

SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK

JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Minutes of January 19, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Grosch – Chair
Dwight Worden
Olga Diaz
Mark Kersey
Dianne Jacob
Judy Hegenauer
Jeff Barnouw
Dustin Fuller

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kristin Gaspar – Vice-Chair
Barbara Bry

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McKernan
Wayne Brechtel
Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
Justin Carver
David Vidal
John Barone
Bill Michalsky
Jacqueline Winterer
Dallas Pugh
Adam Wilson
Steve Hadley
Alice Brown
Trish Boaz

REPRESENTING

City of Poway
City of Del Mar
City of Escondido
City of San Diego
County of San Diego
City of Solana Beach
Citizens Advisory Committee
22nd District Agricultural Association

REPRESENTING

County of San Diego
City of San Diego

San Dieguito River Park JPA
JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
Councilman Kersey's staff
San Dieguito River Park JPA
City of San Diego
Sierra Club
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
County of San Diego, Parks Dept.
Supervisor Jacob's staff
Councilmember Bry's staff
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Grosch convened the meeting at 11:00 AM in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Grosch invited all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of September 15, 2017

Boardmember Barnouw made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2017. Boardmember Worden seconded the motion. Two minor corrections were reported and will be corrected in the record.

Yes votes: Grosch, Worden, Jacob, Barnouw, Hegenauer, Kersey

Absent: Gaspar, Diaz, Bry

Executive Directors Report

Executive Director McKernan reported on a PowerPoint presentation that the JPA had no workers' compensation claims in fiscal year 16-17. Photos were shown of the Barnouw Bridge dedication and the property recently added to the Sycamore Preserve. Director McKernan reported the Operating and Coast Budget snapshots; cash balance amounts, list of current projects, endowment balances for 12/31/2017, and the quarterly recap by jurisdiction. Executive Director McKernan also showed the steps involved in creating the San Dieguito River Park JPA annual budget. There was a discussion of the return rates on the endowment accounts. The actual rates of return can be provided at a future board meeting.

Public Comment- no public comment

ACTION AGENDA

1. Discussion Regarding JPA Board Alternates

Chair Grosch brought up the discussion of board alternates and asked for Board Members or alternates to attend all Board meetings. It was suggested that a survey be done of the members and alternates to determine a better meeting time convenient for the majority of members. The meeting time discussion will be placed on a future agenda.

2. Budget/Administration/Policy Committee Discussion (Chair Grosch – Boardmember Worden)

Chair Grosch recalled the July evaluation of Executive Director McKernan. Chair Grosch, Boardmember Worden and Director McKernan have met since then. Agenda items 4 and 5 were the result of the meetings. The JPA Board wants processes in place for the good of the JPA. The Budget/Administration/Policy Committee would like to review and compare salaries of JPA staff, be available to meet with Director McKernan in off months, and will reach out to the Conservancy. The Committee will also consider if the JPA should have a reserve policy. Boardmember Worden thanked Director McKernan for preparing the budget diagram stating that it was helpful in understanding the process. Director McKernan shared that the personnel budget is made in March and performance reviews are done later in the year with increases beginning July 1.

3. Election of JPA Board Officers, 2018

Chair Grosch reported that he had talked to Vice-Chair Gaspar about serving another year. Boardmember Worden said that having the chair and vice-chair serve for two years may help with continuity between the JPA Board and JPA staff. The topic of changing chair and vice-chair positions to two years will be added to the next agenda.

Boardmember Worden made the motion to appoint Dave Grosch for chair of the JPA and Kristin Gaspar as vice-chair for the next year. Boardmember Jacob seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Grosch, Worden, Jacob, Barnouw, Diaz, Hegenauer, Kersey

Absent: Gaspar, Bry

Boardmember Jacob made the motion that the Budget/Administration/Policy Committee members will be Chair Grosch, Boardmembers Diaz, Gaspar, and Worden. Boardmember Diaz seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Grosch, Worden, Jacob, Barnouw, Diaz, Hegenauer, Kersey

Absent: Gaspar, Bry

4. Review Draft Policy No. P18-01 Annual Personnel Budget Process

Executive Director McKernan introduced the item and asked the Board Members to review this original draft. Boardmember Diaz asked if there was a formal process in place for employee wage comparison. Director McKernan asked to see the process that the City of Escondido uses for wage comparisons.

