AGENDA
SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, September 7, 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.

NOTICE: Agenda packets are distributed by e-mail only. If you do not have an e-mail
address, please contact the office at 858-674-2270 to make alternative arrangements.

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

Chair

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Chair

Executive Director’s Report

Staff

Public Comment

Public

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Request for San Diego Trail Alliance to Join the Citizens Advisory Committee
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3. Committee Reports
   a. Project Review Committee
   b. Trails Committee
   c. Interpretation Committee

4. Park Project Status (oral)
   a. Pamo Valley Trail
   b. Founders Tribute
   c. Ranger Station

5. 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

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2018.

If you have any questions, please call Kevin McKernan at (858) 674-2270
SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of June 1, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT
Jeff Barnouw  CAC, Chair
Phil Pryde  Audubon Society
Jan Fuchs  Carmel Valley Planning Board
Diane Coombs  Citizens Coordinate for Century 3
Linda Oster  Del Dios Town Council
Maggie Brown  Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Jim Lyon  Friends of Sikes Adobe
Herb Dackermann  Julian Community Planning Group
Liz Gabrych  League of Women Voters
Dorothy McLin  Lomas Serenas Property Owners
Ed Spaeth  Ramona Trails Association
Ben Stone  San Diego Mountain Bike Association
Alice Brown  San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Mid Hoppenrath  San Dieguito Planning Group
Dave Kreitzer  San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Bill Michalsky  Sierra Club
Pat Whitt  Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Carol Carr  Walkabout International
Jacqueline Winterer  Coastal Property Owner

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT
Kevin McKernan  San Dieguito River Park JPA
Shawna Anderson  San Dieguito River Park JPA
Brenda Miller  San Dieguito River Park JPA
John Barone  City of San Diego Public Utility Department

Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Barnouw convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the San Rafael Parish, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo.

Individual introductions were made, and a quorum was met with 18 in attendance.

Approval of Minutes- April 6, 2018

Jacqueline Winterer moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2018 and Ed Spaeth seconded the motion. All in favor

Chair’s Report
Chair Barnouw reported that two $1000.00 scholarships were awarded to Grace Wesson and Keana Oldham at the May 18, 2018 JPA meeting.

Executive Director’s Report
Executive Director McKernan reported that the proposed FY 18-19 budget was approved.

Public Comment

Phil Pryde mentioned that a 750-acre parcel of land in Santa Ysabel was purchased by the County of San Diego and wondered what the plan was for the property. Mid Hoppenrath said the County Planning Commission approved two housing plans adding 1,000 homes in the Elfin Forest area; Valiano and Harmony Grove Village South. The plans will be in bundled projects that will be heard by the Board of Supervisors in July. The issues of evacuation plans and fire danger were discussed. Diane Coombs is continuing to gather signatures through June 16 for the Save our San Diego Countryside initiative.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Scoping Questions/Concerns for Proposed Orosco Ridge Mountain Bike Trail

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson explained this agenda item. After the April CAC meeting the Forest Service sent a request for comment notice for the proposed Orosco Ridge Mountain Bike Trail. JPA staff took the item to the JPA Board of Director’s May meeting. Attached are all of the documents that went to the Board, including the JPA comment letter dated May 22, 2018. The letter states the issues that must be answered and shows support of the project. The Trails and Project Review Committees are both aware of the project. Chair Barnouw suggested that the minutes of all sub-committees be included in the CAC agendas to keep all members informed. The CAC members discussed several points including; having the JPA questions answered by the Forest Service up front, the plan being inadequate, not defined, the steep nature of trails and possible need for emergency services, concern over the Cat EX component and no public interaction unless an environmental assessment is needed. Ben Stone with SDMBA stated that 600 comments were received, 560 were through an online portal in support of the project. Mr. Stone has committed to work with JPA and City of San Diego Public Utility staff to work through the issues expressed. Shawna Anderson stated that JPA staff will continue to work with the Forest Service and the SDMBA. The JPA Board member’s preference of sending a letter was discussed, also that the speakers in support of the project agreed with the questions and concerns expressed by JPA staff. The address to submit comments to is on the letter included in the agenda on page 22.

