SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of May 5, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT
Jacqueline Winterer
Joseph Esposito
Deborah DeBow
Diane Coombs
Linda Oster
Don Wendt
Liz Gabrych
Ben Hillebrecht
Carol Carr
Mid Hoppenrath
Dave Kreitzer
Bill Michalsky
Colleen Bradley
Brant Bassett
Terry Badger

REPRESENTING
CAC, Vice Chair
American society of Landscape Architects
California Native Plant Society
Citizens Coordinate for Century 3
Del Dios Town Council
Equestrian - Ramona Trails Association
League of Women Voters
San Diego City Agricultural Advisory Board
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
San Dieguito Planning Group
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Sierra Club
Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
Central Property Owner
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VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT
Kevin McKernan
Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
Leana Bulay
Brad Bartlett
John Barone
Lorri Bradley
San Dieguito River Park JPA
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San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
City of San Diego
County of San Diego

Roll Call and Introductions
Vice-Chair Winterer convened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. at the San Rafael Parish. Roll call was taken with individual introductions. A quorum was met with 15 in attendance.

Approval of Minutes- March 3, 2017
Bill Michalsky moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2017 and Terry Badger seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chair’s Report

Executive Director’s Report
Public Comment

Executive Director McKernan passed out a draft letter written by JPA staff in support of the County Land Use Plan approved by the County Board of Supervisors. Lorri Bradley with the County of San Diego presented the issue. The California Coastal Commission changed the agreement to state that all new trails are to be pedestrian only. This would limit the possible connection to the Coast to Crest Trail. The reason for the change is to protect habitat. The County of San Diego is trying to work out a compromise. The California Coastal Commission hearing will be Thursday morning in the Board Chambers at the County Administration Center. The agenda item is 17A. The agenda can also be found at coastal.ca.gov. CAC members were encouraged to attend the hearing and/or send a letter or email. County staff Lorri Bradley and Deborah Mosley will attend the hearing. Diane Coombs will also be at the hearing to testify. A map was passed out showing the designated area. Bill Michalsky made a motion to approve the letter. Diane Coombs seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bill Michalsky announced the May 20th Lagoon Day Event from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports

   a. Project Review Committee

   Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the Project Review Committee met in April. The committee reviewed ongoing projects and discussed undergrounding of utilities in the area of El Camino Real. The 2012 SDG&E undergrounding plan showed that the utility line on JPA property would be undergrounded. Ms. Anderson is trying to get clarification on if this is still the plan. The 22nd DAA is re-circulating a Draft EIR addressing their Fairgrounds Master Plan Update as a result of a lawsuit brought by the Sierra Club. The issues addressed in the recirculated DEIR do not involve River Park issues. A separate lawsuit was filed by the cities of Del Mar and Solana Beach and the JPA. The second lawsuit, settled out of court involved lighting, a freeway readerboard sign, and other issues.

   b. Trails Committee

   Carol Carr reported that the committee members have made some good suggestions that will be brought to the CAC at a later date. The next meeting will be held Tuesday May 9 at 12:30 pm. Coastal Dust Devils have done a great job and the Lagoon trails look very good. Major progress has been made to remove wild mustard from the Lagoon area.
c. **Interpretation Committee**

Liz Gabrych reported that Interpretation Committee met for the first time on February 7. Ms. Gabrych was nominated committee chair and the committee reviewed projects. Projects that will be looked at in the future are a scholarship program, developing a master plan with short and long term goals, and locating the mileage markers in the River Park.

**INFORMATION**

2. **Park Project Status**

   a. **Coastal Ranger Station**
   Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the architects are working through the permit process at the City of San Diego. The plans will be drawn up for the two phases of work. After receipt of the plans, phase one bids will be solicited.

   b. **Pamo Valley Trail**
   Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that she will be going to the City of San Diego next week to pull the grading permit. County approvals have been received; and the grant and contract are in place. The JPA rangers will begin construction soon. A meeting will be held with City staff and the lessee before the project begins. Executive Director McKernan thanked Brian Albright and Deborah Mosely from the County for their help.

   c. **Horse Park Trail**
   Executive Director McKernan reported that the trail segment remains the same. The 22nd DAA directed their staff to develop an amendment to their Coastal Development permit to come up with solutions to secure the river bank. The willow mattress structure that volunteers and rangers applied over the winter was working.

   d. **W19 Lagoon Restoration**
   Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that twelve comment letters were received during the W-19 Draft EIR public review period. The consultants and SANDAG representatives are working together to prepare responses to comments and send the responses out for circulation. Staff has been working closely with Southern California Edison about their concerns.

   e. **Founders Tribute**
   Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the Founders Tribute Committee met. The review committee gave feedback to the artist regarding the concept sketches, which are being incorporated into a draft design. The design will be brought to the CAC in June or July. The medium is rock and silk screen tiles. Francine Filsinger, a videographer, has been hired to produce the Founders Tribute videography. JPA staff Kevin McKernan, Leana Bulay, and Shawna Anderson will take the artist and videographer on a tour to Volcan Mountain May 15th.
3. Communications

Executive Director McKernan announced that May 8 will be the technical review of the Lagoon by Southern California Edison at the Powerhouse 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. May 13 will be the Volunteer Appreciation Party at Surf Cup Sports Park with a tour of trail. A donation of $500 for beverages would be appreciated.

Adjournment

Vice - Chair Winterer adjourned the meeting at 11:09 AM

The next meeting will be June 2, 2017