

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes of January 6, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Phil Pryde  
Tanjia Thrun  
Dick Barber  
Jan Shaffer  
Deborah DeBow  
Jan Fuchs  
Jerry Harmon  
Marvin Gerst  
Bob Heygood  
John Degenfelder  
Dave Abrams  
Jack Shelver  
Margaret Schlesinger  
Terry Badger  
Joe Howland  
Liz Avalon  
Ben Hillebrecht  
Carol Carr  
Matt Witman  
Nola Michel  
Freda Reid  
Chris Khoury  
Tom Cook  
John Ingalls  
Devore Smith  
Darrell Beck  
Arthur Schmitz  
Jacqueline Winterer  
Leslie Ann Woollenweber

**REPRESENTING**

CAC, Chair  
ADA Advisor  
Audubon Society  
Back Country Horsemen  
California Native Plant Society  
Carmel Valley Planning Board  
Citizens Coordinate for Century Three  
Council of Homeowners Association  
Del Dios Town Council  
Equestrian - Ramona Trails Association  
Fairbanks Ranch Association  
Julian Community Planning Group  
League of Women Voters  
Lomas Serenas Homeowner Association  
Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board  
Rancho Santa Fe Association  
San Diego City Agricultural Advisory Board  
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition  
San Diego County Farm Bureau  
San Diego County Trails Council  
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee  
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy  
San Pasqual Battlefield Volunteer Association  
Santa Fe Irrigation District  
Sierra Club  
Eastern Property Owner  
Eastern Property Owner  
Coastal Property Owner  
Central Property Owner

**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Dick Bobertz	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Susan Carter	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Shawna Anderson	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Jan Lines	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Chloe Schmitz	Ramona Resident
Diane Coombs	Citizens Coordinate for Century Three

## **INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Pryde convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the Hope United Methodist Church, 16550 Bernardo Heights Pkwy, Rancho Bernardo.

Mr. Pryde thanked the Hope United Methodist Church for letting us use the room for our CAC meetings.

Deputy Director Susan Carter took the roll call. A quorum was met. 28 members were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006-** Chair Pryde asked for approval of the minutes. Terry Badger moved to approve and Margaret Schlesinger seconded.

**CHAIR'S REPORT-** Chair Pryde reported that the JPA Boardmembers approved the Boudreau Ag lease for another year. Mr. Pryde said that other action by the JPA was to direct staff to meet with the new Mayor of San Diego to talk about the River Park and the potential sale of the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club. No action was taken to send another letter on the Dorn property to the Escondido Union School District.

The new chair of the JPA for 2006 is Jerry Finnell of Del Mar with Ed Gallo of Escondido as Vice-Chair. The Board did hold a public hearing December 16<sup>th</sup> to approve the purchase of the East Sutherland property.

Boardmember Pryde said that there was a question asked at a past meeting about the legality of the CAC meeting on church property, because of the need to keep church and state separate. He said that the question was directed to the JPA's attorney, and that the attorney, Wayne Brechtel, said that there is no problem about meeting in a church facility since it is just a meeting location and not a church sponsored or religious event.

Deputy Director Susan Carter said that we held an orientation for new CAC members, and that we would be pleased to hold another if any new members of the CAC would like to have briefing. She asked interested persons to contact her or Executive Director Bobertz.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-** Executive Director Bobertz said that with the efforts of Jacqueline Winterer and Freda Reid the Strawberry Stand is open on Saturdays with docents from 10:00 a.m. to 12. There are displays out there with information about the Wetland Restoration project and more to come when the wetland restoration starts. He encouraged anyone to stop by and see the site.

The East Lake Sutherland property is closing escrow this month. This property is a very important link in the acquisitions for the River Park and it was largely achieved by the efforts of the Trust for Public Land and the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy with their monumental fundraising. Mr. Bobertz announced that there will be a small reception on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the County Administration Building at 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego after the JPA meeting on January 20th to thank the TPL and the Conservancy.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Chris Khoury announced that on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> the Conservancy would be doing a hike on the East Sutherland Property. He asked that anyone interested in going please sign up today. They will be meeting at the Golden Eagle Ranch and caravan to the site. The hike will be from 9a.m. to 3 p.m.

