

SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK

JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Minutes of July 20, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Grosch - Chair
Dwight Worden
Olga Diaz
Judy Hegenauer
Jeff Barnouw
Dustin Fuller

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kristin Gaspar – Vice-Chair
Barbara Bry
Mark Kersey
Dianne Jacob

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McKernan
Wayne Brechtel
Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
Bill Michalsky
Steve Hadley
John Barone
Jacqueline Winterer
Crystal Benham
Trish Boaz
Brad Bartlett

REPRESENTING

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

REPRESENTING

County of San Diego
City of San Diego
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San Dieguito River Park JPA
JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
Sierra Club
San Diego City Council District 1
City of San Diego
Friends of the San Dieguito Lagoon
County of San Diego, Parks Dept.
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Grosch convened the meeting at 11:38 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 May 18, 2018

Boardmember Hegenauer made the motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2018 and Boardmember Worden seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Grosch, Hegenauer, Worden, Barnouw, Diaz
Absent: Gaspar, Jacob, Bry, Kersey

Executive Directors Report

Executive Director Kevin McKernan reported that a donation of ten \$10 Petco gift cards was received. The gift cards were distributed to the rangers. The rangers then rewarded responsible dog owners for keeping their dogs on leash and picking up after their dogs. It was fun for the rangers to surprise tail users and the program is now named Caught Being Good. Donations of this kind are welcomed to keep the program going. Boardmember Worden mentioned the possibility of changing the wetland restoration project from W-19 to another name. Jacqueline Winterer offered a proposal to change the name to Portolá Wetlands. The proposal is being reviewed by the Interpretation Committee. The issue of ebike use in the Park is being researched and looked into. JPA staff will continue to research this topic, find out what the local jurisdiction rules are, and consider the alternative transportation aspect. The JPA Park rules state no motorized vehicles except emergency vehicles or "other power-driven mobility devices" (OPDMD) used by individuals with mobility disabilities are allowed on the River Park Trails. The ebike issue will continue to be discussed at the Trails Committee meetings until a resolution is found. Director McKernan said this meeting was being dedicated in memory and honor of Max Kiltz, the original "Dust Devil".

Public Comment – No public comment.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Review FY 2017-2018 Year End Budget Status

Executive Director McKernan presented the fiscal 2017-2018-year end budget status. Revenues were under budget by \$17,060, expenses were under budget by \$2,624, creating a budget deficit of \$14,436. In addition the JPA had unanticipated income of \$57,391 from donations, events, and FEMA funding of \$30,000 making a net surplus of \$42,955. The Coast budget is on track, the fund cash balances are good and all of the member agencies except two have paid the FY 18-19 member assessments. The board members discussed the unfilled ranger position.

Boardmember Barnouw made the motion to accept and file the FY 2017-2018 Year End Budget status report. Boardmember Worden seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Grosch, Hegenauer, Worden, Barnouw, Diaz
Absent: Gaspar, Jacob, Bry, Kersey

2. Discuss Potential of Holding October 19, 2018/or November 16, 2018 Board Meetings in Del Mar

Boardmember Worden introduced this agenda item by saying that the City of Del Mar has a new Civic Center and Town Hall and wanted to invite the board to meet at the new Del Mar City Hall. Boardmember Worden made the motion to authorize JPA staff to schedule the October or November 2018 meeting in Del Mar. JPA staff will send an email to the JPA email list to notify them of the meeting location change.

Yes votes: Grosch, Hegenauer, Worden, Barnouw, Diaz
Absent: Gaspar, Jacob, Bry, Kersey

3. Discuss CAC Recommendations and Actions

- **Review of 22nd District Agricultural Association Kehoe Trail Dedication**

Boardmember Barnouw reported that five interpretive plaques will be installed in the new restoration area of the Lagoon. Boardmember Barnouw and Boardmember Fuller reported that the 22nd District Agricultural Association Board of Directors agreed at their Dec. 17, 2013 meeting to name part of the Coast to Crest Trail after the former State Senator Christine Kehoe. It will be called the Senator Christine Kehoe Trail and Wetland Buffer. The 22nd DAA informed the JPA as a courtesy. A dedication is planned for September 8. This agenda item is informational only and no action will be taken.

4. Discuss Potential Meeting with San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy Board Members (Chair Grosch)

Chair Grosch introduced the agenda item, as it was part of a Budget subcommittee discussion. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy Board President, Brad Bartlett has met with JPA Board Chairman Dave Grosch once. A second meeting with three board members from both groups, and the CAC chair will be planned. The meeting will be informal to discuss issues or concerns, future trail considerations, and the most current, 2014 MOU. A small August meeting will be planned.

