AGENDA
SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, January 5, 2018
10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Location: San Rafael Parish
Pastoral Center, Rooms D & E
(The Pastoral Center building is located on the south side of the parking lot)
17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo
(north of Rancho Bernardo Drive)

The Chair cannot start the meeting until a quorum is present. PLEASE ARRIVE BY 10:25 A.M. The CAC may take action on any item listed on the Consent or Discussion/Action agenda, but only when a quorum is present. If a quorum is temporarily lost during the meeting, no further discussion will take place until the quorum is regained. If the quorum is not regained, the meeting will be adjourned. Please advise the Chair at the beginning of the meeting if you must leave before 12:15 p.m.

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Roll Call and Introductions       Chair
Late arrivals should speak to staff to make sure their attendance is noted.

Approval of November 3, 2017 Minutes (Page 3)       Chair

Chair’s Report       Chair

Executive Director’s Report       Staff

Public Comment       Public

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports
   a. Project Review Committee
   b. Trails Committee
   c. Interpretation Committee

2. Election of Officers Chair/Vice-Chair
INFORMATION

3. Park Project Status (oral)
   a. Pamo Valley Trail
   b. Founders Tribute
   c. Surf Cup Trail Segment

4. Communications An opportunity for any CAC member or the public to bring to the CAC’s attention a project or activity not reviewed by the Project Review Committee in their reports

Adjournment

Chair

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2018

If you have any questions, please call Kevin McKernan at (858) 674-2270
Roll Call and Introductions
Chair Barnouw convened the meeting at 10:32 a.m. at the San Rafael Parish, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo.

A quorum was met, with 16 members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes- September 8, 2017
Jim Lyon moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2017 and Bill Michalsky seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chair’s Report – no report

Executive Director’s Report- Executive Director Kevin McKernan reported that escrow has closed on the Blum property purchase, 6.4 acres in the Sycamore Creek Preserve, above the SDRP office. The property will be restored and held as open space. The property can be accessed by contacting the JPA for a guided tour. The JPA’s plan is to preserve the property, remove ornamental invasive plants and plant native habitat. Staff is seeking funding to pay the $180,000 balance on the property and is considering donations, grants, and mitigation credits.
The Barnouw Bridge project has been completed. Chair Barnouw made a donation to the River Park last year and the funds were used to construct a low puncheon bridge over a creek at the Del Dios portion of the Coast to Crest Trail. The location is 100 yards west of the Hodgee carving, across the street from the Del Dios Country Store. Director McKernan reported an update on the trail near the Fairbanks Ranch and Osuna Valley locations. JPA staff is working with the City of San Diego staff and Barbara Bry’s office on a trail alignment that minimizes impacts to the FRCC mitigation area. CAC members reported that eucalyptus trees have been removed along the Surf Cup lease area. Director McKernan reported that a Surf Cup representative told him that work cannot begin on the trail because City READ staff said to wait until the lawsuit brought by The Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley is settled. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson expressed concern that the permit for the trail construction expires in 2018 and is not sure the permit can be extended. Executive Director McKernan stated that CAC attendance is looked at annually, according to CAC bylaw requirements and that letters will be mailed to organizations that have not been regularly attending the CAC meetings. He also reminded the committee that election of officers for Chair and Vice-Chair will be included on the December agenda.

Public Comment
A Memorial Service for Arvie Degenfelder will be held Sunday, November 5, 2:00 p.m. at the middle school in Ramona on Hanson Lane. Arvie was very active in the CAC as well as many organizations in Ramona and San Diego.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports

   a. Project Review Committee – Jan Fuchs reported that the committee met October 17 and determined that the Safari Highlands Ranch project is not in the FPA and no comment will be made. The Project Review Committee met with applicants for a proposed resort development in Del Mar. The Project Review Committee also talked about the Hacienda Del Mar project and has questions for the City Development Service planners. Concerns are the assessment of non-urban in character and the definition open space and requirements for a vote under the Prop A designation. The next PRC meeting will be November 20.

   b. Trails Committee – Carol Carr reported that two representatives from the San Diego Mountain Bike Association presented a proposed mountain bike course of looped trails proposed on Forest Service land in Pamo Valley. The bike trails proposed are 20 miles of trails, potentially increasing to 80 miles in the future. The issue was not discussed in full because of time constraints and the proposal was missing some details, including a map. The proposed course is planned west of Pamo Valley Road going down into the valley. The project is in the San Dieguito River Park Focused Planning Area. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson and San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy Executive Director Trish Boaz will present at the Mountain Bike Summit in Lakeside later today.

   c. Interpretation Committee – Liz Gabrych reported that the Interpretation Committee is creating an inventory list of interpretive panels with locations and photos within the park. The
Committee is finalizing the scholarship application to make it available to students. Applications will be due in April and winners will be announced in May. A volunteer recruitment and training session will be held in February or March for trail patrol volunteers, Dust Devil volunteers, and educational volunteers. The next meeting will be held November 14.

i) Discussion of memorials/tributes in Park (requested by Jacqueline Winterer)
Jacqueline Winterer requested that Chair Barnouw withdraw this item from the agenda.

2. Update on Founder’s Tribute

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the sculpting artist is working on the stone carvings and carving the space for the tiles. Videographer Francine Filsinger is scheduling interviews with the named key roles and founders. The deadline for the County grant deadline is February 2018.

INFORMATION

3. Park Project Status (oral)

   a. Pamo Valley Trail
Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that staff is proceeding with construction on the most technical section of the trail, which takes more time. After the technical section is complete, the rest of the trail will go faster and will be able to utilize volunteers.

   b. Ranger Station
Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that staff is working on a possible grant opportunity because more money is needed to build the entire structure. The grant will pay for 50% of the project and will be due in February with completion of a lengthy application. The grant is from the State Parks administered through National Parks. Staff is working on getting the final permits for the building.

4. Communications
Phil Pryde is offering an intermediate birding course beginning February 17 at the Tecolote Nature Center classroom. Terry Kopanski announced that the Olivenhain Municipal Water District released a groundwater feasibility study to locate additional sources of water using groundwater. Three water basins were considered; two in San Elijo and one at San Dieguito River Valley. The study has been completed and will go to the Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board of Directors in December. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson added that this project will be on the next Project Review Committee agenda.
Executive Director McKernan reported that a new species of fungus was identified at a San Dieguito River Park mitigation site near the Lagoon. The County Agricultural District sent a sample to Sacramento for identification and this is the first time *Phytophthora niederhauserii* has been found in San Diego County. The fungus was found on the laurel sumac plant.

Terry Badger made the motion to adjourn and Bill Michalsky seconded the motion.

Chair Barnouw adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.