

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of September 8, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Barnouw
Phil Pryde
Deborah DeBow
Jan Fuchs
Diane Coombs
Linda Oster
Candy Bowman
Jim Lyon
Liz Gabrych
Dorothy McLin
Don Wendt
Ben Hillebrecht
Alice Brown
Terry Kopanski
Mid Hoppenrath
Bill Michalsky
Pat Whitt
Colleen Bradley
Arthur Schmitz
Brant Bassett
Jacqueline Winterer

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
Audubon Society
California Native Plant 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
Lomas Serenas Property Owners
Ramona Trails
San Diego Agricultural Advisory Board
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito Planning Group
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
Lake Sutherland Area
Central Property Owner
Coastal 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
John Barone	City of San Diego
Dwight Worden	San Dieguito River Park JPA Board Member
Meg Diss	County of San Diego Parks Department
Bob McClure	San Diego Zoo Safari Park

Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Barnouw convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the San Rafael Parish, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was met with 20 members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes- July 7, 2017

Jacqueline Winterer moved to approve the minutes of July 7, 2017 with a minor typo correction and Phil Pryde seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chair's Report-Chair Barnouw- no report.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Kevin McKernan welcomed the committee members and visitors. Director McKernan introduced the new Trail Patrol apps for Apple and android phones. Director McKernan thanked trail patroller Jack Boeschler and Kevin's daughter Jordan Carlson for volunteering their time to develop the apps. Director McKernan explained that when someone goes to the app store and enters a SDRP search, the app will be displayed. The app is free and can be used by anyone. All information will be geotracked. The android version can be obtained by contacting Ranger David Hekel. The apps are easy to use and provide more information with a lot of automated features. Director McKernan announced the I Love A Clean San Diego event that will be held Saturday, September 16 at the San Dieguito Lagoon. The River Park will be hosting stations for volunteers to collect trash, remove invasive plants, plant native plants and volunteers will meet at the San Andres staging area.

Public Comment- Phil Pryde circulated a flier reminding everyone to vote each day for the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy in the Earth 8 Ecoambassador campaign. The voting runs through September 19th and the link can be found on the Conservancy website.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports

a. Project Review Committee – Jan Fuchs reported that the next meeting will be held September 18th. A company proposing a resort development on a bluff over the beach in Del Mar will be making a presentation at the meeting. Diane Coombs brought up the topic of a SDG&E pipeline project. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson stated that this project has been reviewed by the PRC before. The project is in the Focused Planning Area, goes under the river, and follows the easement at the Mule Hill Trail. JPA staff has communicated that the JPA require the trail be restored to good condition when the project is done, that the interpretive panels are not to be harmed, and that the contractor coordinate with the JPA. Ms. Anderson has reviewed the environmental reports that have been presented and will review future reports as they become available. Ms. Coombs stated that Mission Trails is opposing this project and suggested that the JPA look at the project from the climate change impact in addition to the environmental impact. Ms. Anderson stated that the JPA has to follow the San Dieguito River Park Concept Plan and that the subject of climate change will be included in the PRC agenda. Liz Gabrych reported that there is an opportunity for public comment to the County Climate Action Plan. There was a discussion regarding how climate change and sea level rise affect the River Park. Principal Planner Anderson stated that sea level rise is considered on many JPA projects and that much of the park is in the flood plain. Ms. Anderson requested the contact information for a Climate Action Campaign representative, to possibly invite them to a future CAC meeting.

b. Trails Committee – the next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 12:30 p.m.

c. Interpretation Committee – Liz Gabrych reported that the committee met in July, determined the mission of the committee, established a drop box for documents, and created a Scholarship Sub-committee. The next Interpretation Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 10:30 a.m. The next Scholarship Sub-committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 13 at Viewpoint Brewery. One scholarship will be available for a high school student and one for a college undergrad student.