5. Review Draft Policy No. P18-02 Evaluation of the Executive Director

Boardmember Jacob moved to adopt P18-01 and P18-02. Boardmember Worden seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Grosch, Worden, Jacob, Barnouw, Diaz, Hegenauer, Kersey

Absent: Gaspar, Bry

6. Resolution Approving the Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund Project

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson introduced the request to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for Park Maintenance Facility project at the Coast. The application is due February 5 and approval of CEQA Compliance Memo is necessary to file. The grant would pay 50% of the building cost and staff is asking for a \$640,000 grant. The total project cost estimate is \$1.1 - \$1.2 million. The grant decision will be made in the Fall of this year and the grant will be approved retroactively. The JPA will be bidding phase one of the project soon with a cost estimate to build the infrastructure, garage, and work yard.

Boardmember Worden made the motion to approve the resolution for Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund Project. Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Grosch, Worden, Jacob, Barnouw, Diaz, Hegenauer, Kersey

Absent: Gaspar, Bry

7. Board Approval to Endorse SB5 The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018

Director McKernan introduced the agenda item for board approval of SB5 that will be voted on June 18. It is the first Parks bond since 2002 and requests the board to endorse the bond. The Board Members discussed the issue and would like to speak with their departments. Principal Planner Anderson reported that the JPA has benefited from this bond in the past, as it is being used to build the Pamo Valley Trail. The topic will be continued to the next meeting.

INFORMATION

7. Project Status Updates

a. Founders Tribute

Principal Planner Anderson said that good progress is being made. An extension of the grant was received from the County. All filming has been completed and the artwork is in fabrication.

b. Pamo Valley Trail

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that trail building of the Pamo Valley Trail is going well.

c. Coastal Ranger Station

Principal Planner Anderson stated that the status of the Coastal Ranger Station was discussed under agenda item 6.

d. Surf Cup and Fairbanks Ranch Trail Segment

Director McKernan reported that Surf Cup has surveyed the trail and brought on a consultant to help them secure permits and construct the trail. JPA staff is staying in contact with the Surf Cup representative.

Director McKernan continued to report on the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club segment on the other side of the San Dieguito River. An easement on private property was received last year, however there is a gap on the City property. The Coast to Crest trail could be precluded at this location. The County property is at Morgan Run Golf Course and JPA staff is pursuing an option here as well. JPA staff has

been working with the City of San Diego staff, John Barone and Steve Hadley both in attendance today, to eventually connect this section of the trail.

8. Coordination Reports

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy – no report
- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley - Jacqueline Winterer asked for clarification on agenda item #6. Director McKernan stated that the JPA has enough money at this time to build phase one of the Coastal Ranger Station and the grant request for \$640,000 would pay for phase two. The total project cost estimate is \$1.2 million.
- c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation- no report
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee- Alice Brown reported that the committee met and discussed continuing the trail to the beach for all users and she announced that the annual Lagoon Day will be held April 21.
- e. Friends of Sikes Adobe- Director McKernan announced that reservations are being accepted for the annual Valentine's Tea and that a volunteer training event will be held March 31. Director McKernan also reported that as of Dec. 31, almost 3000 hours volunteer time had been recorded for 2017.

9. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Boardmember Fuller reported that phase 2 of the restoration project is being done with amending the soil and planting. Boardmember Barnouw reported that the CAC discussed the San Diego Mountain Biking gravity loop proposal on Forest service land in Pamo Valley and stated the biggest concern is parking. Boardmember Worden reported that the City of Del Mar has pioneered the study of sea level rise and will study the impact on habitat in the San Dieguito Lagoon and trails.

10. Communications

Chair Grosch announced the next meeting will be held in March. Boardmember Jacob requested that a presentation from County Parks re: Santa Ysabel Nature Center be added to a future agenda.

Chair Grosch adjourned the meeting at 12:13 pm

These minutes approved by Board Action

5/11/18

Date



Executive Director