

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of June 4, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Barnouw
Rich Risner
Phil Pryde
Jan Fuchs
Linda Oster
Maggie Brown
Judy LaVine
Liz Gabrych
David Wilson
Jeremy Blakespear
Carol Kerridge
Jim Smith
Eric Jones
Carol Carr

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
American Society of Landscape Architects
Audubon Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Del Dios Town Council
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Lake Hodges Native Plant Club
League of Women Voters
Rancho Bernardo Planning Board
San Diego Mountain Bike Association
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Volcan Mountain Preserve
Walkabout International

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Brenda Miller
Shawna Anderson
Ayden Zielke

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Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Barnouw convened the remote Zoom teleconference meeting at 10:34 a.m. and confirmed a quorum of 13 in attendance by roll call.

Approval of Minutes- April 2, 2021

Liz Gabrych made the motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2021 and Phil Pryde seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Chair's Report – Chair Barnouw reported that the Trails Committee has a new chair, Jeremy Blakespear and thanked Carol Carr for her many years as the chair. Chair Barnouw reported that the CAC could begin meeting in person as early as October 1st at San Rafael Parish. Eric Jones shared information about the technology of OWL that works with Zoom for hybrid in person and online meetings. Chair Barnouw recapped the May JPA meeting announcing that the JPA approved the CAC's recommendation that Phil Pryde be the CAC Vice Chair until December. The JPA Board approved a proposal from the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy for a one-time lump sum payment to the JPA to fund partial salary and benefits of the JPA's Interpretive Ranger to make that position full time for one year in exchange for assisting with education programs. Chair Barnouw stated that the JPA Board also approved the Lagoon restoration phase 2 (W-19) Memorandum of Agreement with SANDAG and SCE.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Shawna Anderson reported that an open house is being planned for the coast ranger station on September 12th. JPA staff and members of the San Dieguito Lagoon Committee are jointly planning the celebration, more details to follow. Director Anderson also reported that JPA Chair Worden and Director Anderson will meet quarterly with SDRVC Chair Jim

Smith and Director Trish Boaz beginning in July. Ms. Anderson stated that the JPA issued a Request for Proposal to operate the farmers market at Sikes Adobe with proposals due June 15th. The current market will close on June 13th. Director Anderson also shared that a decent program for the Ranger Station is being planned.

Public Comment - Jeremy Blakespear asked if the JPA has a committee that could meet with representatives from Surf Cup Sports. Director Anderson stated that the JPA Board appointed a subcommittee that met with Surf Cup Sports representatives in April 2021. They agreed to plan a combined work party event with Surf Cup Sports staff and SDRP volunteers after September 15th to clear and grade the trail. Anderson explained that unfortunately the City of San Diego's Surf Cup lease does not have a timeline for the trail to be completed. Maggie Brown requested that the Surf Cup Sports lease be added to the next CAC agenda. Director Anderson also stated that the JPA is planning the adjacent Osuna Segment of the Coast to Crest Trail, which makes the continuation of the CTC Trail on Surf Cup even more important. Carol Kerridge reported a newspaper article regarding the poor shape the Hodges Dam is in and the City of San Diego plans to build a new dam 100' west of the existing dam.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports

- a. **Project Review Committee** – Jan Fuchs stated that the PRC did not meet in May however the committee continues to monitor the Fairgrounds progress on addressing the Horsepark stormwater management issues and that it was reported that Surf Cup had submitted a land use proposal to the Fairgrounds. She suggested that the CAC invite the Friends of Horsepark group to a future meeting. Ms. Fuchs reported that the PRC is also monitoring St. Garabed Armenian Church new assisted living facility proposal adjacent to the church.. Ms. Fuchs also said that the Del Mar Rotary is working with JPA Rangers on a project and may want to work on the Surf Cup trail also.
- b. **Trails Committee** – Jeff Barnouw thanked Carol Carr for the great job as chair. Jeremy Blakespear thanked Carol for her support and said she will remain on the committee. The next Trails Committee meeting will be Tuesday, June 8th at 1:00 p.m.
- c. **Interpretation Committee** - Liz Gabrych reported that the Interpretation Committee did not meet however, the watershed model project is proceeding and that etched granite interpretive signs are being researched. Ms. Gabrych announced that a volunteer recruitment is being planned with a focus on Sikes Adobe. She said that interpretive videos are being produced for the Watershed Explorer Program. The Sikes 150th Anniversary is being planned for 2022. Ms. Gabrych said she is researching land grants and that the Mule Hill stories are fascinating and commented on a recent History Channel program. Jeremy Blakespear also commented on the book Blood and Thunder by Hampton Sides.

2. W-19 San Dieguito Lagoon Restoration Project Update

Executive Director Shawna Anderson provided an update of the project led by SANDAG, construction of which is scheduled to begin in Fall 2021. The presentation included information about project partners and objectives, project history, overview map, project components of W-19 and W-6, inlet and

beach sand replacement. The presentation was followed by comments and questions about this project and other projects within the area.

INFORMATION

3. Park and Project Status and Updates (oral)

- a. Coast to Crest Trail Osuna Segment – Executive Director Shawna Anderson reported that JPA staff and consultants are getting started with planning and field work and project details will be shared in the future.
- b. Watershed Model – Liz Gabrych explained this during her Interpretation Committee report. Executive Director Anderson said she will invite Senior Interpretive Ranger Leana Bulay to an upcoming CAC meeting to present the watershed model and interpretive sign project.
- c. Coast to Crest Trail Santa Fe Valley Extension – Executive Director Shawna Anderson reported that the Coast to Crest Trail at Santa Fe Valley has been extended by one mile connecting the Santa Fe Valley Trail to the Lusardi Trail on the Lusardi Preserve. This new trail section filled a long-standing gap in the CTC Trail and it is now possible to hike to Black Mountain from the Coast to Crest Trail. A bench and plaque to honor donor David Leigh will be installed on the new trail. After the Osuna, Surf Cup and San Dieguito Road pathway sections are completed, the CTC Trail will be contiguous from the Fairgrounds area to Hwy 78 and Bandy Canyon.

Chair Barnouw adjourned the meeting at 12:07 pm.