

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes of December 6, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tom Golich  
Phil Pryde  
Jan Fuchs  
Linda Oster  
John Degenfelder  
Jeff Barnouw  
Jack Shelver  
Margaret Schlesinger  
George Leitner  
Chris Livoni  
Ben Hillebrecht  
Carol Carr  
Bob McClure  
Alice Brown  
Mid Hoppenrath  
Bill Michalsky  
Pat Whitt  
Colleen Bradley  
Arthur Schmitz  
Jacqueline Winterer  
Terry Badger

**REPRESENTING**

CAC, Chair  
Audubon Society  
Carmel Valley Planning Board  
Del Dios Town Council  
Equestrian - Ramona Trails Association  
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley  
Julian Community Planning Group  
League of Women Voters  
Rancho Bernardo Comm. Planning Board  
Rancho Santa Fe Assoc.  
San Diego City Agricultural Advisory Board  
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition  
San Diego Zoo Safari Park  
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee  
San Dieguito Planning Group  
Sierra Club  
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group  
Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation  
Eastern Property Owner  
Coastal Property Owner  
Central Property Owner

**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Susan Carter	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Shawna Anderson	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Jan Lines	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Dustin Fuller	22 <sup>nd</sup> Ag District.

**Roll Call and Introductions**

Chair Golich convened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. at the San Rafael Parish, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo.

Deputy Director Susan Carter took the roll call. A quorum was met. 20 in attendance

Approval of Minutes- September 6, 2013- Jacqueline Winterer moved to approve the minutes of September 6, 2013 and Bill Michalski seconded. All in favor

Chair's Report- Chair Golich was not at the September JPA meeting so his alternate, Jacqueline Winterer, reported about the meeting which was held at the River Park office. Ms. Winterer said that discussion on the future goals for the River Park along with land acquisition, lagoon restoration and plans for the Sikes Adobe Farmstead. A discussion included the new project, citizen science, along with ideas to expand education and to complete the trails system. In the lagoon area the Open Air Classroom is being constructed and Director Bobertz reported that 8 additional rangers would be needed to maintain the park in the future. Ms. Winterer said that the member agency contribution has been restored by the City of San Diego and a new member agreement was being signed by each agency for the next 25 years. There is a revenue source in cell towers but there has been some resistance by neighborhoods near the cell tower site.

Chair Golich reported that the October JPA meeting, the JPA Board approved the award for the construction of the Open Air classroom but we did not have enough funding for the Birdwing shade structure. Supervisor Roberts said he would propose to the Board of Supervisors to fund the additional monies to complete the project from his Neighborhood Reinvestment funds. Mr. Golich said that the Old Santa Ysabel Barn behind the general store is being acquired by SOHO with the assistance of the JPA, and the JPA will be able to use it for events and programs at no cost.

Executive Director's Report- Deputy Director Carter, filling in for Executive Director Bobertz, said that the Old Santa Ysabel Barn will be in the ownership of SOHO who will pay for the building and restore it. The Lagoon Ranger Building will be constructed from SCE monies that are received each year for the next 10 years. We have a new revised JPA Agreement as the old one will expire in June 2014. She said that the agreement is being circulated to each member agency for approval and signature. Ms. Carter said that on the Bernardo Mountain cell tower issue, there appears to be strong resistance from the community so it is not known if ATT will pursue it, but if they do it is unlikely that staff would support it.

Jacqueline Winterer said that she is very much in agreement of having cell towers in the event of an emergency on the trail system because sometimes there is no coverage in rural areas.

Chair Golich suggested that we look for funding and have a sub-committee established to set criteria to look at potential cell tower use on our properties.

Public Comment- None

## DISCUSSION/ACTION

### 1. Committee Reports

- a. Project Review Committee- Jan Fuchs said that the PRC has been working on the I-5 widening and the Coastal Commission issue at the Fairgrounds. The Via de la Valle widening was reviewed by the Carmel Mountain Planning Board. She said that the equestrians at Horsepark were concerned about encroachment of the road into the Horsepark property. This widening is taking right of way from the

Horsepark and the Vet clinic and this will include a dirt trail. Jan said that the Carmel Valley Board voted to recommend denial of the project.

