

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of March 3, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Barnouw
Joe Esposito
Phil Pryde
Jan Fuchs
Diane Coombs
Linda Oster
Ed Greene
Jim Lyon
Liz Gabrych
Don Wendt
Ruth Coddington
Carol Carr
Alice Brown
Mid Hoppenrath
Brad Bartlett & Dave Kreitzer
Jessica Parks
Bill Michalsky
Pat Whitt
Jacqueline Winterer
Terry Badger
John Barone

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
American Society of Landscape Architects
Audubon Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Citizens Coordinate for Century 3
Del Dios Town Council
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Friends of Sikes Adobe
League of Women Voters
Ramona Trails Association
Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito Planning Group
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Santa Fe Irrigation District
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Coastal Property Owner
Central Property Owner
City of San Diego

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 Barnouw convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the San Rafael Parish. Roll call was taken. A quorum of 20 members were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes- January 6, 2017

Jacqueline Winterer moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2017 and Bill Michalsky seconded. All in favor.

Chair's Report

Chair Barnouw stated that the first page of the agenda looks good. He also said that many things are happening with the Interpretation Committee including the Founders Tribute to be discussed later in the meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director McKernan reported that the rangers are working many hours to repair the trails damaged by the last storm. Lake Hodges Reservoir is very full and the water level is almost to the top of the dam.

The JPA Budget subcommittee will meet next week to plan the budget for FY 17/18, which will be presented to the JPA board at their March meeting. Terry Badger asked if the San Diego reservoir system is full. John Barone talked about the water quality of Lake Hodges. Jessica Parks stated that water is being pumped from Lake Hodges to the Olivenhain Reservoir. On Wednesday water was pumped out of Lake Hodges to avoid it spilling over, and the water level is being monitored hourly. Lake Hodges water is organic and the water district is waiting for the organic matter in the water to settle before sending the water to other reservoirs. Ms. Parks stated that a goal is to fill the San Vicente dam.

Public Comment – No public comment

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports

a. Project Review Committee

Jan Fuchs reported that the committee met February 27. The committee discussed the project of Hacienda Del Mar. The proposed project is a 22 acre multi unit retirement facility. The property is under the rule of City of San Diego Proposition A, meaning that any change of the General Plan must go before City voters, unless applicants can show that the use is non-urban. The EIR has not been produced yet. The issue is who will define and what will be the definition of non-urban regarding character and scale of the project. The project is planned to include a 150-bed nursing facility. The design of the project is urban and institutional. With the widening of El Camino Real the PRC is questioning the amount of open space that will remain. Ms. Fuchs thanked Diane Coombs for providing a copy of the letter written by Jay Powell. The next meeting will be held March 20th.

b. Trails Committee

Carol Carr stated that there was no meeting in February and no report. The next meeting will be March 14th.

c. Interpretation Committee

Chair Barnouw stated that the Interpretation Committee has had one meeting and that the committee chair has not yet been selected. Anyone interested is welcome to join the committee. Chair Barnouw announced the list of members: Carol Carr, Tom Cook, Jeff Barnouw, Jacqueline Winterer, Liz Gabrych, Bill Michalsky, Dave Kreitzer, and Terry Badger. The Interpretation Committee will meet at 10:00 am on the same day that the Trails Committee meets at 12:30 pm. The next meeting will be March 14th. One of the items on the Interpretation Committee agenda is the Founders Tribute. Shawna Anderson reported that a Founders Tribute Committee was established to work with staff and the artists to design the Founders Tribute along the trail. The Founders Tribute Committee members are: Dave Roberts, Trish Boaz, Jacqueline Winterer, Art

Schmidt, Jeff Barnouw, Karen Berger, Diane Coombs, and Susan Carter. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8. A Request for Proposals has been sent to a wide group of artists with the deadline of Monday, March 6, 4:00 pm. The committee members will review the proposals and discuss the scope of work. The project must be finished by early February 2018. The project funding is from a County of San Diego NRP grant recommended by former Supervisor Dave Roberts. The project will be two parts; first a Founders Tribute next to the trail and second a video containing interviews with the story of the River Park. The artist's budget is \$30,000. The Request for Proposal is on the sdrp.org website under projects.

2. Park Project Status (oral)

a. Coastal Ranger Station

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that staff is getting ready to pull a permit for the whole project. The work will then be done in two phases. The first phase will be to bring in the utilities for the whole project, build the garage, and build the work yard. Phase two will be to build the office, meeting room, and restroom. As soon as the plans are completed for phase one, the request for bid will be sent out to a broad group of contractors.

b. Pamo Valley Trail

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that staff is in the process of getting the final permits to begin the project. The State of California is close to finalizing the contract and will then issue the grant. At this time staff is waiting for the grading permit.

c. Horse Park Trail

Executive Director Kevin McKernan reported that the last rain caused the river level to be even with trail. Rangers have built informal willow mattress structures on the trail and this has worked to build up the trail and stop the erosion into Horse Park. Unfortunately, the trail downstream is suffering erosion with the trail being taken out about half way through in some areas, going west. The rangers are planting willow along the bank. The 22nd DAA staff has been directed to apply for an amended coastal development permit from the Coastal Commission to fix the bank. The JPA will be working with Dustin Fuller at the 22nd DAA to amend the permit. The plans of a bridge are on hold at this time.

d. W19 Lagoon Restoration

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that this project is to restore wetlands on the property that the JPA owns, west of El Camino Real, the Boudreau property. It will be the restoration of 50-60 acres of tidal wetlands plus an additional 15 acres of brackish marsh, as mitigation for the City of San Diego's replacement of the bridge on El Camino Real. The JPA is the lead agency on the Draft EIR, currently being printed, and going out for public review March 9. There will be a 45 day public review period with a meeting scheduled for the first week of April. The CAC members will receive a notice of availability to view /or print the documents. The project is south of the river and the team has been working with SCE to make sure the project does not significantly impact the wetlands. The funding will be 100% from

SANDAG as mitigation for the North Coast Corridor I-5 widening project. The JPA will receive an endowment for long term management after the project is completed. The project is west of El Camino Real, east and west of the power line, and adjacent to the Edison restoration.

INFORMATION

3. Communications - Alice Brown with the San Dieguito Lagoon Committee reported that the 22nd DAA will hold a ribbon cutting in late April upon the completion of the South Overflow Lot restoration. JPA Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the JPA received a notification of a mitigated negative declaration being circulated for the proposed Nature Center at Santa Ysabel. Executive Director McKernan reported that a trail easement has been received for the Rancho Paseana property at the eastern edge of Fairbanks Ranch and off San Dieguito Road, next to the Polo Field segment. Diane Coombs stated that the Sikes Saturday Series is a wonderful series, the programs are fascinating and are exposing many people to Sikes Adobe for the first time. The program is funded by a \$7,000 County of San Diego Community Enhancement grant. Ms. Coombs also reported that Leana Bulay, Manager of Interpretation and Outreach, has done a wonderful job with the Watershed Explorer Program. Eight new docents are being trained for the WEP program. It was suggested that the incoming JPA board members be invited to take a tour of the river park.

Adjournment

Dave Kreitzer made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Alice Brown seconded. Chair Barnouw adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Next meeting will be April 7, 2017.