

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of April 17, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pam Slater-Price Chair
Betty Rexford Vice-Chair
Olga Diaz
Richard Earnest
Dave Roberts
Dianne Jacob
Sherri Lightner
Carl DeMaio
Phil Pryde
Becky Bartling

REPRESENTING

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

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel	JPA Counsel
Dick Bobertz	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Susan Carter	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Shawna Anderson	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Jan Lines	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Freda Reid	San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Jacqueline Winterer	Friends of the San Dieguito River Park
Ray Kelly	Resident of Lomas Serenas
Tim Ristine	Resident of Lomas Serenal
Cheryl Goddard	County of San Diego Parks and Rec. Dept.
Bill Proffer	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Craig Adams	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Slater-Price convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101.

Boardmember Pryde introduced the CAC members in attendance as Jacqueline Winterer, Freda Reid, Craig Adams and Bill Proffer.

Approval of Minutes

Boardmember Rexford made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20th, 2009 and Boardmember Roberts seconded the motion. Boardmember Lightner asked that the "She" on page 3 last paragraph be changed to reflect Boardmember Lightner. Minutes approved as amended, all in favor.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Bobertz reported that we have been very active in the River Park and had 65 individuals plant cactus near Bernardo Mountain, 22 people attended a bird watching class event and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we took part at the lagoon for 600 Del Mar school children to teach them about the environment. We participated by showing the children how to make seed balls that are thrown out into their gardens and the flowers will bloom this summer. Mr. Bobertz said that we will be participating in Earth Fair on April 19 and our annual Supporter Appreciation day will be on May the 9th.

Public Comment- None

CONSENT

1. Adopt Resolution Applying for SANDAG Bicycle/Pedestrian Grant Funds
Recommendation: Adopt the attached draft resolution applying for grant funds from SANDAG for the Lake Hodges Bikeway Access Phase 2: West Bernardo Bike Path and Cantilever.
2. Award Contract for First Phase Design of Lagoon Nature Center
Recommendation: Award Contract to Roesling Nakamura and Terada Architects, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract and other documents as may be necessary.

Boardmember Roberts made a motion to approve the consent items and Boardmember Rexford seconded. All in favor

ACTION AGENDA

3. Work Program for Fiscal Year 2009/2010
Recommendation: Adopt Attached Draft Work Program for FY 09/10
Director Bobertz said that the work program is linked with the budget and the budget was significantly reduced because there are no salary increases and the endowment contribution was suspended. Most significantly, existing staff have been shifted into new income-producing activities instead of hiring new staff. Normal duties of those staff must be deferred until economic conditions improve sufficiently to allow member agencies to support new staff.
4. Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010
Recommendation: Adopt Attached Budget and Salary Schedule.

It was noted that at last month's meeting the proposed budget had been looked at closely, and the Boardmembers had requested time to check with their respective agencies as to whether the budget, with its 14% decrease in member agency assessments would be supported.

Boardmember Roberts made a motion to approve the work program and budget and Boardmember Rexford seconded. All in favor

5. Informed Consent re: Attorney Services : Counsel Brechtel said that he is working for SANDAG on some projects and felt it necessary to disclose the fact that he works for both our organization and SANDAG on related projects but not the same project.

Boardmember Earnest made a motion to accept this information and authorize the Executive Director to sign the letter of informed consent as requested, and Boardmember Roberts seconded. All in favor.

6. Memorandum of Agreement with Southern California Edison
Recommendation: Approve Draft Trails Management Agreement and Authorize the Executive Director to Execute it.

Director Bobertz said that this agreement with Southern California Edison will be for a ranger at the lagoon along with the purchase of a vehicle. Deputy Director Carter said that we are planning to implement this agreement over a two year transition period. She explained that this agreement will bring in \$169,000 to our budget next year of which \$106,00 will go to salaries. In the future it will be about \$200,000 each year which SCE will pay in quarterly payments.

Boardmember Roberts made a motion to approve this agreement and Boardmember Rexford seconded. All in favor.

Chair Slater-Price asked Boardmember Earnest about the no fishing signs at the Grand Avenue Bridge in Del Mar. Boardmember Earnest said that the city ordinance will be modified by their council to keep fisherman off the outlook at the Grand Ave. Bridge.

7. Award Contract for last Segment of Del Dios Gorge Trail
Recommendation: Award Contract to the lowest responsible bidder as reported at today's meeting, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract and other documents as may be necessary. (This item was withdrawn)

8. Monument Design for Lake Hodges Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge
Recommendation: Approve Monument Design as Proposed for Lake Hodges Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge and Authorize Executive Director to Proceed with Implementation.

Deputy Director Carter said that on page 81 is a diagram of what the monuments on Lake Hodges Bridge will look like. Ms. Carter said there will be two monuments, one on each end of the bridge with the wording on one side "David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge" and the other side will recognize the San Dieguito River Park and list the designer, contractor and funding sources. Boardmember Lightner urged staff to go with layout Option B.