- b. Trails Committee- Carol Carr said that the Trails Committee has found a trail near Lake Sutherland but there is a potential problem in that turkey hunting is allowed and this could be a danger to trail users. Recently three equestrians rode the alignment area and gave some insight into the potential trail. The Trails Committee has been reading the guidelines for City of San Diego land so that they are better informed as to how to proceed. Ms. Carr said that volunteer trail patrols have increased with the addition of the newly established Mountain Bike Patrol. Ranger Bulay has requested that any volunteers (including CAC members) email her any articles of interest or experiences in the park that they have had. These items may be included in the Park's e-newsletter.
2. Appointment of Nominating Committee for Officers (Chair Golich-oral)- Chair Golich said that he has appointed Bill Michalski as chair of the Nominating Committee and asked for two more volunteers to serve with Bill. Phil Pryde, Jeff Barnouw and Pat Whitt volunteered and were appointed to serve with Bill on the committee. The committee will announce their proposed candidates at the February 2014 meeting.
3. Lagoon Viewpoint at Grand Avenue Bridge-Photo Display of Restoration and Interpretive Panels- Jacqueline Winterer gave a Powerpoint presentation and report on the history of the Grand Avenue Bridge and how it was saved from demolition with help from the Friends of the River Valley . The Lagoon Viewpoint at the Old Grand Avenue Bridge is now a wonderful place to enjoy nature and learn about its history.
4. Report on I-5 Widening EIR responses to JPA comments- Shawna Anderson said that the final EIR has come out and Caltrans' preferred alternative has not changed and the A plus 4 version at the lagoon bridge will be widened 40 feet. The trail will not be impacted but the pilings will be demolished. There might be some temporary closures of our trail system and they are adding a north/south bike path which we requested be connected to the Coast to Crest trail. We have requested that the trail near the freeway be beautified at the undercrossing. They will be appointing a liaison from Caltrans to work with the River Park to keep us informed during the construction.  
  
Pat Whitt stated that several cars have gone off the road near the lagoon and she was concerned about the potential for increased fuel spills and destruction of habitat.
5. Report on Coastal Commission re Ag district Coastal Development Permit Application- Shawna Anderson reported on the two Coastal Commission meetings on the Fairground CDP. The River Park and many others testified about our concerns and proposed compromises to save some of the wetlands in the east overflow lot (EOLO. The Coastal Commission approved the CDP for 10 years which included the planned activities on the

EOL and a second racing season. Dustin Fuller from the Ag District explained their plans for Phase I wetland restoration of the south overflow lot which they plan to begin next week.

6. Park Project Status

- a. Lagoon Open Air Classroom- - Deputy Director Carter reported that we have a contractor working on the cement seating and we had a bid opening yesterday and we will be awarding the steel shade structure contract at the next JPA meeting.
  - b. Lighting on David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge- Deputy Director Carter stated that a decision has been made to install solar panels again with antitheft devices and at the request of Boardmember Diaz, we will be putting on holiday lights this year. The holiday lighting cost will be reimbursed by SDGE. We received a grant for \$8000 from the Rancho Bernardo Foundation to help with the costs for the solar panels.
  - c. Sikes Adobe Creamery- Deputy Director Carter said that the JPA received a grant of \$25,000 from Supervisor Dave Roberts and we have had the adobe bricks installed by a masonry instructor and his class. The walls are done and the contractor will be constructing the roof. It was reported that a roofing contractor will install the shingles on the double roof pro bono.
7. Communications- Ms. Anderson stated that the Polo Field issue is ongoing but they have not received all their permits to proceed.

Colleen Bradley reported on the Volcan Mountain Preserve efforts.

Next meeting in February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment

Chair Golich adjourned the meeting at 12:05