

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of July 7, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jacqueline Winterer
Phil Pryde
Jan Fuchs
Linda Oster
Maggie Brown
Jim Lyon
Liz Gabrych
Donna Perry
Carol Carr
Charlie Jancic
Mid Hoppenrath
Dave Kreitzer
Bill Michalsky
Pat Whitt
Colleen Bradley
Terry Badger

REPRESENTING

CAC, Vice-Chair
Audubon Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Del Dios Town Council
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Friends of Sikes Adobe
League of Women Voters
Rancho Bernardo Planning Board
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
San Diego County Farm Bureau
San Dieguito Planning Group
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
Central Property Owner

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McKernan
Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
John Barone

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Roll Call and Introductions

Vice-Chair Winterer convened the meeting at 10:33 a.m. at the San Rafael Parish, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was met with 16 members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes- May 5, 2017

Bill Michalsky moved to approve the minutes of May 5, 2017 and Liz Gabrych seconded the motion.

Chair's Report- Vice-Chair Winterer – no report

Executive Director's Report – Kevin McKernan – no report

Public Comment

Terry Badger reported that at the recent Lomas Serenas Property Owners Board meeting the issue of a group drilling holes in invasive Mexican Fan Palm trees in Felicita Creek. The trees are dying and not being removed. Mr. Badger asked if the San Dieguito River Park should take action. Linda Oster said she only had knowledge of Eucalyptus tree removal. Ms. Oster said she would contact Stacey and find out more about this issue.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports

a. Project Review Committee

Jan Fuchs reported that the PRC met on site at the newly restored South Overflow Lot to review the trail in the area and to see the Boardwalk. Executive Director McKernan stated that the boards with the plaques and the viewing platform were relocated to a new place on the remaining boardwalk. Ms. Fuchs reported that the group also discussed the SANDAG double track and railroad platform project at the Fairgrounds. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson stated that approximately 10 new trail parking spaces have been installed and will be available, when the fair is not in session, on the new "bus lane" road between Jimmy Durante and the new Coast to Crest Trail segment.

b. Trails Committee

Carol Carr had no report. The question was brought up and discussion followed regarding the number of rattlesnakes on the trails and if it is an issue in the park this year. Executive Director McKernan stated that several rattlesnake warning signs are posted throughout the park and stated that the rangers are not trained or instructed in the removal of rattlesnakes. Carol Carr asked that every trailhead have the rattlesnake sign posted.

c. Interpretation Committee

Liz Gabrych reported that the newly formed Interpretation Committee has met twice and has formed a Scholarship Sub-Committee that will meet in the fall. The Interpretation Committee will meet Tuesday, July 11. Executive Director McKernan stated that the scholarships are for interns and students. A requirement of the scholarship is that the applicant must have previously volunteered for the River Park. Depending on the amount of scholarship, it may be eligible for two high school students and two college students.

INFORMATION

2. Park Project Status

a. Coastal Ranger Station

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the plans are with the City of San Diego for the final permit. After the plans are approved, the project will go out to bid. The first phase of the project will be the maintenance storage portion of the building. Executive Director McKernan reported that the Coastal storage shed was broken into and that many tools and equipment were stolen recently.

b. Pamo Valley Trail

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the rangers are preparing and ordering materials to begin the project construction soon.

c. W19

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that 12-15 comment letters on the Draft EIR were received and responses are being written. The final EIR with responses to all comments received will be provided to the commenters, CEQA findings will be prepared and the FEIR will then to the JPA Board for certification in October or November. After the CEQA certification, the project will go through the Coastal Permit process and is on schedule to begin work at the end of 2018.

d. Founders Tribute

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that she will update the Interpretation Committee at their meeting on July 11. The project is still in the draft phase. When the artist has completed the design, the drawings will be brought to the Interpretation Committee and then to the CAC for review and comment. The location of the tribute will be at the San Dieguito Lagoon, near the Birdwing and the Coast to Crest Trail.

Executive Director Kevin McKernan reported an update on the Horse Park Trail. At the location of the trail blow out willow mattress work was done on the river bank and it is growing great. The Coastal Commission told the 22nd District Agriculture Association that they will not entertain an amendment to the coastal permit and will not allow any riprap rock to be put on the river bank. Fill dirt had been put at the location on the trail by the 22nd DAA with no participation by the JPA and it is now solid and firm. The rangers will smooth out the dirt pile. The trail section from Horse Park to El Camino Real will be cleared and the trail closed signs will be removed.

7. Communications –

Maggie Brown reported that at the last Friends of San Dieguito River Valley meeting, representatives from the Hacienda Del Mar senior housing project spoke about the proposed project on the Milan property near Via de la Valle and El Camino Real. A trail is proposed on the west end of the property. A storm water treatment pond with the appearance of a salt marsh will be located between the trails and the development. Ms. Brown said the Friends of San Dieguito River Valley were pleased with what they heard and fear that if this project does not go in, the piece of property will be bought and used for parking by Surf Cup Soccer or 22nd District Agricultural Association. Vice-Chair Winterer announced the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy annual fundraiser October 8. Charlie Jancic asked about the Safari Highlands project. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson said the project is outside of the JPA's focused planning area and that we would not comment on it until more details were presented in the project EIR. Ms. Anderson said she will take a look at the EIR when it comes out. The project location is approximately 1000 acres above Safari Park. Maggie Brown reported on the lawsuit with the City of San Diego over the Surf Cup lease. The lawsuit has had hearings before two of the three CEQA judges. A third and final hearing will be held October 30. The issue is that there has never been an EIR done on the Surf Cup property.

There may or may not be a meeting on August 4.

Adjournment

Terry Badger made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Jan Fuchs seconded the motion. Vice-Chair Winterer adjourned the meeting at 11:37 AM