

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of December 17, 2004**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pam Slater-Price
Jerry Finnell
Ed Gallo
Betty Rexford
Lesa Heebner
Phil Pryde

REPRESENTING

Chair County of San Diego
City of Del Mar
City of Escondido
City of Poway
City of Solana Beach
Citizens Advisory Committee

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel
Susan Carter
Shawna Anderson
Jan Lines
Craig Adams
Freda Reid
Jacqueline Winterer

JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
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San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Coastal property owner

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Slater-Price convened the meeting at 9:45 a.m. in the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101

Chair Slater-Price welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the JPA for 2004. She introduced Lesa Heebner from Solana Beach who will replace Tom Golich as our new representative on the Board.

Boardmember Pryde introduced Jacqueline Winterer and Freda Reid from the CAC.

Approval of Minutes

Boardmember Pryde made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19th, 2004 and Boardmember Finnell seconded. 5 YES 1 abstained

Executive Director's Report

Deputy Director Carter stated that she would be filling in for Director Bobertz as he is in Australia. Ms. Carter stated that we are meeting in room 310 next year unless we can get the meeting room changed. Deputy Director Carter stated that at our last meeting Boardmember Maienschein agreed to mediate at the meeting regarding the Sikes Adobe Farmstead lease and the Poway trail issues. Ms. Carter stated that with

his assistance the meeting with the City of San Diego and the JPA went well and all matters should be worked out soon. She said that she would report on the specifics under Status Reports.

Chair Slater-Price reported on the accomplishments of the River Park in 2004. She said that the River Park acquired 4 million in grant funds, 5 parcels of land were acquired totaling 879 acres, Sikes Adobe Farmstead and the Strawberry Stand/ Learning Center were restored and opened to the public, and the River Park published the Revenues / Expenditures and Accomplishments Report 1989 to 2004. Ms. Slater-Price also stated that we have successfully converted our Newsletter and Activities Schedule to an email distribution saving postage and paper costs of \$17,000 annually.

Public Comment - None

ACTION AGENDA

1. **Resolution of Appreciation for Departing Boardmember Tom Golich-** Chair Slater - Price read the resolution to Tom Golich. Tom was presented a plaque in appreciation from the Board for his many years of service. Mr. Golich said that he appreciated the opportunity to serve the River Park and will be doing volunteer work with the Conservancy.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Nominating Committee's Recommendations for next year's Chair and Vice-Chair & Committees

2. **Nominating Committee Report and Recommendation for 2005 Officers and Committee Assignments-** Boardmember Pryde stated that the vice-chair usually would graduate up to Chair but because Boardmember Peters has other obligations he would not be available to chair the JPA. Mr. Pryde stated that the Nomination Committee recommended for the 2005 year, Betty Rexford to serve as Chair and Jerry Finnell to serve as Vice-chair.

Boardmember Gallo made a motion to approve the recommendation for Chair and Vice-chair and Boardmember Heebner seconded. It was announced that the list of other sub-committees is attached to the agenda and would the Boardmembers please look over and see if they are able to sit on each committee. Any committee that Boardmember Golich sat on would be amended to read Lesa Heebner. Vote was all in favor.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) *Set a hearing date of January 21, 2005 to approve the purchase of the 90-acre Ruetter property (APN 249-191-05, 249-191-04, 249-191-01) and to authorize the Executive Director to execute all related documents to complete the transaction, and 2) Direct staff to publish the Notice of Intention to Purchase in accordance with Government Code Section 25350 and 6063 prior to the hearing date.*

3. **Set Public Hearing for Acquisition of Ruetter Parcels-** Deputy Director Carter said that the parcels are located on the west side of Farmer Road north of Julian. Ms. Carter showed a map of the area and described the parcels to the Board. Photographs were circulated of the parcel. Boardmember Pryde made a motion to set a public hearing and Boardmember Finnell seconded. Vote was All in Favor

INFORMATION

4. Status Reports

- a. **Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge-** Shawna Anderson said that we are getting very close to sending out our CEQA document for public review and that we have almost received all of our resource agency permits. We received our biological opinion yesterday and we should start construction in mid- September next year. Deputy Director Carter stated that the one and half million dollar grant for the bridge project that was in jeopardy has been cleared up due to a letter that the Board authorized staff to send to Undersecretary , Karen Scarborough, appealing the decision to decline the funds. We will now have those funds for construction.

- b. **Wetland Restoration Project-** Wetland project is at the permit stage of the process. Edison and their consultants have prepared a list of answers for the various agencies that have questions about the project. The Coastal Commission will be reviewing the item in March 2005. This will be discussed by the Del Mar Planning Commission in January 2005. Ms. Carter said that the State lands permit has been obtained.

- c. **Property Acquisition-** Deputy Director Carter stated that with the Reutter acquisition we will have spent all our allocated funds from the Prop 12 and 13. We are now sending out grant applications with the Conservancy to obtain funds for watershed properties. Craig Adams, with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, showed the Board recently printed brochures. He said the Conservancy is launching a major fund-raising campaign to raise funds to purchase the 353 acre McCaw property, which they are calling "Lake Sutherland East".

- d. **Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead-** Deputy Director Carter said that we have met with the City of San Diego READ and Boardmember Maienschein and we think that we have worked out issues on the Sikes Adobe lease. Jack Farris, City of San Diego READ, spoke about the 5 year Sikes lease and the option to purchase the property. The trailer issue that will house the caretaker for Sikes will be addressed when the lease is signed and then we can take down the chain link fence that surrounds the structure. The

property will be appraised and this will give us an idea how much money we will have to raise to purchase the property.

e. **Poway Trail Connection via Heritage Estates-** Deputy Director Carter said that the letter from the City of San Diego to the City of Poway states there has to be a buffer from the water treatment plant to the trail. This will be discussed at an on-site meeting in the future to work out the specific details of the alignment.

f. **Other-** Boardmember Gallo said that the San Pasqual Valley is zoned for agricultural preserve but there are occasional problems with the interpretation of the zoning. Shawna Anderson said that City of San Diego staff is working to adopt the Vision Plan that Brian Maienschein published, to reflect a true preserve. This will eliminate any future problems with the zone regulations. The City of San Diego Council will be voting on that in the future.

5. **Jurisdictional Status Reports-** Boardmember Rexford thanked Chair Slater-Price for all her good work not only for the JPA but all the other organizations she supports. Boardmember Rexford said that she thinks every chair should receive a plaque for their service when their year ends.

Chair Slater-Price thanked everyone for the comments and that she does her work with the environment in mind.

6. **Communications-**

Chair Slater-Price adjourned the meeting at 10:45.

These minutes approved by Board Action

Date Deputy Director