

Adopted by JPA Board Action 11/16/07

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
Minutes of October 19, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dianne Jacob -Chair  
Dave Roberts -Vice- Chair  
Richard Earnest  
Pam Slater-Price  
Phil Pryde  
Becky Bartling

**REPRESENTING**

County of San Diego  
City of Solana Beach  
City of Del Mar  
County of San Diego  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
22 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
Ken Colburn	Ranger San Dieguito River Park
Bill Michalsky	Del Mar Lagoon Committee
John Ingalls	CAC member
Richard Eckfield	Savvy Seniors
Helen Nielsen-Eckfield	Savvy Seniors
Pat Hopkins	MADD
John Ingalls	CAC member

**Introduction and Announcements**

Chair Jacob convened the meeting at 9:50 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101

Boardmember Pryde introduced John Ingalls, a CAC member in attendance.

Executive Director Bobertz introduced Attorney Ken Cariffe sitting in as counsel for Wayne Brechtel.

**Approval of Minutes September 21, 2007**

Boardmember Slater-Price made a motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2007, Boardmember Earnest seconded the motion. All in favor

Boardmember Pryde requested a change in the wording on page 4 of the minutes, last paragraph, to Boardmember Pryde *and the other Boardmembers* have not had an opportunity to see the slides of the revised structures.

**Executive Director's Report**

- a. **Quarterly Work Program Update** Executive Director Bobertz reviewed the highlights of the work program, which he explained that he brings forward to the Board every 3 months. He directed the Board to page 4 to the goal of public access and explained how we have secured grants for many projects in the park. He spoke about the mitigation for the desalination plant proposed in Carlsbad that would bring \$2.5 million to the River Park if it is approved. Mr. Bobertz said that we have applied for a \$369,000 grant from State Park and Recreation Department for the Del Dios Gorge extension that includes retaining walls along Del Dios Highway. The San Diego Conservation Resources Network awarded \$28,500 to carry out a study on the Del Dios undercrossing to the Escondido Creek watershed. He noted that we have received from the Southern Calif. Wetlands Recovery Program through the Conservancy \$19,350 to restore habitat on the north bank of the river in Del Mar.

Boardmember Roberts asked that the quarterly report be sent out to the member agencies to show the progress of the River Park. Boardmember Slater-Price asked for a monthly electronic update on the progress on the projects in the Park so that she can post them on her website.

- b. **Ranger Report-** Ranger Ken Colburn gave a PowerPoint presentation on the volunteer patrol training that we had last Saturday for 21 interested individuals. He explained that they had a great turnout of people and that many hours of time and effort were put into the training by Ranger Natalie Borchardt. Ranger Colburn explained reasons for trail patrol, and the importance of having volunteers in the park adding eyes and ears to report back to the rangers. He spoke about the new River Park Sentinel program and the expectations of volunteers. He said that other staff were at the training, Jason Lopez (Resources and Trails Manager) and Barbara Baker (Volunteer Coordinator) speaking about their expectations for the volunteers.

**Public Comment**

Richard Eckfield spoke about the rail station at Del Mar that was removed a few years ago. He explained that this was an important line that brought people to the fairgrounds from other counties which relieved traffic problems and keep intoxicated people from driving from the fairgrounds. He asked that the River Park help to coordinate with other agencies to implement the return of the rail system.

Pat Hopkins with the MADD organization spoke about the danger of having people leaving the fairgrounds intoxicated and MADD supports the train stop and other public transportation when leaving the events.

Chair Jacob responded that we could not take action on this matter today but instructed staff to put the item on a future agenda for action. She requested Mr. Eckfield to speak to the Board when the item is on the agenda so that we will have sufficient information to make a responsible decision.

**ACTION AGENDA**

1. Adopt Resolution Applying for Recreational Trails Program Grant Funds for Del Dios Gorge Trail

***Recommendation: Adopt Resolution applying for Recreational Trails Program Grant Funds***

Deputy Director Carter said that we are applying for the \$369,000 grant funds to continue the Del Dios Gorge Trail to the Lake Hodges Dam.