INFORMATION

2. Committee Reports

   a. Project Review Committee – Jan Fuchs reported that the PRC looks at land use projects within the focused planning area and the impacts on the Park. The JPA letter dated May 22, 2018 to the Forest Service covered all of the issues that the PRC would like to see addressed. The PRC would like the CAC to make a motion endorsing the JPA comment letter to the Forest Service of May 22 with stipulations that the questions must be answered. There was discussion
regarding the following issues; short comment period to the Forest Service for this project, the Categorical Exclusion under NEPA, the proposal is for 20 miles of trail not 80 miles, the multi-use component, the biggest growing high school sport, the request that the Forest Service become more involved in providing requested information, the major parking issue, wildlife, habitat, cultural resources, emergency services, environmental education component, and recreation opportunities.

Jan Fuch made the motion and Ed Spaeth seconded the motion: the CAC endorses the JPA letter sent to the Forest Service May 22, 2018 with the stipulation that the issues expressed in the letter must be addressed before the project can be fully supported by the JPA.

Vote: 14 Yes, 2 Oppose, 1 Abstain

b. Trails Committee – Carol Carr – no additional report.

c. Interpretation Committee - Liz Gabrych reported that two scholarship awards in the amount $1000 each were awarded to Keana Oldham and Graces Wasson from Canyon Crest Academy. The next Interpretation Committee meeting will be held at the lagoon. The committee is working with the 22nd DAA to install interpretive panels at lagoon.

3. Park Project Status (oral)

a. Pamo Valley Trail
Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the rangers have been doing a lot of work at the north end of the trail, near the Upper Santa Ysabel trail. Some work still needs to be done from the staging area to the first crossing. There has been a lot of environmental monitoring being done making the project slow and costly.

b. Founders Tribute
Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the artist came last week to install the monument foundation. The art will be installed in June. A small unveiling will be planned after the installation. The video is being finalized. and it should be received next week. A video screening will be planned. One more Founders Tribute meeting is planned.

c. Ranger Station
Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the request for bids was posted today with a four week period to receive the bids. The project is divided into two parts; asking contactors to bid on the entire project or on phase one. The deadline is June 29, 2018. JPA staff is waiting to hear if a grant from the State of California is awarded to determine how much money the JPA has for the project. The link to the bid will be on the website. The JPA is a tax-deductible government agency.
4. Communications
A question was brought up about the Interstate 5 freeway expansion, a bike trail between Del Mar Heights and Via de la Valle disappeared and is not on the plans now. This project has been pushed to the last part of the plan.

Adjournment

Chair Barnouw adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Jacqueline Winterer made the motion to adjourn and Carol Carr seconded the motion.
Dear Brenda Miller,

Please accept our attached letter authorizing Julie Klein to join JPA representing San Diego Trails Alliance (SDTA).

Sincerely,

Board of Directors, San Diego Trail Alliance
sd.trail.alliance@gmail.com
San Diego Trail Alliance

July 22, 2018

Dear San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority:

We are writing on behalf of the San Diego Trail Alliance (SDTA). SDTA is an association of representatives from the trail using community, primarily equestrian groups and clubs throughout San Diego County. Our stated mission is to keep trails open for all recreational users, to foster good communication between all recreational user groups and to maximize usage of recreational facilities for all.

Julie Klein serves on the SDTA board. She is actively involved in the North County, addressing trail crossings and trail issues in Del Mar including the Coast to Crest trail, San Dieguito River Trail, and attends meetings such as the Coastal Commission, the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority. She meets with city and county representatives about trails in the North County.

Please allow Julie Klein to join the JPA as a representative for SDTA.

Sincerely,

The Board of San Diego Trail Alliance
Diane Carter
Cyndi Denny
Julie Klein
Sandy Jones
Martin Jorgensen
Vicki Krauss
Maryanne Vancio
Lisa Wood