

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of March 2, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Phil Pryde
Dick Barber
Deborah Debow
Ann Harvey
Diane Coombs
Marvin Gerst
John Degenfelder
Martha McCarter
Ann Gardner
Margaret Schlesinger
Terry Badger
Nikki Flynn
Ben Hillebrecht
Bob McClure
Liz Dernetz
Tom Cook
Devore Smith
Martha Baker
Darrell Beck
Arthur Schmitz
Jacqueline Winterer
Leslie Ann Woollenweber

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
Audubon Society
California Native Plant Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Citizens Coordinate for Century 3
Council of Homeowners Association
Ramona Trails Association
Fairbanks Ranch Association
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
League of Women Voters
Lomas Serenas Homeowner Association
Rancho Santa Fe Association
San Diego City Agricultural Advisory Board
San Diego Wild Animal Park
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Pasqual Battlefield Volunteer Association
Sierra Club
Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
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
Jan Lines	San Dieguito River Park JPA

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION

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

Deputy Director Susan Carter took the roll call. The quorum was met, with 21 in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 2, 2007 Margaret Schlesinger made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2007 and Liz Dernetz seconded. All in favor.

CHAIR'S REPORT- Chair Pryde reported that there was no JPA Board meeting in February. Mr. Pryde said that he brought in a report on the County of San Diego Transportation Circulation proposal for anyone

who would like to take one. Chair Pryde asked if anyone applied to San Diego Councilmember Brian Maienschein's office for a position on the San Pasqual Vision Plan Land Use Task Force which was discussed at last month's meeting. He urged interested CAC members to do so.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Marvin Gerst said that he has written some draft letters regarding the Polo Club's use of the polo fields being confined to polo events. Another letter of Mr. Gerst was reviewed by the Carmel Valley Planning and sent to the City of San Diego about the possibility of any applicant wanting use of the polo fields would have to be reviewed by the Carmel Mountain Planning Group before going to the City of San Diego for a permit. Mr. Gerst said that the Polo Club lease is up in 2012 and he hopes that there will be restrictions in place at that time for use of the fields.

DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Committee Reports

- a. Project Review Committee- Margaret Schlesinger said that the PRC took a field trip to discuss the connections on the western end of the Santa Fe Trail. Ms. Schlesinger said they hiked the switchbacks of the trail and will discuss the trail at a future meeting.
- b. Trail Committee- None
- c. Memorial Tribute Committee- Terry Badger said that the memorial group will meet at the Wild Animal Park to review what has been done there with memorial signage and they will have a recommendation for the CAC in the near future.

2. Work program for FY 07/08- Executive Director Bobertz highlighted parts of the work program, which directly affects our budget planning each year. The Coast to Crest Trail in Pamo will be financially supported by a generation donation to the Conservancy said Mr. Bobertz. Another study will be done to select the best site for the Visitors Center and River Park offices which was reviewed a few years ago but not finalized. Mr. Bobertz discussed the Endowment and the concerns about the shortfall of funds due to the City of San Diego's financial status. Mr. Bobertz said that staff would be meeting with the Budget Committee about other ways to increase the endowment or otherwise plan for future financial needs.

Margaret Schlesinger made a motion to approve the work program and Terry Badger seconded
Vote 16 Yes 1 opposed 1 abstention

3. Rancho Guejito- Chair Pryde said that this item from last months agenda was continued to this month so that a representative from Rancho Guejito could be present. Chair Pryde introduced Mr. Henry Rupp, Attorney for the owners of Rancho Guejito. Mr. Rupp said that the owners are doing a study on the development on the property that should be completed by the end of the year. He said that the owners are not interested in selling the property for open space preservation. Mr. Rupp said that they are considering a medical facility or large acre parcels for single family dwellings. Mr. Rupp did say that there would be a

large portion of the project set aside for open space as part of the development approval process. A question and answer session transpired and the CAC members were able to address concerns. There was considerable discussion about what it means to be in the Focused Planning Area. Deputy Director Carter noted that the JPA Board's Private Property Rights Protection policy, which described the purpose of the FPA, was included in the agenda package. Chair Pryde said that an important purpose was that it would enable the JPA to comment on any developments proposed for the property.

Mr. Rupp said he would like to have the opportunity to review the documents about the San Dieguito River Park and return to the CAC. He said that he would be out of town on March 16 when the JPA's next meeting was scheduled, but would be able to attend a later JPA meeting.

Margaret Schlesinger made a motion to ask the JPA Board to include this property in our FPA so that the CAC/JPA can comment on future development. Liz Dernetz seconded.

Jacqueline Winterer made a motion to amend the original motion to continue the item for a month to give Mr. Rupp an opportunity to read the Concept Plan, and report back to us at a future meeting whether the owner was agreeable to be in the FPA or not. Vote on the amendment: 10 Yes 11 No.

The amended motion did not carry.

Vote on the original motion: Vote 12 Yes 9 No Motion carried.

INFORMATION

4. Progress Reports on Ongoing Projects (Oral Reports)-

- a. Via de la Valle/El Camino Real Task Force- The task force has been working on the alternatives for projects and they have a draft report that is being reviewed and it will be submitted to the City of San Diego for consideration.
- b. Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge- Deputy Director Carter said that the work on phase 1 has started and we have lined up funding of \$ 625,000 from the State Resources Agency and SANDAG has recommended 1.8 million will be available in July 2008 if approved by their board.
- c. Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead- Deputy Director Carter said that the wallpaper which was funded by the Colonial Dames is completed and looks beautiful. Ms. Carter said that we have applied for Community Enhancement Funds for the completion of the creamery and some furnishing for the Sikes Adobe Farmstead.
- d. Wetland Restoration Project/Coastal Trail- Executive Director Bobertz said that the project is proceeding on schedule and the boardwalk will be completed in

April by the Del Mar Rotary. Deputy Director Carter said that Coastal Trail segment under the freeway and the Treatment Ponds are slated to begin in September 2007.

- e. **Del Dios Gorge Trail-** Deputy Director Carter said that the contractors are working now to build the bridge abutments and widen the access road so that the equipment can be brought in to install the prefabricated 182 ft steel bridge that is being built off site. The River Park rangers are building the portion of the trail that will connect to the Santa Fe Valley Trail.
- f. **Other-** Freda Reid said that we should mention the Wetland Bus Tours and the success that has been made educating the public on the project.

Liz Dernetz said that Lagoon Day will be April 18 in Del Mar which will include a keynote speaker and booths for groups to set up their literature for the public.

Communications : None

Chair Pryde adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.