Brad Bartlett, President of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy said he thinks the idea of getting acquainted is a good idea. The SDRVC has a fifteen member board. The board enjoys the privilege to partner with the JPA and also appreciates the monthly JPA/SDRVC coordination meetings. The SDRVC emphasis this year will be filling the gaps and is the theme of the River Valley Fest that will be held October 14.

The board discussed the issue and decided that the first meeting will be informal with members only, no staff and not open to the public. This first meeting is planned to last no longer than two hours, will be located in North County, will be planned for the second half of August, at a location to be determined. The Del Mar City Hall was offered as a meeting location. Chair Grosch asked JPA office manager Brenda Miller to assist with setting up the meeting.

5. Coastal Ranger Station Bid Results

Executive Director McKernan displayed the results of the Coastal Ranger Station bids. The JPA had a construction estimate for phase one of \$500,000 and an estimate for the entire project of \$1,200,000. Bids were received from six contractors on phase one or the entire project. The bids for phase one were \$800,000 to \$1,300,000 and for the entire project \$1,600,000 to \$2,200,000. The JPA has \$500,000 on hand for this project and Executive Director McKernan asked the board to authorize staff to apply to the County of San Diego for a \$300,000 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant. Phase one of the project is to build the maintenance bay garage, bringing utilities to the site, site prep, and the work yard.

JPA staff is able to do the landscaping and will save approximately \$100,000. The JPA has until January 2019 to pull the building permit. Financing options were discussed and the importance of doing due diligence to make sure the bids are complete for the project. The board determined that step one is to vet the \$800,000 bid from Wier Construction for building phase one. JPA staff is to verify how long the bids for phase one and the whole project are good for, figure out how to finance phase one of the project and report to the Board in the month of August. If the bid is still good in September, then enter into a contract

to build phase one. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy stated that they would consider assisting in a capital campaign to raise funds.

Boardmember Worden made the motion to vet the \$800,000 bid, identify financing options, and authorized staff to apply for any funding sources they believe would be possible, including working with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy with the findings to be brought back to the board on August 17. Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion.

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

Absent: Gaspar, Jacob, Bry, Kersey

INFORMATION

6. Project Status Updates

a. Founders Tribute – Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the Founders Tribute video is complete and that a screening party will be held at the PowerHouse in Del Mar on August 29. The art piece has been fabricated and will be installed in August. An unveiling is planned.

b. Pamo Valley Trail – Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the trail tread is completed. The staging area, fencing, gates, and two bridges will be done soon. The opening will be held later this year.

7. Coordination Reports

a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy- Trish Boaz reported that a video is being done regarding filling in the gaps of the Coast to Crest Trail. Ms. Boaz reported on other events being sponsored by the Conservancy including the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge and the Exploring Our Sense of Place program.

b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley- No Report

c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation- No Report

d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee-No Report

e. Friends of Sikes Adobe- No Report

8. Jurisdictional Status Reports- Boardmember Fuller offered an apology to Ranger Hilary for the behavior of a sub-consultant and stated this individual is no longer working on the project. Executive Director McKernan thanked Mr. Fuller. Mr. Fuller will meet with Marathon Construction to install bollards near the restoration site, and stated that the 22nd DAA is starting a storm water project. The Coastal Cleanup is scheduled for September 15. Boardmember Barnouw reported that at the June 1, 2018 CAC meeting Jan Fuchs made the motion and Ed Spaeth seconded the motion: the CAC endorses the JPA letter sent to the Forest Service May 22, 2018 with the stipulation that the issues expressed in the letter must be addressed before the project can be fully supported by the JPA. Boardmember Worden reported that phase three of River Path Del Mar from Grand Avenue Bridge to Crest Canyon is in the study and analysis phase. Trish Boaz reported that the SDRVC will fund \$30,000 in studies for environmental review process of the River Path Del Mar with grant monies. Del Mar is doing project study of railroad crossings. Executive Director McKernan stated that the event dates are published in the Riverscape newsletter, on the sdrp.org website and on the monthly event flyer.

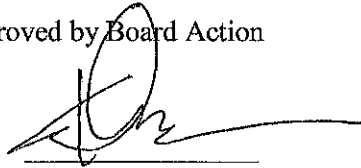
9. Communications - None

Chair Grosch adjourned the meeting in memory and honor of Max Kiltz, the original Dust Devil at 12:55 p.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

9/21/2018

Date

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Executive Director