2. Discuss Blum Property Acquisition – Executive Director Kevin McKernan presented a diagram of the property location, stating that the property has been on the JPA priority acquisition list for many years. The purchase of this property will complete the San Dieguito River Park Sycamore Creek Preserve. The property is 6.5 acres. The terms of the purchase are: sale price \$210,000, \$30,000 down, 3% interest for

ten years, with equal annual payments of \$21,000. The JPA Board approved the purchase contingent upon an appraisal, a clear title report, and verification of the threat of development. The JPA Board approved the purchase and plans to use a donation from Freda Reid and unallocated funds from another project for the down payment, with the owner carrying a note for the balance of the purchase with no prepayment penalty. At the next JPA Board meeting, September 15, the JPA Board will vote on the final approval of the purchase. The property will be preserved open space property. Jim Lyon suggested that the property be re-zoned to open space. Director McKernan stated that Gnatcatcher habitat credit price is \$35,000 per acre. Deb DeBow made the motion to endorse the Blum property purchase. Bill Michalsky seconded the motion. All in favor.

3. Update on Founders Tribute- Principal Planner Shawna Anderson showed a PowerPoint presentation of the Founders Tribute. The idea began in 2014 with a CAC ad hoc committee that developed a list of founders and other important people and explored the idea of a tribute. In 2016 a County of San Diego NRP grant for \$47,000 was received to build a tribute and create a videography to inform Park visitors who started the River Park and why, and to inspire other communities to do the same. The Committee determined the site and is working with the artist and videographer on the project. The site is next to the trail that goes to the Birdwing. Ms. Anderson showed the list of criteria the Committee used, the list of the nine founder names, and the key roles list. Ms. Anderson also stated that the artist team chosen is Rude Calderon and Roberto Delgado, showed examples of the stone that will be used, and showed the conceptual mock-up with travertine and onyx, with the founder names on organic shaped tiles. The next step will be to present the final project to the Founders Tribute Committee and the CAC for approval. The project must be completed by February 2018. The videographer will be interviewing the people on the founders and key roles list. The video will be approx. 3-5 minutes long and will be displayed on the SDRP website and in the future ranger station. Linda Oster made a motion to endorse and approve the Founders Tribute as proposed and Candace Bowman seconded the motion. All in favor.

4. Discussion on Proposed Requests for Dedication Plaques- Executive Director Kevin McKernan reported that the JPA has received two dedication plaque requests. The first request is from previous office manager Jan Lines' family, in memory of her niece. The family would like to put a 4"X 6" plaque on an existing bench along the Lagoon Trail near I5. Deb DeBow made the motion to approve this request. Diane Coombs seconded the motion. All in favor. A member of the Conservancy Advisory Board asked if the JPA could do something in memory of Wolfgang Berger. Director McKernan suggested that perhaps the donor would like to establish a scholarship in the name of Wolfgang Berger.

5. Request from San Diego Zoo Safari Park to Rejoin the Citizens Advisory Committee- Bob McClure stated that for many years the Safari Park was a CAC member. It became difficult to attend the meetings and they asked to leave the CAC membership. Mr. McClure said that with more projects and issues coming into the San Pasqual Valley; Safari Highlands and ground water protection, the Safari Park wants to get up to speed with the CAC before his retirement in six months. Jacqueline Winterer moved to approve the request of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park for Citizens Advisory Committee membership and Deb DeBow seconded the motion. All in favor. There were many favorable comments.

INFORMATION

6. Park Project Status

a. Pamo Valley Trail – Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that Resources and Trails Manager Jason Lopez has been ordering materials and will begin work on September 18. A pre-construction meeting with the City of San Diego will be held next week. There will be updates after the project gets started and Mr. Lopez will be happy to schedule volunteer workers.

b. 22 DAA South Overflow Lot Restoration – Executive Director Kevin McKernan reported that the ribbon cutting was held July 15. The trail is nice and everyone is looking forward to future

vegetation. The restoration added 20 designated parking spots off of Jimmy Durante that are available to trail users, with the exception of during the fair and the horse races. Planting in the area will be done in the fall.

Jim Lyon requested an update on the Coast Ranger Station. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the architect is getting the building permit pulled at the City of San Diego. The original two bidders will be asked to bid on phase one of the project and the JPA will be asking for design build bids with a budget amount. Phase one will bring infrastructure to the site, build the garage and close off the building until phase two can be built. Director McKernan said thank you to Carol Carr for her donation to help buy more tools after the theft in June. Executive Director stated that all construction costs are higher than they were two years ago. Jacqueline Winterer asked for the costs of the Ranger Station. Director McKernan said phase one will cost approximately \$500,000 and the total project price is \$1,500,000.

7. Communications – Dwight Worden said that as a member of the JPA Board, the CAC is awesome and the life blood of the whole operation.

Adjournment – Chair Barnouw adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.