

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of March 2, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Barnouw
Phil Pryde
Jan Fuchs
Diane Coombs
Linda Oster
Candy Bowman
Jim Lyon
Liz Gabrych
Cathy Greene
Don Wendt
Donna Perry
Carol Carr
Lisa Peterson
Alice Brown
Susan Williams
Jessica Parks
Bill Michalsky
Pat Whitt
Colleen Bradley
Jacqueline Winterer
Brant Bassett
Cory Ha'o
Terry Badger

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
Audubon Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Citizens Coordinate for Century 3
Del Dios Town Council
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Friends of Sikes Adobe
League of Women Voters
League of Women Voters Alternate
Ramona Trails Association
Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
San Diego Zoo Safari Park
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito Planning Group
Santa Fe Irrigation District
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
Coastal Property Owner
Central Property Owner
Coastal Property Owner
Central Property Owner

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McKernan	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Shawna Anderson	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Brenda Miller	San Dieguito River Park JPA
John Barone	City of San Diego
Ben Stone	San Diego Mountain Biking Association

Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Barnouw convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the San Rafael Parish. Roll call was taken with individual introductions and a quorum was established with 19 members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes- January 5, 2018

Jacqueline Winterer moved to approve the minutes of January 5, 2018 and Candy Bowman seconded the motion. 18 in favor, 1 abstain

Chair's Report

Jeff Barnouw talked about the role of the CAC in an advisory function to the JPA board. Chair Barnouw and Director McKernan both reported that Surf Cup is working on completing the trail on the City property. Cory Ha'o shared a letter from the City Real Estate Assets Department in response to questions brought by

the Fairbanks Polo HOA, regarding what is allowed and not allowed under the property grant deed for the Surf Cup property.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director McKernan reported that staff is formulating the FY 18-19 budget. All line items of budget are within budget with the exception of the retirement amount which has increased 5%-6%. This increase raises overall payroll expense and therefore the JPA will not be able to fund the vacant ranger position this year. The next JPA meeting will be in April.

Public Comment

Jessica Parks with Santa Fe Irrigation District announced the plans for celebrations of San Dieguito Reservoir Dam 100 years to be held the end of May and Lake Hodges 100 years to be held in October. Jessica will send more information and asked for members to contact her with questions. Colleen Bradley with the Volcan Mountain Foundation announced the fundraising dinner dance on April 8 and the 30-year anniversary of the Foundation. Ben Stone with the San Diego Mountain Bike Association asked for the SDMBA to be reinstated on the CAC. An official letter will be submitted to Chair Barnouw and Director McKernan to be included on the next agenda.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports

a. Project Review Committee

Jan Fuchs reported that the committee met March 26. Two topics discussed were the Hacienda Del Mar project on Via de la Valle and the Pamo Valley Mountain Bike proposal to the Forest Service. Ben Stone with the San Diego Mountain Bike Association recommended looking at the Cleveland National Forest Plan on the Forest Service website. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the project will be brought to the CAC when more information is available.

b. Trails Committee

Carol Carr reported that the Trails Committee has a list of ten specific concerns regarding the proposed San Diego Mountain Bike Association project in Pamo Valley. She provided a list to the CAC and discussed them briefly. Carol Carr welcomed Ben Stone to the meeting. The next Trails Committee meeting will be March 13.

c. Interpretation Committee

Liz Gabrych reported that the last meeting was held at Sikes Adobe and Manager of Interpretation and Outreach Leana Bulay was able to show the committee the new things happening at Sikes. The Volunteer Training event will be held March 31 and the Scholarship application deadline is April 2. Also, one big project the committee has been working on is the interpretive plaques throughout the park; documenting location, photos, updates, physical state of

the plaques. Executive Director McKernan reported that as of this date 25 volunteers have signed up for training. He also reported that requests for additional interpretive panels along the Coast to Crest trail are brought to the Interpretation Committee first and their recommendation is brought to the CAC for approval.

INFORMATION

2. Park Project Status

a. Pamo Valley Trail

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that a three mile long section of new Coast to Crest trail in Pamo Valley connecting the lower and upper Santa Ysabel truck trails is being built to have a contiguous twelve mile section of trail in this area. JPA staff is working closely with City of San Diego, permits are in place, and construction has started. Some last minute conservation measures and monitoring have been required by the Fish & Wildlife Service. JPA staff and Dust Devil volunteers have worked to build part of the trail and one of two puncheon bridges. Ms. Anderson reported that the trail should be done early 2019, with the staging area built last. Ms. Anderson also stated that the JPA staff has agreed to halt construction on the trail during the estivating season for the endangered Arroyo Toad.

b. Founders Tribute

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that JPA staff is waiting for draft video and art piece fabrication. After receipt of the video the Founders Tribute Committee will meet.

c. Ranger Station

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson submitted a construction grant application to State of California and will hear back this summer. The JPA has the money to build phase one, utilities, garage, and maintenance bays. The grant will pay for phase two and will match the cost of phase one. Phase two will be; meeting room, restrooms, ranger offices and labs. The approval of final permit from the City of San Diego is very close.

d. Surf Cup

Executive Director McKernan added this item to the agenda. Director McKernan reported that JPA staff had a good meeting with the new General Manager of Morgan Run to pursue the idea of connecting the section of trail on the edge of Morgan Run property from Surf Cup to the trail at the Rancho Paseana easement. A formal written proposal has been sent from the JPA to Morgan Run. The property is located in the County and thus permitting would be through the County of San Diego. The other option is to route the trail on City property along the edge of the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club. Jan Fuchs suggested that a visual aid photo of the park area would be helpful at the CAC meetings. Candy Bowman with the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley said there is not much to report on the Friends lawsuit against the City of San Diego and Surf Cup Sports and that the next court date will be May 4.

3. Upcoming Events

- a. Volunteer Training Event – Saturday, March 31
- b. Scholarship Opportunity – Deadline April 2, 2018
- c. Volunteer Appreciation Party – Saturday, April 14
- d. Lagoon Day – Saturday, April 21

Executive Director McKernan reported that a group from Morgan Run will be coming out to do a Creek to Bay clean up on April 21

4. Communications

Phil Pryde brought up the topic of an initiative that may be on the election ballot this fall to preserve the County General Plan. The initiative changes the process for project proposals that exceed the density allowed by the County General Plan in the rural or semi-rural area zones. Diane Coombs introduced the Safeguard Our San Diego Countryside Initiative organization and directed members to the saveoursdcountryside.org website for more information. Susan Williams invited members to a community meeting April 5 at the Elfin Forest Fire Station to hear a Harmony Grove project proposal.

Adjournment

Chair Barnouw adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m. Colleen Bradley moved and Jim Lyon seconded the motion to adjourn.