Boardmember Pryde made a motion to approve applying for the grant funds and Boardmember Roberts seconded. All in favor

2. Renew Agricultural Lease on Boudreau Property

***Recommendation: Grant one-year agricultural lease renewal on the Boudreau property to Leslie Farms and authorize Executive Director to take appropriate action.***

Executive Director Bobertz said that when we purchased the 77 acre property we inherited a lease that was in place with Leslie Farms. We continued the lease each year and he suggested that we continue leasing the property to generate revenue until such time as we can secure funding to restore the site back to habitat.

Boardmember Slater- Price asked about pollution from any farming on the site and Mr. Bobertz said that we had done a study on the site when we first acquired the property and there was no pollutants on the parcel.

Boardmember Slater-Price made a motion to renew the contract and Boardmember Pryde seconded. All in favor

3. Appoint Nominating Committee for Officers and Committee Assignments

***Recommendation: Appoint Nominating Committee for next year's Chair and Vice Chair & Committees.***

Chair Jacob appointed Boardmembers Slater-Price, Rexford and Pryde to the nominating committee with Boardmember Pryde as chair. Boardmember Roberts seconded

4. Finance Committee Report

***Recommendation: The Finance Committee recommends that the JPA Board take the following actions: 1) adopt attached Investment Policy; 2) revise description of the Finance Committee's responsibilities to include the responsibilities described in the Investment Policy; 3) authorize Executive Director Dick Bobertz or his designee to withdraw the available distributable funds (approximately \$91,855) from the San Diego Foundation and open an account at Fidelity Brokerage to be internally managed; and 4) invest this year's Endowment contribution (\$75,000) with the San Diego Foundation as usual.***

Executive Director Bobertz said that we have discussed in past meetings and had the three foundations speak on the best way to invest the River Park funds. The Finance Committee has met and Bill Carter has

volunteered his advice to adopt an investment policy that will apply to both our existing public foundation endowment funds and an internally managed passive account. The Finance Committee recommends adoption of the policy and removal of the distributable funds from the San Diego Foundation in order to open an account at Fidelity. The funds will be managed with lower fees and the investment policy will establish benchmarks on the long term growth.

Chair Jacob made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee and Boardmember Roberts seconded. All in favor

Chair Jacob thanked Bill Carter for his expertise and time spent on this important matter.

### INFORMATION

#### 5. Status Reports

##### a. River Park Projects

i. Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead- Deputy Director Carter said that we are making progress on the purchase of the property with an appraisal of \$170,000.

Boardmember Slater-Price announced that she had submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the County to fund the purchase of the property for the River Park. Ms. Carter said that we will be interviewing for the Museum Manager position that the Board had authorized in the last budget.

ii. Lake Hodges Bike Ped Bridge- Ms. Carter said that we have started phase 2 by building a trestle extending outward across the lake West Bernardo Drive. She said that we are also currently excavating on the north abutment.

iii. Pamo Valley Trail- Shawna Anderson said that we are doing more biological studies and are working with the City of San Diego Real Estate Assets and Water Department on this project.

iv. Heritage Trail Link- Shawna Anderson said that we are in the process of applying for a Site Development Permit for the short part of the trail.

b. Via de la Valle/El Camino Real Road Task Force- Nothing new at this time.

c. Rancho Santa Fe Polo Club- Executive Director Bobertz said that there are going to be administrative sanctions to the Polo Club due to grading violations that were not addressed. We hope that the Code Enforcement will take action to enforce the terms and boundary of the lease.

d. Fairbanks Country Club- Director Bobertz said that we received information that the Fairbanks Country Club may be interested in returning the property to the City of San Diego to be made into recreational fields and habitat.

6. Jurisdictional Status Reports- Boardmember Slater-Price said that she is so pleased that we are working on the area west of Hwy 5 so that progress will be shown in that area.

Becky Bartling said that the Ag District will get a permit to restore the former parking lot. She announced that they are still working on their Master Plan EIR.

Deputy Director Carter said there would be a Coastal Trail pre-construction meeting on October 25th and announced that we are promoting the purchase a plaque and sweatshirt campaign as a fundraiser.

7. Communications-

Boardmember Jacob said that there are concerns about having a quorum at our meetings. Ms. Jacob said that we have had a high absentee rate, primarily with the Boardmembers from the City of San Diego. She said it may be worthwhile to meet with the City Council to see if other members of the Council would be interested in being appointed as alternates .

Chair Jacob adjourned the meeting at 10:40

These minutes approved by Board Action

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Date

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Executive Director

