

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of February 7, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Golich
Phil Pryde
Deborah DeBow
Diane Coombs
Suzette Aman
John Degenfelder
Jeff Barnouw
Margaret Schlesinger
John Kowalski
Ben Hillebrecht
Carol Carr
Bill Michalsky
Pat Whitt
Colleen Bradley
Arthur Schmitz
Jacqueline Winterer
Brant Bassett
Terry Badger

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
Audubon Society
California Native Plant Society
Citizen Coordinate for Century 3
Del Dios Town Council
Equestrian - Ramona Trails Association
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
League of Women Voters
Rancho Bernardo Comm. Planning Board
San Diego City Agricultural Advisory Board
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
Eastern Property Owner
Coastal Property Owner
Central Property Owner
Central Property Owner

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

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
Brenda Miller	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Don Wendt	Ramona Trails
Richard Foster	Del Dios
Dorothy McLin	Lomas Serenas Resident

Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Golich convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the San Rafael Parish, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo.

Deputy Director Susan Carter took the roll call. A quorum was met. 17 in attendance

Chair Golich announced that a new member of the River Park staff is Brenda Miller since long-time Office Manager Jan Lines is retiring.

Mr. Golich asked that members of the CAC announce their names when they speak so that it will be easier for Brenda to take minutes.

Approval of Minutes- December 6, 2013- Bill Michalsky made a motion to approve the minutes and Jeff Barnouw seconded. All in favor.

Chair's Report- Chair Golich said that Tom Clotfelter passed away. He was involved in many organizations and was a long-time environmental advocate and early Conservancy member. Mr. Golich reported on the last JPA Board meeting in December where they amended the budget to include the \$150K grant from Supervisor Dave Roberts for the Open Air Classroom shade structure. They also awarded the contract for the construction of the Open Air Classroom. We went over the I-5 comments that were prepared by staff and there is a letter in the agenda today responding to our comments. Mr. Golich said the JPA Board also discussed the lighting issue on the David Kreitzer/ Lake Hodges Bridge. It was announced that Boardmember Roberts (County of San Diego) will be the 2014 chair of the JPA Board and Boardmember Mosier (Del Mar) will be the vice chair.

Executive Director's Report- Director Bobertz reported on a new book about the River Park written by Wolf Berger and donated to the River Park which is for sale online and on the back table.

Public Comment- Jeff Barnouw said that the Del Mar Sandpiper publication has an editorial about the Sierra Club lawsuit challenging the Coastal Commission's decision in the matter of the Fairgrounds East Overflow Lot. Bill Michalsky reported that on April 13th Del Mar will be hosting Lagoon Day at the Powerhouse along with a beach clean up. More information on this event will be announced in the future.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports

- a. Project Review Committee- Shawna Anderson said that the PRC met on January 27 and the next meeting is on Feb 24. Ms. Anderson said that the ongoing proposed Rancho Del Mar project on the corner on Via de la Valle along with the El Camino Real widening project were discussed but no action was taken.
- b. Trails Committee- Carol Carr said that they hope to add more benches to the trails. Last spring we scouted out areas to put benches and picnic tables, and have since installed benches on two trails - at the lagoon and the Del Dios Trail. Many benches along the trails have been built by Eagle Scouts in the past, but that source is not promising this year so we are looking for a carpenters workshop where volunteers could build these benches for us. This might be possible if we pay for the supplies to build them. Ms. Carr stated that we hope to add 3 benches on the Santa Fe Valley Trail in the future. The committee has proposed suggestions to improve the SDRP website to expand the directions and addresses to the trailheads for those trail users that want to use GPS to find the locations.

2. Nominating Committee Report: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair- Bill Michalsky said that the Nominating Committee nominated Tom Golich for Chair and Jacqueline Winterer for Vice Chair. Chair Golich asked for any nominations from the floor. Bill Michalsky made a motion to approve the nominations for the next two years and Terry Badger seconded. All in favor.
3. Discussion of Proposed Changes to Donation/Naming Rights Policy- Deputy Director Carter said that Vice Chair Winterer would like to discuss the proposed amendments to the SDRP Donation Policy. Ms. Winterer explained that since the River Park is so big that it is necessary to designate areas by landmarks or locators and most of those designations have such long names that she proposes that we shorten names to follow guidelines from the US Board of Geographic Names. The Coast to Crest trail does not have addresses for GPS locators to follow. The mile markers were installed to guide first responders to sites in the event of an emergency but have only been installed in the first 3 miles of the trail. Ms. Winterer wanted to open up the discussion today to start looking into shortening the landmark names in the future.

