

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of January 8, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Golich
Phil Pryde
Deborah DeBow
Don Wendt
Jeff Barnouw
Leonard Haynes
Karen Black
Ben Hillebrecht
Alice Brown
Terry Kopanski
Mid Hoppenrath
Dave Kreitzer
Bill Michalsky
Pat Whitt
Colleen Bradley
Arthur Schmitz
Jacqueline Winterer
Brant Bassett
Terry Badger

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
Audubon Society
California Native Plant Society
Equestrian - Ramona Trails Association
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Julian Community Planning Group
Lomas Serenas Property Owners
San Diego City Agricultural Advisory Board
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito Planning Group
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
Lake Sutherland Property Owner
Coastal Property Owner
Central Property Owner
Central 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

Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Golich convened the meeting at 10:34 a.m. at the San Rafael Parish. Office Manager Brenda Miller took the roll call. A quorum was met with 18 in attendance.

Approval of Minutes- November 6, 2015

A correction was made to the minutes of the November 6, 2015 meeting; Page 4, Agenda Item 4 Discussion of Process for Election of New Chair and Vice-Chair Positions for 2016 has been changed to read as follows:

Chair Golich stated that the CAC chair position is termed out following six years of service. Chair Golich asked for a nominating committee of three people to bring a slate of officers to the next meeting. It was mentioned that the Chair has to leave their existing CAC position and the vacant position must be filled by another person. The Chair does not have to be a CAC member

and must be approved by the JPA Board as a new JPA Board member. The CAC Vice-Chair position does not have a term limit and can retain their membership. The volunteers for the nominating committee are Jeff Barnouw, Cory Ha'o and Chair Golich.

Jacqueline Winterer moved to approve the minutes of November 6, 2015, with the changes noted above, and Jeff Barnouw seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chair Golich asked to switch the agenda order with the Executive Director's report before the Election of Officers.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director McKernan passed out a flier and invited all the members to the ribbon cutting event that will be held at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead February 8. The ribbon cutting will celebrate the completion of a County Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant project recommended by Supervisor Dave Roberts. New weather stations have been installed at the coast office and the main office. Executive Director McKernan reported that over five inches of rain has been recorded from the last storm and that the rangers have been diligently clearing drains and fixing trails. Horsepark Trail had major damage from the storm and Bandy Canyon had a mud issue.

Chair's Report – Chair Golich announced that two cards were being passed around the room for signatures. One card is for Margaret Schlesinger, who is seriously ill and requested to not have visitors. The other card is for Cory Ha'o as his father passed away.

Election of Officers Chair/Vice-Chair 2016 – Chair Golich reported that the committee of Tom Golich, Jeff Barnouw and Cory Ha'o met and Jeff Barnouw volunteered to be the Chair of the CAC for the next two years. The nominating committee recommended Jacqueline Winterer for the Vice-Chair position.

Phil Pryde seconded the nomination committee recommendation. Chair Golich stated that the recommendation of the Chair position will go to the JPA board for approval at the meeting January 15, 2016. There was no other discussion and no nominations from the floor. All in favor.

Public Comment

Dave Kreitzer asked if the CAC made a donation to the San Rafael Parish for the use of the meeting room. A donation of \$100 per year is being made.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports

a. Project Review Committee - Shawna Anderson reported that there was no meeting in December. Ms. Anderson said that the next meeting will be held January 25, 2016. Ms. Anderson stated that there is nothing new to report on the Polo Grounds proposal.

b. Trails Committee - The Trails Committee will meet Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

INFORMATION

2. Park Project Status (oral)

a. California Coastal Commission Public Hearing re: St. John Garabed Armenian Apostolic Church

Executive Director McKernan stated that this item is for information only as the City of San Diego has approved the project. Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the California Coastal Commission hearing will be held Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 9:00 am at the County Board of Supervisors office. The California Coastal Commission staff is recommending approval of the church project however, they are proposing that the church height be reduced by 35 feet and that the actual site plan be reconfigured so the tallest structure is at the back of the property. The California Coastal Commission gave the main reason for the height reduction as the impact to the river valley.

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson gave an update on the Coastal Ranger Station. The architect submitted the building permit application to the City of San Diego this morning. The JPA staff has the discretionary permits and just need the construction permit. Staff is working with engineers for a plan to bring the utilities to the site and Executive Director McKernan is working on funding. Staff does not have the cost estimate yet.

Terry Badger asked about the reconstruction of boardwalk. Shawna Anderson stated that 22nd DAA is selecting the contactor and that construction should begin in March. One of the first tasks will be to move dirt to the berm where the new trail will go. The donor plaques have been relocated to the section of the boardwalk that is being retained. JPA staff has been working with the City of Del Mar regarding the planks. A cost estimate to remove the boardwalk was listed in the proposal however it was for estimate purposes only and the JPA will not be paying this cost.

Bill Michalsky asked about the remaining trail to reach the beach. Shawna Anderson stated that there has been no progress regarding the trail, past the platform. Del Mar will not be removing the bridge and the City of Del Mar is installing a riprap blanket to protect the bridge. There is a plan to replace bridge at a later date. The double track north of Solana Beach work has begun and included in the plan is a trail under the tracks.

3. Communications –

Executive Director McKernan stated that we received a number of large donations at the end of 2015. David Leigh donated \$15,000 for the continuation of the Coast to Crest Trail. This funding has been set aside and thoughts are to use this for the Coast to Crest Trail in the Rancho Santa Fe area. Donations to the River Park are eligible as tax deductible donations.

Jeff Barnouw stated there are some advantages to donating to the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy which is a 501c3 organization. Shawna Anderson stated that staff has talked with the Property Manager of the Bill Gates property several times during the last few months regarding the .5 mile easement on this property. Ms. Anderson reported on the easement opportunities in the Rancho Santa Fe area, stating that the Rancho Santa Fe HOA easement has been recorded. Ms. Anderson continued to say that there are two additional private easements that have not been dedicated or recorded and that a third easement is owned by the County. JPA staff is working on all three easements which will extend the Coast to Crest Trail to connect to the Lusardi Open Space area which connects to San Dieguito Road.

Terry Badger thanked Chair Golich for the wonderful job he has done. Executive Director McKernan presented Chair Golich with a plaque thanking him for his six years of service as Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Chair Golich thanked everyone for being a part of the River Park.

Adjournment

Chair Golich adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

The next meeting will be February 5, 2016