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**AGENDA
 SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY
 Friday, December 4, 2020 ~ 10:30 A.M.**

Pursuant to the State of California Executive Order N-29-20, and in the interest of public health, San Dieguito River Park is temporarily taking actions to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic by holding the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting via teleconference. All members and staff will be participating remotely.

To join this meeting via Teleconference

Topic: SDRP CAC meeting

Time: December 4, 2020 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Introductions and Announcements

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Chair's Report

Chair

Executive Director's Report

Staff

Public Comment

Public

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports
 - a. Project Review Committee
 - b. Trails Committee
 - c. Interpretation Committee

INFORMATION

2. Park Status and Updates (oral)

Adjournment

Chair

The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2021 ** due to New Year's Day on the first Friday of January.

If you have any questions, please call Brenda Miller at (858) 674-2270

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of August 7, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Barnouw
Rich Risner
Phil Pryde
Jan Fuchs
Linda Ostser
Maggie Brown
Herb Dackerman
Judy LaVine
Liz Gabrych
Jeremy Blakespear
Carol Kerridge
Peter Shapiro
Bill Michalsky
Pat Whitt
Colleen Bradley
Carol Carr

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
American Society of Landscape Architects
Audubon Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Del Dios Town Council
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Julian Community Planning Group
Lake Hodges Native Plant Club
League of Women Voters
San Diego Mountain Bike Association
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Volcan Mountain Preserve
Walkabout International

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McKernan
Brenda Miller
Shawna Anderson
Jason Lopez

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Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Barnouw convened the remote Zoom teleconference meeting at 10:42 a.m. and confirmed a quorum of 15 by announcing the names of all attendees at the meeting.

Approval of Minutes- February 7, 2020

Chair Barnouw asked that a correction to the minutes of his report from the February meeting to “Chair Barnouw read an article from the February 1st Riverscape about John Barone, one of the River Park’s first rangers and the liaison between the San Dieguito River Park and the City of San Diego.” and then asked for a motion to approve. Peter Shapiro motioned to approve the minutes of February 7, 2020. Maggie Brown seconded the motion. New representative Rich Risner abstained, with all other members in favor.

Chair’s Report – Chair Barnouw apologized for missing the June 5, 2020 meeting.

Executive Director’s Report – Executive Director McKernan reported that the JPA’s fiscal year 19-20 has ended with the budget in line. The JPA Board has approved the new FY 20-21 for the same amount as last year. The flat budget will be ok however there are rising costs in certain areas and the endowment accounts had a loss in the 1st quarter of this year which has recovered well. Director McKernan explained that the annual 5% draw on the endowment funds is based on the previous 12 quarter average. He announced that the new part time Interpretive Ranger is Blanca Drapeau. Blanca has an excellent background and will be an asset at Sikes and with our interpretive programs. He invited all to read her bio in this month’s Riverscape. Director McKernan reported that the Park is open with rangers patrolling and educating on trail users on face coverings and distance requirements. Due to the health order no

gatherings are allowed therefore there are no events at the offices, Sikes or Birdwing, as all are closed. Mr. McKernan shared with the CAC details of two new donations to the Park. The first donation is for a bench made out of two boulders. The boulders were used for traffic control and have been repurposed. A small plaque will be installed and it will say “Cherish”. The second donation will be to install a slab of local reclaimed wood, possibly Torrey Pine, on top of the bench at the Boardwalk. This has not been installed yet. Director McKernan explained that donors make a donation to the Park and purchase the materials, then the rangers install the item. Director McKernan said that donations are still being made for the Boardwalk Planks and that the price has been raised recently from the original price of \$100 to \$300.

Public Comment – Maggie Brown read an item from the last Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley meeting, requesting that the Surf Cup Trail issue be on the August 2020 JPA agenda.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Project Review Committee** – Jan Fuchs reported that the Rotary Club is a good source of volunteers for any park projects. Ms. Fuchs also said that the last meeting had good attendance and discussion of the W19 restoration project, also called San Dieguito Wetland Restoration – Phase 2 which will begin soon. She reported that a gas pipeline under the Mule Hill Trail will be replaced by SDG&E resulting in the possible temporary closure of a small portion of the Trail. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson added that the Mule Hill Trail is on a SDG&E easement and that the interpretive panels along the trail will be protected during construction. If there is any disruption, SDG&E will restore the area.
- b. **Trails Committee** – Jeremy Blakespear reported that the San Diego Mountain Bike Association will assist JPA rangers to build a section of the CTC Trail between the Santa Fe Valley Trail and Lusardi Creek Trail. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson added that a private donation is being used to fund this project. Work is expected to begin in Fall 2020.
- c. **Interpretation Committee** - Liz Gabrych reported that the Sikes Farmers Market is doing well and that the wheelchair lift at Sikes is being removed and replaced with a ramp. Eagle Scouts have been doing many projects at Sikes. Rattlesnakes are being relocated and there are issues with squirrels. The Sikes 150-year Anniversary celebration has been moved to next fall. Leana Bulay, Manager of Interpretation and Outreach has been creating a new plant brochure, updating the Lagoon brochures and working with the rangers to determine locations to install the interpretive signs on the Pamo Valley Trail. Ms. Gabrych also said she is working on a new Mule Hill interpretive sign; a project that Tom Cook began.

INFORMATION

2. **Park Project Status (oral)**

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that a Trails and Greenways Grant application was submitted in October 2019 to fund the Osuna section of trail, from the Surf Cup Trail to San Dieguito Road. Director McKernan, Ms. Anderson and a panel of stakeholders were on a virtual interview with the granting agency representatives in July 2020. Letters of support have been received from the City of San Diego and Fairbanks Ranch supporting this \$1.3 million grant request. Director McKernan reported that the Ranger Station was completed two months ago and said that the new landscaping is doing well considering the challenging condition of the underlying soil, JPA counsel Wayne Brechtel donated and built the custom desks in the private office. Contractor Dewain Baker, Wayne and Kevin built the ranger's desks in the main office. The facility is not yet open to the general public due to the pandemic, but for one on one tours; Shawna is there on Wednesday and Kevin on Monday and Friday. There is still a need for conference room tables and chairs. Director McKernan said thank you to Jeff Barnouw, the Friends and Carol Carr for their wonderful donations.

Jan Fuchs made the motion and Bill Michalsky seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Chair Barnouw adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.