Debra DeBow made a motion to modify #5 of the SDRP Donations Policy to read:

- Naming facilities, including trails, after individuals may be given consideration and shall be limited to recognition for outstanding services or exceptionally generous financial contributions from a donor and surnames are preferable to full names.
- It was requested to remove people who are deceased from item # 5.

Bill Michalsky seconded the motion as amended. All in favor.

Director Bobertz said that the name of our trail is Coast to Crest Trail at the (ie: Lagoon)

4. Request for Reinstatement to the CAC from Lomas Serenas Homeowners Association- The CAC has had a request to reinstate the Lomas Serenas Homeowners Association with Dorothy McLin as the new representative. Terry Badger, who was the former representative for the Lomas Serenas, gave some history as to why the organization dropped from the CAC in the past. Mr. Badger said that a past president wanted the representative to get the Homeowners' board approval before voting on any matter at the CAC meetings. This was not possible so Lomas Serenas decided to remove themselves from the CAC. Phil Pryde made a motion to request that the JPA reinstate the Lomas Serenas Homeowners Association and Jacqueline Winterer seconded. All in favor.

INFORMATION

5. Coast to Crest Trail Expedition Report and Ceremony at Dog Beach February 11- Director Bobertz invited the members of the CAC to Dog Beach in Del Mar for a

ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Coast to Crest hike by Director Bobertz, JPA Chair Jim Cunningham and Bill Simmons that was started last May 2013 and took 5 hiking days with 66 miles accomplished so far. The last 6 miles will be the completion of the hike with the celebration to follow. Diane Coombs suggested that we contact the Reader publication to coordinate the first walk done by a hiker when the River Park was beginning to be designed. This hiker wrote a journal of his experience and it would be great to compare the two hikes. This journey of walking from Julian to Del Mar was proposed by Chair Cunningham to be accomplished in the year that he was chair of the JPA.

A presentation of the Backcountry video was shown starring Trails and Resources Manager, Jason Lopez, and filmed by Jim Karnik Films showing the open space and the need to preserve the natural resources before we design our trail.

Shawna Anderson gave an update on the progress of the restoration being done by the 22nd District Agricultural District as part of the Coastal Commission order to restore the South overflow lot. Ms. Anderson discussed the other improvements that are to be done near the golf range.

6. Park Project Status

- a. Ranger Maintenance Building- Shawna Anderson said that staff is in the process of designing the Ranger Building to include a small conference community room and small restroom. The project will have to be submitted to the Coastal Commission for approval and is funded by Southern California Edison as part of the mitigation of the wetlands.
- b. Lagoon Open Air Classroom- Deputy Director Carter said that the Open Air Classroom is scheduled to be completed in March . Ms. Carter showed photos of the progress being made and where the donor recognition monument will be placed. The Shade Structure will also be completed and the Grand Opening ceremony is scheduled for May 13th at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Lagoon Days (May 12,13 and 14th) for the ceremony. The ranger staff will be completing the project with two wooden bridges, adding and compacting decomposed granite for the surface material, and landscape planting.
- c. Lighting on David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge- Deputy Director Carter said that the holiday lights that SDG&E funded and we installed were not visible due to the fact that they were too small. The contractor on the solar panel project said that we need to add space for batteries on the structure and the panels will have custom security bolts, a special rack that encloses the panels, and some parts will be welded in place

- d. Sikes Adobe Creamery- Photos of the Sikes Creamery project were shown with the adobe bricks in place and the framework of the roof installed. The bricks will be covered with mud plaster and whitewashed and there will be two layers of roofing installed with shingles which will allow ventilation to flow into the creamery. The windows and doors will then be installed. The Friends of Sikes Adobe will be donating funds for shelving and a churn and other tools for interpretation. We hope to have a Grand Opening for the newly restored creamery this spring .
7. Communications-Diane Coombs said that TOT applications at the County are due on March 1, 2014 so she hopes that we will find something to apply for. There is a opportunity to apply for “Open Spaces for Everyone” where there is an opportunity to purchase several 15 passenger vans to transport kids to each end of the trail to the other. John Degenfelder said that the San Diego Foundation has grants available from 1 to 5 K for “Good Neighborhood Projects” if we are interested.
8. Attachments
 - a. Letter from Caltrans responding to JPA comments on I-5 Widening EIR

Adjournment

Chair Golich adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Next meeting April 4, 2014