

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of September 10, 2004**

MEMBERS PRESENT

REPRESENTING

Phil Pryde	CAC, Chair
Gary Ruyle	American Society of Landscape Architects
Dick Barber	Audubon Society
Dave Shaffer	Back Country Horsemen
Don Miller	California Native Plant Society
Anne Harvey	Carmel Valley Planning Board
Ken Smith	Del Dios Town Council
John Degenfelder	Equestrian - Ramona Trails Association
Gene Helsel	Julian Community Planning Group
Margaret Schlesinger	League of Women Voters
Liz Christensen	Rancho Santa Fe Association
Ben Hillebrecht	San Diego City Agricultural Advisory Board
Carol Carr	San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
Nola Michel	San Diego County Trails Council
Bob McClure	San Diego Wild Animal Park
Freda Reid	San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Nancy Reed	San Dieguito Planning Group
Chris Khoury	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Tom Cook	San Pasqual Battlefield Volunteer Association
John Ingalls	Santa Fe Irrigation District
Devore Smith	Sierra Club
Byron Anderson	Surfrider Foundation
John Stewart	Del Dios Property Owner
Jacqueline Winterer	Coastal Landowner

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
Maryanne Vancio	County of San Diego

INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL

Chair Pryde convened the meeting at 10:40 a.m. at the Rancho Bernardo Library.
17110 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, CA .

Deputy Director Susan Carter took the roll call. A quorum was met.(19)

Executive Director Bobertz introduced Barbara Baker, the new Event and Volunteer Coordinator for the River Park . Barbara briefly spoke about her background and looking forward to meeting all the volunteers.

Deputy Director Susan Carter said that in the future the agendas will be sent out by email to our members. There will not be any more mailed out unless you do not have email. Freda Reid was concerned that the attachments may not be available in the electronic format, but Susan said the entire agenda would be included.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of 7/9/04- Chris Khoury made a motion to approve the minutes and Margaret Schlesinger seconded. Dick Barber asked that the minutes (page 4) be changed to reflect that Chris Khoury be addressed as Dr. and not Mr. All in favor

CHAIR'S REPORT Chair Pryde said that at the last JPA meeting the San Pasqual Vision Plan was continued for discussion and the Cleveland National Forrest plan was addressed in a letter from the River Park. Chair Pryde said that the agenda requests that the members arrive on time or early but we still were not able to start the meeting at 10:30 as posted. Chair Pryde said that item 6 on the agenda should not be under action items as you cannot take action on a communication item. Chair Pryde said that we will postpone item 4 because the speaker for that item was unable to attend. Chair Pryde said that he has brought the latest GP2020 map dated April 2004. Chair Pryde said that the American Rivers flyer is on the back table for anyone to read.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Director Bobertz said that we have put out a new Revenues, Expenditures/ Accomplishments Report addressing the monies that the River Park receives and how it was spent. Mr. Bobertz said that we have a limited amount of copies of the report but it is on the web site for anyone to review.

Director Bobertz said that the Trust for Public Land has been wonderful working with the River Park. The TPL does a great deal of the work in negotiating and purchasing the properties and then seeing the process through escrow. Mr. Bobertz said that they are having a celebration event on October 16th at the Strawberry Stand.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Dr. Chris Khoury spoke about the Dorn site for the new Escondido High School at Via Rancho and Del Dios Hwy. The Escondido Union High School said they had 7 possibilities for the high school and they have now have 3 sites which includes the Dorn site. The Board preliminary endorsed the Mesa Rock site by a 4-0 vote and the Dorn site by a 2 – 2 vote. This is not a final decision. Dr. Khoury said that he is trying to get a few speakers to come to the CAC for a presentation.

CONSENT

1. **Trails Committee: Add Two New Members not on CAC-** Carol Carr made a motion to approve the new members and Margaret Schlesinger seconded. All in favor

INFORMATION

2. **Progress Reports on Ongoing Projects (Oral Reports)**
 - a. **Fairbanks Ranch Country Club/Polo Field-** Director Bobertz said that the Polo Club has a site development application in process and we hope that we will be

able to add our trail in this area. Mr. Bobertz said that we are following the application very carefully.

- b. Wetland Restoration Projects, Coastal Trail- Director Bobertz said that a number of things are happening to get this Wetland process underway. The 22nd District Agricultural Association and Southern California Edison have reached an agreement regarding implementation of the Least Tern nesting sites and permission to utilize the river's mouth for inlet construction. The Coastal Commission will meet on October 14th or 15th and hopefully the Wetland project will be on the agenda. Mr. Bobertz said that the endowment fund for the Wetland project will have an amendment done at the next JPA Board meeting which will allow for reevaluation that will be done every five years of the financial costs of the project before the JPA takes over the project from Edison in about 40 years.
- c. Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge- Shawna Anderson said that the requirement to put a fenced enclosure on the bridge was overruled by the new water department director and we will be able to proceed without that costly addition. Ms. Anderson said that we have applied for the permits and things are going slowly.
- d. Del Dios Gorge Trail- Shawna Anderson said that we are working on the Del Dios Gorge trail in collaboration with the County of San Diego.
- e. Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse- Deputy Director Carter said that there will be a concert to benefit Sikes Adobe on October 3rd at 4pm. The theme of the concert is "Songs for the Settlers" which are the melodies of the times when the Sikes family settled in the area. Ms. Carter said that it will be at the Lutheran Church in Poway. There will be a \$10 charge, payable at the door. Flyers at the back table.
- f. Property Acquisition- Director Bobertz said that we have successfully closed escrow on the Boudreau and the Crowder properties. Mr. Bobertz said that we are working with The Trust for Public Land on two other properties and they are Newton and Habib.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 3. CAC By-Laws- Chair Pryde stated that at the last meeting there was confusion over the requirements for adding an emergency item to the agenda because the bylaws are contradictory. However, he said that the Government code included with the staff report in today's agenda is also contradictory and the interpretation is confusing. He said the

item would be continued until after he has a chance to address this item with our attorney and prepare wording that is clear.

4. County General Plan 2020 Update (Presentation) Chair Pryde said that this item needs to be continued as the speaker was unable to attend the meeting.
5. County Trails Plan (Presentation)- The County of San Diego has prepared a County Trails Plan and Speaker Maryanne Vancio from the County of San Diego (Project manager) said that the County Trails Plan has recognized the Coast to Crest trail as a regional trail and is included in the plan. Ms. Vancio spoke about the different counties that have participated in the plan and the language that has been added and reviewed. This type of input is very valuable to the overall plan and it is very important to work as one unit to complete the trail plan that will be presented to the Planning Commission and then onto Board of Supervisors.

Questions were asked and answered including who would be maintaining the trails that are in the plan and the ADA guidelines for the different areas.

Chair Pryde asked Ms. Vancio if there was anything that the River Park could do to help the County of San Diego with the trails master plan. Ms. Vancio suggested a letter from the River Park in support of the plan and suggestions on the proposed trail ordinance would be appreciated. It was agreed this item would be referred to the Trails Committee.

6. Communications-

Margaret Schlesinger said that the presentation to the residents of Solana Beach was held and was very positive about the River Park.

Chair Pryde adjourned the meeting at 11:59