Boardmember Roberts made a motion to approve option B of the diagram and Boardmember Pryde seconded. All in favor

9. Committee Reports

- a. Land Use Committee: Rancho Santa Fe Polo Fields Site Development Permit- Shawna Anderson said the Land Use Committee met to discuss the new site permit application by the polo club. This item has been discussed for many years and our efforts to have the Polo Club recognize the San Dieguito River Park trail segment as part of their lease has not been successful. Chris Collins, representing the Polo Club was in attendance at the Land Use Committee meeting and proposed a new solution that would give the River Park a ten-foot-wide trail, and have the equestrians share the trail with the Polo ponies while they cool-down. This is not acceptable to the River Park. Under conditions of the Polo Club lease they are required to restore the trail segment that they have tilled and made into their cool down area for polo ponies. The Polo Club is now proposing that a fence would be placed between the cool down track and the trail users. Ms. Anderson said that our goal now will be to meet with the City of San Diego's Mayor, Councilmember Sherri Lightner, City of San Diego Development Services along with Real Estate Assets on site to work out these issues. She called the Board's attention to the draft letter to the City describing the River Park's concerns. The Board discussed the letter and felt that it should be more specific about what the River Park wanted. Ms. Anderson said she would modify the letter, and send the revised draft to Chair Slater-Price's office and Councilmember Lightner's office for review before she mailed it.
- b. Investment Committee- Director Bobertz said that the investment committee met and the endowments have taken a hit. They were all down. The one that was hit the hardest was the Del Mar Foundation. In addition, Mr. Bobertz reported that the Del Mar Foundation has double the fees to the River Park. We are asking the Del Mar Foundation to reduce the fees.

Boardmember Earnest who serves on the Del Mar Foundation said that the foundation did talk about fees and they want to have a meeting to discuss the matter. He said the DMF chair would contact Mr. Bobertz.

Boardmember Carl DeMaio arrived at 10:30.

INFORMATION

10. Coordination Reports

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy- Craig Adams introduced Bill Proffer, the new President of the Conservancy and added that Charty Bassett is the new VP. Mr. Adams discussed their new land acquisition, which is a 23 acre parcel that was a mitigation property. He thanked Wayne Brechtel for his hard work on this project and for the continued support of Worden Williams APC on other matters. Mr. Adams said that the financial condition of the Conservancy is doing well but the San Diego Foundation did not contribute their usual operating fund grant to the Conservancy this year and that was disappointing. There will be a guided hike on May 23rd at Santa Maria Canyon as part of the Fenton Ranch property where we will be their guest and explore areas of the Fenton Ranch that we have not seen before. Mr. Adams said that the Conservancy has completed a few trail maps and one is the Clevenger Canyon trail along with a beautiful new brochure about the San Dieguito River Park.

Boardmember Jacob thanked Mr. Adams for his hard work on the brochures and land acquisition.

- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley- Jacqueline Winterer distributed a picture of the Grand Ave. Bridge and discussed about the Friends objectives which are to recruit volunteers for their 501C4 organization and they get involved in matters in the river park that they feel are issues of concern. Ms. Winterer said the Friends wrote a letter to the Mayor of San Diego asking that the matter of \$175,000 delinquent monies due by the Fairbanks lease be addressed promptly.
- c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation- None
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee- Freda Reid was pleased SEMBRA Energy and SDG&E are taking an interest in the lagoon area as this will help financially. For information on the Powerhouse event April 19th, please contact Liz Dernetz at ldernetz @ pacbell.net.

Chair Slater-Price discussed the book that she received from the City of Encinitas called the Low Carbon Diet Book. She encouraged anyone interested to purchase one and see how this innovated book is useful.

11. Status Reports

- a. Del Mar Fair Exhibit Booth- Deputy Director Carter said that we are planning to be at the San Diego County Fair this year but it will take many volunteers and there might be days that the booth is not manned.. Ms. Carter thanked Becky Bartling for her offer of the free booth and tickets again this year.
- b. River Park Projects
 - i. Grand Avenue Overlook- This item was previously discussed.
 - ii. Land/Conservation Easements/Mitigation Management Contracts
 - 1. Fenton North- Counsel Brechtel said that we accepted a conservation easement which will restore property and give us an endowment.
 - 2. Maderas (Sycamore Westridge) Mr. Brechtel discussed this 32 acre mitigation property that will be used for mitigation credits to be sold to pay off our loan on the final payment for the bridge.
 - iii. Other- None

12. Jurisdictional Status Reports- Becky Bartling said that we have purchased decoys to help attract birds to the nesting sites. She discussed the completion of the new sewer line that they have been working on and the new roof on their horse arena.

Boardmember Roberts said that the new brochures on the San Dieguito River Park are beautiful but suggested that we put on the agenda a smoke free policy in the River Park for the JPA to review. Mr. Roberts said that the City of Solana Beach needs to have more volunteers and non profits as

part of the Fiesta Del Sol that is coming up soon. Boardmember Rexford said that she would have to be leaving early to attend the funeral of the mayor of her city who passed away last week.

13. Communications- None

14. Closed Session Counsel Brechtel said that Raymond Kelly from Lomas Serenas would discuss the issue about trail users trespassing on private property adjacent to the River Park. . Mr. Kelly said that in June of 2008 some of the fence that was erected when the fire destroyed the Lake Hodges trail was removed but the problem is still an issue. Some of the owners of property on Lomas Serenas have signed petitions asking the River Park to correct the situation by placing rocks on the trail that leads up to the private property and to delay opening the Lake Hodges Bridge until this is corrected.

The Boardmembers met in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b)(1)(3) to confer with legal counsel regarding the Bernardo Mountain Utility Easement Access issue. Council Brechtel announced that the Board met in closed session and gave staff direction and no further action was needed.

Chair Slater-Price adjourned the meeting at 11:30.

These minutes approved by Board Action

Date

Executive Director

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