

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of December 7, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Phil Pryde
Dick Barber
Deborah DeBow
Anne Harvey
Diane Coombs
Marvin Gerst
Linda Gaynor
John Degenfelder
Bill Michalsky
Jack Shelver
Terry Badger
Liz Avalon
Ben Hillebrecht
Carol Carr
Matt Witman
Nola Michel
Bob McClure
Liz Dernetz
John Ingalls
Arthur Schmitz
Jacqueline Winterer
Leslie Ann Woollenweber

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
Audubon Society
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
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Julian Community Planning Group
Lomas Serenas Homeowner Association
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 Diego Wild Animal Park
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Santa Fe Irrigation District
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
Jeff Pasek	City of San Diego Water Department
Chloe Schmidt	Self
Cor Shaffer	Santa Fe Irrigation District
Freda Reid	San Dieguito Lagoon Committee, Alt.

Before the meeting started, Executive Director Bobertz showed a video on the status of the Wetland Restoration project and Shawna Anderson gave an update on the progress of the project.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Pryde convened the meeting at 10: 50 a.m. at the Hope Methodist Church, Rancho Bernardo.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –November 2, 2007 Liz Dernetz made a motion to approve the minutes and Carol Carr seconded. All in favor.

CHAIR'S REPORT- Chair Pryde said that he viewed some of the burn areas on his way to the meeting. Mr. Pryde discussed the last JPA meeting where the board heard reports on the fire damage in the park. Executive Director Bobertz explained about the JPA Board emergency resolution at the November meeting to apply to FEMA for funding. Chair Pryde said that the River Park sustained about \$2 million in trail damage and the FEMA funding will help with the recovery.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Director Bobertz said that we have had a lot of publicity on the park damage and there are many articles on the table for the CAC members.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

DISCUSSION /ACTION AGENDA

1. Committee Reports

- a. Project Review Committee (oral)- Shawna Anderson said that the PRC did not meet in November but mentioned that the Rancho Valley Farms/Pardee MND is out for review and the PRC has met with the proponents and made comments. Ms. Anderson said that they stuck with the MHPA boundary and they are dedicating open space with plans for a trail connection from Gonzales Canyon to the Coast to Crest Trail.

Ms. Anderson said that the PRC is still working on the River Park Equestrian project.

Marvin Gerst said that the River Park Equestrian project is between old Camino Real and new Camino Real and it was cited for non permitted building. It currently is being sued by the City Attorney's office with a stipulated judgment to settle the issues. Mr. Gerst said that the project is in violation of the Coastal Act and suggested that the JPA Board revisit this issue and send a letter to the Coastal staff.

- b. Trails Committee (oral) Carol Carr said that the Trails Committee is asking for volunteers to come out and work with the rangers on the trails. Ms. Carr said that there is a lot of erosion control needed and she had joined the rangers last week and worked for about a half day. Ms. Carr said that the new plantings in the park need watering and she hopes that someone or a group would adopt a project and see that it is maintained on a regular basis.

2. Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers- Chair Pryde said that Chris Khoury is out of town but Deborah DeBow of the committee said that the Nominating Committee did not receive word from anyone seeking to run for Chair or Vice-Chair, but that Chair Pryde and Vice-Chair Coombs had agreed to serve again. She said that the Committee recommends re-electing Chair Pryde and Vice Chair Coombs to continue in those positions. Chair Pryde asked for any nominations from the members at the meeting and announced that this would be his last term as chair as set up in the By-Laws. A motion was approved to close the ballots and it was seconded. All in Favor.
3. Video Presentation of Southern California Edison Wetland Restoration Project Status- This video was presented earlier in the meeting.
4. Fire Recovery Status
 - a. Office Headquarters- Director Bobertz spoke about the donations that the River Park has received from park supporters. We have received desks, bookshelves and file cabinets which will help keep down the cost of replacements. He said that the burned office site is being cleared and we have met with an architect to build a new building on the site.

Marvin Gerst stated that he felt that the River Park needs to rebuild the office and Sikes Adobe on the same site in a more accessible area. Executive Director Bobertz said that the River Park must rebuild the next 18 months so it would be impossible to get permits for the Sikes Adobe site in that amount of time because it would require a zone change. The parcel that Sikes Adobe sits on specifically states that no offices can be built on this site. Mr. Bobertz said that we have long term plans to move the administration offices to a more accessible site.
 - b. Trails – Director Bobertz said that we have been trying to reopen the Lake Hodges Trail section for those people who want to get out on the trails. Deputy Director Carter handed out a wish list of River Park needs. We are asking for donations of new, sturdy equipment and tools.
 - c. Erosion- There are long sections of the trail that have erosion damage and we must reconstruct those areas before we have any trail openings. Mr. Bobertz said that some of the funding might come from FEMA even though they only reimburse for erosion control where it can clearly be shown to be protecting structures. .
 - d. Habitat- Shawna Anderson said that we have some volunteer biologists that will be surveying burned areas of the park for types of birds and habitat and make sure that the areas are protected.

- e. Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse- Deputy Director Carter said that we have prepared a stabilization plan to shore up the remaining adobe walls, and have done some short-term stabilization efforts because of concerns due to rain. Ms. Carter said that we are trying to hire a museum manager to help with the reconstruction of the farmstead. Marvin Gerst said that a party rental tent should be considered for covering the site.
5. Lake Hodges Water Quality- Jeff Pasek from the San Diego Water Department gave a PowerPoint presentation on the watershed areas and the water quality in the 9 local reservoirs in San Diego. Mr. Pasek handed out a map of the areas that were impacted by the wildfires and how it changes the water quality. He showed a sample of the polluted water that was collected and how the reservoir capacity is impacted by debris that drains into the water after an active rain event. He explained how the seed bank was negatively impacted in some areas by the extreme wind and by repeat fires in certain areas, such as Pamo Valley. A question and answer session was held by Mr. Pasek and additional explanations of the water quality at Lake Hodges was answered by Cor Shaffer from the Santa Fe Irrigation District.

Chair Pryde thanked Mr. Pasek for his informative presentation.

6. Progress Reports on Ongoing Projects (oral reports)
 - a. Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge- Deputy Director Carter said the trestle that is being built across the lake is a temporary structure to allow heavy equipment to construct the piers in the middle of the bridge.
 - b. Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead – discussed earlier
 - c. Wetland Restoration Project/Coastal Trail-Deputy Director Carter said we are proceeding with the treatment ponds and we are hopeful of creating additional wetlands in the area with mitigation from the desalinization plant. Shawna Anderson said that the Grand Ave bridge is coming along and the piers have been shortened into a viewing platform.
 - d. Del Dios Gorge Trail- Deputy Director Carter said that before the fire our rangers had done extensive work on the trail section east of the new Del Dios Gorge bridge but all this work was destroyed in the fire. It will be rebuilt along with other sections that the Rangers will be rebuilding.

7. Communications

Liz Dernetz announced that Lagoon Day in Del Mar will be April 27th 6 p.m. A speaker will give a speech on Bio Diversity in the area. Sub-Committee of the City of Del Mar will be reading the EIR for River View Project .

Vice-Chair Coombs took over the meeting for Chair Pryde as he had to leave for an appointment and adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m.