Craig Adams said that there is another purchase that the Conservancy has made, the Turk property in Del Mar, that will hopefully be added to the property being purchased by Caltrans for mitigation.

### **DISCUSSION / ACTION AGENDA**

1. **Report from Nominating Committee and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair-**Margaret Schlesinger said that the nominating committee (Margaret Schlesinger, Terry Badger and Carol Carr) recommended Phil Pryde for Chair and Diane Coombs for Vice-Chair.

It was announced that Diane Coombs was the previous Director of the San Dieguito River Park. There were no nominations from the floor.

A written ballot was done and the committee's nominations were approved.

Vote: 26 Yes for Phil Pryde 28 Yes for Diane Coombs

2. **Project Review Committee Report:** Jan Fuchs announced that the next PRC meeting will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January at 1:30 p.m. The PRC has a new member, Debra DeBow, California Native Plant Society.

- a. **Via de la Valle Widening Project-** Shawna Anderson said that this item came before the CAC in August of 2005 but no action was taken. The widening is a mitigation requirement associated with the Black Mountain Ranch development. The PRC and the Carmel Planning Group recommended against the widening due to the impacts that it would have on this still rural area. The widening would only be on a short distance of road from San Andres to El Camino Real and narrow down into two lanes again. After El Camino Real the property is County owned and they have no plans to widen that part of the road thus leaving the traffic to merge back down to two lanes through Rancho Santa Fe. Jan Fuchs strongly urged the CAC send a letter of objection to this widening to the JPA Board for review.

Jerry Harmon suggested that the motion should include that the City of San Diego should put this project on hold and work with the County of San Diego and the River Park to amend the Circulation Element to reflect that the road should not be widened.

Debra DeBow made a motion to send a letter to the JPA supporting the recommendation from the PRC and the Carmel Mountain Planning group opposing the widening of Via De La Valle. Carol Carr seconded. Marvin Gerst asked to amend the motion to include detail points against the widening.

Vote: 23 Yes 4 Opposed 1 Abstained

3. **Trails Committee Report-** Carol Carr said that the Trails Committee is working on a document for the gaps in the trail that will need to be filled.
4. **SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Presentation-**Chair Pryde said that SDG&E was to make a presentation to us today but that did not work out. He said that SDG&E wants to put powerlines through the corridors which will go into the Santa Ysabel property. Mr. Pryde suggested that members look at the SDG&E website regarding the issue and try to attend their workshops for the public and make comments with your concerns.
5. **Dorn Property-Review of Previous Action and Possible New Action re: potential High School Site.-** Chair Pryde said that the JPA Board did not see the need to send another letter on this issue because we are on record opposing this site for the High School.

Dick Barber made a motion to request that the JPA send another communication to the School Board reaffirming our position of not building the school at Del Dios Highway and Via Rancho Pkwy. Terry Badger seconded.

Vote: 23 Yes 4 No 1 Abstained

6. **Progress Reports on Ongoing Projects (Oral Reports)**
  - a. **Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge-** Director Bobertz said that we do not have the full funding to start the bridge because of extra costs associated with the water in the lake and steep increases in the cost of steel and concrete. Mr. Bobertz said that we are trying to get an extension to save the funds that we already have because time is running out on spending the grant.
  - b. **Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead-** Deputy Director Carter said that we are having special craftsmanship classes in the adobe facility the first Saturday of each month starting next month to get a new group of people interested in the adobe. Ms. Carter said that the Sikes Adobe lease with the City of San Diego is not approved yet. She announced that The Colonial Dames have agreed to pay for the wallpaper. They are also getting a bid from the wallpaper hanger on the cost to put the paper up.
  - c. **Wetland Restoration Project/Coastal Trail-** Director Bobertz said that a contractor has been hired to start the wetland project but there is some mitigation to be worked out before starting the restoration.
  - d. **Poway Heritage Trail Link-** We are still working on the details with the leaseholder and the City of Poway.

- e. **Other**- Chair Pryde said that there will be a County Trails invitational meeting on the status of the trails in San Diego. The meeting will be on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006.

Chair Pryde adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

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