

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of June 2, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Khoury
Rich Risner
Judy Swink
Linda Oster
Maggie Brown
Liz Gabrych
Dorothy McLin
Don Wendt
Jeremy Blakespear
Matt Cunningham
Udo Wahn
Sharon Fogg
Jim Smith
Jeff Barnouw
Jan Fuchs
Bill Adelson
Neil Meyer

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
American Society of Landscape Architects
Citizens Coordinate for Century 3
Del Dios Town Council
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
League of Women Voters
Lomas Serenas Property Owners
Ramona Trails
San Diego Bicycle Coalition
San Diego Mountain Bike Association
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito Planning Group
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Coastal Property Owner
Coastal Property Owner
Eastern Property Owner
Eastern Property Owner

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna Anderson
Dewanda Vandermost
Brenda Miller
Johnny & Nina John
Kim Rogers
John Degenfelder
Glen Morgan
Sue Carr

San Dieguito River Park JPA
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Stallions Crossing residents
SDRVC
Ramona Trails
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None

Introductions and Announcements

Chair Khoury called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM. He introduced new CAC member Neil Meyer, Eastern Property Owner.

Approval of Minutes- 4-7-23

Jeff Barnouw moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2023 and Linda Oster seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Chair's Report

– Chair Khoury reported that he and Executive Director Anderson are working on the CAC meeting attendance to implement bylaw rules to suspend groups that have not met the attendance guidelines to improve status of quorum requirements. He followed up with the discussions about Lake Hodges to report the City's dam repair is complete as of May 5th and according to City staff the current plan is to maintain the lake level at 280 feet above sea level, 35 feet below the spill level, 15% capacity, until a new dam can be constructed. He wants to raise the question at the next JPA meeting to ask the city authorities if there are mitigation measures to allow the dam level to be brought back to 40% for enhanced

recreational use and allow hydroelectric generation during peak hours. He will add this issue to the agenda for the next CAC meeting. He gave an update on the Golden Spotted Oak Borer (GSOB), the oaks look lush from recent rains, but there is still a considered threat. Lake Hodges spraying by Del Dios Habitat League expanded this year due to a donation from the Conservancy. They are also considering spraying on JPA land at the base of Volcan Mountain.

Khoury summarized the two JPA meetings that have occurred since the last CAC meeting.

Executive Director's Report –Director Anderson shared details of the next fiscal year budget and that the budget committee of the JPA board is working on long-term financial strategies to sustain the JPA. She mentioned the high competition for jobs that has affected the JPA's ability to fill the Environmental Planner position. Ms. Anderson reported on the success of the May 21st Volunteer Party, the CTC trail gaps project including a recent scouting trip to Lake Sutherland with city public utility staff and our consultants, and reconnaissance planned at East San Pasqual. She reported that Supervisor Ranger Dave Hekel was recognized by Kudos award by the BWR.

Public Comment - Jan Fuchs reported that the Horse Park equestrian facility is reopening July 15th under new ownership.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. El Camino Real Assisted Living Project Draft Subsequent EIR

Executive Director Anderson summarized the project location and proposed plans from the SEIR. Jan Fuchs stated that the Project Review Committee hadn't been able to meet but PRC members provided their SEIR comments to Director Anderson including the project's impacts to land use and neighborhood character and impacts to the Gonzales Canyon wildlife corridor and restored wetlands. Jan stated that the SEIR was not sufficient and proposed that a strong SEIR comment letter addressing the highlights of concern be presented to the JPA for approval and submitted by the public review deadline.

CAC members discussed other items of concern, such as noise and its effect on wildlife, Prop A, building height, bulk and scale, and intrusion into the adjacent sensitive wildlife corridor.

Public Comment - Residents of Stallions Crossing spoke about their concerns over the project's unrecognized cumulative impact on lights, density, traffic, safety, privacy, bike lanes, and fire and threats to personal property.

Jeff Barnouw made a motion for CAC member Jan Fuchs and Director Anderson to draft a letter expressing the concerns about the project and SEIR and present to the next JPA Board meeting. Maggie Brown seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

2. Status of Osuna Segment of Coast to Crest Trail (oral report)

Executive Director Anderson reported that the project Mitigated Negative Declaration is out for public review with comments due by June 5th. She resubmitted the site development permit information to the city for a third round of comments. She also restated the \$1.2 million dollar project shortfall for final bridge engineering and construction and her efforts to find additional funds. Anderson reported that she submitted an application to the Land and Water Conservation

Fund Grant program with the existing grant and donation as a match. She reported that the project has been recommended for full funding by Senator Blakespear in her budget request for the next fiscal year's State budget.

3. Proposed Fairgrounds Reach the Beach Trail and Gateway (oral report)

Executive Director Anderson reported progress on the project plans funded by the Del Mar Foundation and she will be seeking CAC review and approval of the design in the near future. An ADA accessible ramp from Jimmy Durante is planned and an engineer cost estimate was obtained.

4. Committee Reports

- a. **Project Review Committee** – Jan Fuchs – no report.
- b. **Trails Committee** – Matt Cunningham will be seeking assistance for a trail survey recommended by the Trails Committee. The Committee will also be considering potential e-bike use restrictions on SDRP trails at their next meeting planned for July 11.
- c. **Interpretation Committee** - Liz Gabrych – no report.

INFORMATION

4. Park and Project Status and Updates (oral)

The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy received non-profit of the year award by Senator Blakespear.

Matt Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jeff Barnouw seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.