He also noted that there have been several reports of rattlesnakes and encouraged residents to stay aware.

1. **Community Foundation Update by Steve Barker**

* Steve Barker offered an update of the Community Foundation’s activities. The Community Foundation was granted 20,000 by the EFHG Town Council Board related to the OMWD Mitigation Funds.
* The Community Foundation had requests for grants in the amount of $5,000. Grants were distributed to Sky Mountain Institute for the continuance of their community education programs, TECC for Escondido Creek water testing equipment and the Fire Department for off-road vehicle training.

1. **Guest Speakers Jessica Norton and Jake Enriquez from San Diego County Parks and Recreation presented an overview of the draft Resource Management Plan for Del Dios Highlands and Escondido Creek Preserves.**

* Jessica noted that the County Parks and Recreation division went through an extensive process to determine a best resource management plan for these newly acquired preserves. As a start, they check historic maps and record sensitive species.
* Out of all preserves surveyed in the county, the Escondido Creek and Del Dios Highlands preserves have the largest amount of sensitive species. Jessica noted that we all live in an amazingly biologically diverse region.
* Discussions were had regarding the naming of the parks. In particular, the naming of Sage Hills. EFHG General Meeting Attendees noted that it would be great to rename Sage Hills to something more fitting that does not conjure memories of the large development that was to have been built there. Jake Enriquez said that the EFHG Town Council Board should request a name change from the County Board of Supervisors. Melanie Fallon agreed that the EFHG Town Council Board would make this request.

1. **Other Notes**

* A community attendee from the San Dieguito Planning group noted that AT&T will be building out its towers in the EFHG Community and that the EFHG Town Council Board should write a letter proposing alternatives. The San Dieguito Planning Group will be opposing this build out and will be making alternative recommendations. Melanie Fallon took note of this.
* Nancy Reid noted that there has been more illegal dumping on Via Ambiente and that the gates need to be fixed so that people can’t dump their garbage there.

1. **Adjournment**

* Meeting was adjourned at 8:25.