

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of October 5, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Phil Pryde
Ted Lee
Dick Barber
Deborah DeBow
Jan Fuchs
Diane Coombs
Marvin Gerst
John Degenfelder
Ann Gardner
Jack Shelver
Margaret Schlesinger
Terry Badger
Sheryl Shane
Carol Carr
Nola Michel
Liz Dernetz
Craig Adams
John Ingalls
Devore Smith
Martha Baker
Arthur Schmitz
Jacqueline Winterer
Leslie Ann Woollenweber

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
Association of Environmental Professionals
Audubon Society
California Native Plant Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Citizens Coordinate for Century Three
Council of Homeowners Association
Equestrian - Ramona Trails Association
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Julian Community Planning Group
League of Women Voters
Lomas Serenas Homeowner Association
Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
San Diego County Trails Council
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Santa Fe Irrigation District
Sierra Club
Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
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

INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Pryde convened the meeting at 10:35 p.m. at the Hope United Methodist Church, 16550 Bernardo Heights Pkwy, Rancho Bernardo, CA .

Deputy Director Susan Carter took the roll call. A quorum was met, with 22 in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Jacqueline Winterer made a motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2007 and Margaret Schlesinger seconded.

CHAIR'S REPORT- Appointment of Nominating Committee- Chair Pryde said that we might not have a CAC meeting in November but if we do he will have a nominating committee in place. If we do not have the meeting then an email will be sent out by staff with information on the committee. Mr. Pryde said at the Sept 21st JPA Board meeting they took action on 2 items, the contract for the coastal trail and treatment ponds and Camp Hope project. Mr. Pryde reported that Camp Hope has been a temporary camp for victims of domestic violence since 2003 and now they want a permanent structure. The JPA Board had a discussion on the size of the buildings and other issues of concern and then voted to send a comment letter to the City of San Diego on the proposed structures. The Camp Hope proponents stated verbally that they were going to scale back on the size of the buildings but the JPA Board wanted to address concerns on the current plans. The comment letter was approved 4 to 2.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Executive Director Bobertz said the Watershed Council produced a report on how to improve the watershed areas in San Diego County. The Conservancy and the SDRP are going to join together to procure grants for implementing the suggestions in the report. Mr. Bobertz said that he has been speaking at the agency cities to gather support and committee members for the Watershed Council. The main objective is to improve water quality in the San Dieguito River Valley.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Marvin Gerst reported that a 25 acre parcel on El Camino Real was sold for 5.9 million dollars (the former Hu property). The owners are interested in building a Senior Citizens complex.

John Degenfelder said that the Ramona Trails Association has planned a raffle ride that will be at the Fenton Ranch on Saturday, October 27, 2007 and invited everyone to attend.

DISCUSSION / ACTION AGENDA

1. Committee Reports

- a. **Donations Committee-** Chair Pryde said that he hopes that the CAC members have read the donations policy and asked for Shawna to review the proposed policy and the issues raised in the staff report. Deputy Director Carter gave some background on why it was determined that a policy for gifts was needed. She said that when Alice Goodkind passed away many financial donations were made to honor her and a large memorial was suggested to be placed in the River Park. Ms. Carter said that there were concerns about the options for what would be best for a memorial and where it would be placed.

The CAC members discussed the overall policy and some members questioned why a committee was suggested to look at each donation. The initial request of the CAC was to address the size and placement of the plaques in the Park but it grew to include all donations. A number of members had suggestions and comments on cutting back on the language and some did not feel that we need a committee to oversee all the donations. Many thought that staff could handle the

major part of the donations with the guidelines set up in the policy and then if there was some unusual request it would be addressed by the CAC.

Margaret Schlesenger made a motion to refer the draft policy back to the Donations Committee to eliminate creation of a committee, and develop a gift acceptance policy that would establish guidelines for recognition and naming rights among other issues. This would create a policy document that can be used for conditioned donations and signing rights without a committee to oversee every donation. Terry Badger seconded.

Vote 14 Yes 6 No 1 abstain

- b. Project Review Committee (oral) - Jan Fuchs said that the Camp Hope concerns are about the size of the buildings and the access road to the camp. She stated that since our trail will be going through this property we must look at all the issues on the plans. Camp Hope expressed cooperation with the River Park on the use of the interpretive center. A MOU was suggested to the Camp Hope proponents to address the concerns of the River Park.

Executive Director Bobertz said that the follow up on the RSF Polo Club and the grading violation was going to be addressed but the hearing on the matter was cancelled by Code Enforcement at the City of San Diego. Code Compliance said that they will enforce the Polo Fields' lease and force the Polo Club to install the trail. We hope to have the trail issue resolved in the near future. Jan Fuchs pointed out that the code compliance issue is not just the fact that the Polo Club has encroached into the trail, but also that they are causing impacts to the river.

- c. Trails Committee (oral)- no report

2. San Dieguito River Signs- Chair Pryde said that the San Diego River Park has signs that indicate where the San Diego River is located wherever the trail crosses the river. He suggested that we might want to do the same signage. Discussion of this item will be continued to a future meeting.

INFORMATION

3. Progress Reports on Ongoing Projects

- a. Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge- Deputy Director Carter said that we started work on phase two of the bridge because we received our grading permit and we have finally had our lease approved by the San Diego City Council. Ms. Carter said that we are not fully funded so we may have to use naming rights on a large donation to secure the final balance for completion of the construction.

- b. Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead- Deputy Director Carter said that the appraisal that was done by the City of San Diego is done and we will be trying to acquire the property. Ms. Carter announced that we will be hiring a ½ time Museum Manager and asked if members knew anyone who might be interested in applying for the position.
 - c. Wetland Restoration Project/Coastal Trail- Shawna Anderson said that there is a community meeting at the Del Mar Powerhouse Nov 14th from 6 to 8 p.m. to get an update on the progress that is being made on the project. Ms. Anderson said that the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project members took a tour of the site and were very interested in the progress. Deputy Director Carter reported that the contract on the Wetland Treatment ponds and the section of the trail under the I-5 went out to bid and was approved by the JPA Board.
4. Status Reports
- a. Fairbanks Country Club- Director Bobertz said that there is a conceptual proposal from the Golf Course about converting the western nine hole golf course to soccer fields and habitat.
5. Communications- Leslie Woollenweber said that Sierra Club is starting a Friends of Crest Canyon and is recruiting volunteers for ongoing maintenance.

Chair Pryde adjourned the meeting at 12:20.