

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of July 12, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Barnouw
Phil Pryde
Linda Oster
Maggie Brown
Herb Dackermann
Liz Gabrych
Dorothy McLin
Don Wendt
Jeremy Blakespear
Ben Stone
Ranee Warren / Carol Kerridge
Sharon Fogg
Bill Michalsky
Pat Whitt
Carol Carr
Terry Badger
Brant Bassett

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
Audubon Society
Del Dios Town Council
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Julian Community Planning Group
League of Women Voters
Lomas Serenas Property Owners
Ramona Trails
San Diego Bicycle Coalition
San Diego Mountain Bike Association
Del Mar Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito Planning Group
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Walkabout International
Central Property Owner
Central Property Owner

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McKernan
Brenda Miller

San Dieguito River Park JPA
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Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Barnouw convened the meeting at 10:31a.m. at the San Rafael Parish, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo.

Individual introductions were made and a quorum was met with 16 members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes- May 3, 2019

Phil Pryde moved to approve the minutes of May 3, 2019 and Bill Michalsky seconded the motion. Liz Gabrych asked that the minutes be corrected as follows: Page 3 Interpretation Committee report sentence will read "The name suggestions were divided into three groups; person, natural feature, and vision/big picture." The minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair's Report – No report

Executive Director's Report –Executive Director McKernan reported that the JPA is in the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and that there have been some personnel changes; Ranger Jake Gibbs resigned and started a position at the Safari Park, Ranger Nate Collins was hired and comes from Black Sage Environmental. Ranger Felipe has been promoted to Ranger II inland and Ranger Hilary has been promoted to Ranger II at the Coast. Brenda Miller is working full time instead of 4/5th time. The JPA finished the 18-19 year under budget. Director McKernan showed a PowerPoint presentation of the 30th event and awarded Chair Barnouw a Donor of the Year award and a Certificate of Appreciation from Supervisor Jacob.

Public Comment –Linda Oster read two comments from the Del Dios Bulletin about mountain bike races on the trails in the Del Dios area and the rude behavior of the race participants. The races were believed to be Quick n’ Dirty bike races held on Thursday afternoons for 60-90 minutes. A lengthy discussion was held on the issues of the races in the Park. It was reported that some of the yield signs have been removed in the Del Dios area. Ranger David Hekel had asked that the San Diego Mountain Biking Association donate bell boxes in the area of the Del Dios Community Center and Hernandez Hideaway. The idea of warning bells or bikers yelling “bike on the right” was discussed to warn equestrians or walkers on the trails. Executive Director McKernan said JPA staff is always open to suggestions on how to better manage events and Ben Stone offered to speak with race promoter Victor with Quick n’ Dirty Races about the issues in the comments.

Pat Whitt commented how bad and dangerous traffic is on Via de la Valle from Surf Cup activities going on at the same time as the Fair. Sharon Fogg stated that she resides near the Surf Cup property and stated that the traffic is bad and if there was an emergency it would be terrible. Ms. Fogg said there is traffic and noise at all hours, many days including holidays, and that equestrian trails are blocked. The role of the CAC in the JPA was discussed. It was mentioned that letters of concern and code complaints should be sent by the CAC members to Councilwoman Barbara Bry’s office, Steve Hadley, to the Real Estate Assets Department, and to the 22nd DAA attn: Dustin Fuller. Maggie Brown reported that the Friends of San Dieguito River Valley appealed their lawsuit. Jeremy Blakespear passed around a copy of an email exchange between himself and Rob Haskell with Surf Cup regarding a request for Surf Cup to build the Coast to Crest Trail as stated in the Site Development Permit. Don Wendt shared that the County of San Diego has purchased a 123-acre parcel in the San Pasqual Valley east of Bandy Canyon, north of Old Survey Road that connects to the Grasslands.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports

- a. **Project Review Committee** – No report.
- b. **Trails Committee** – Carol Carr reported that the committee was asked by JPA staff to discuss ebikes on trails. Ebikes are being discussed by many of the JPA member agencies. The committee is beginning research on the subject, and has discussed signage and educating trail users. Ebikes are being rented in Del Mar and other coastal cities. Executive Director McKernan reported that he issued an internal memo stating that the JPA rules be consistent with JPA member agency rules regarding class 1 & 2 ebikes.
- c. **Interpretation Committee** – Liz Gabrych reported that the Interpretation Committee did not meet in June or July. Ms. Gabrych wrote the speeches for Supervisor Gaspar to award the scholarships to Justin Salazar and Rachel Mendelsohn. Ms. Gabrych said the committee will come up with a report listing names for CAC to vote on and take to the JPA. Renaming W19 will be added to the next CAC agenda.

2. Request for Lake Hodges Native Plant Club to Join the Citizens Advisory Committee with Judy LaVine as the Representative

Terry Badger made the motion to approve Lake Hodges Native Plant Club as a member of the CAC with Judy LaVine as the representative. Bill Michalsky seconded the motion. All in favor.

3. Request for Discussion on the Status of the Surf Cup/Polo Fields Trail Section

Jeremy Blakespear said a letter is being drafted to the JPA formally requesting that Surf Cup Sports begin work on the Surf Cup/Polo Field section of the Coast to Crest Trail September 16, 2019.

INFORMATION

4. Park Project Status (oral)

- a. **Ranger Station** - Executive Director McKernan reported that June 21, 2019 JPA Board meeting was held at the Ranger Station and that the doors are in.

5. Communications - Terry Badger said that the scholarships are super constructive and reported how appreciative Rachel Mendelsohn was to receive the scholarship.

Terry Badger made the motion to adjourn and Carol Carr seconded the motion.

Chair Barnouw adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.