

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes of April 6, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeff Barnouw  
Anne Harvey  
Diane Coombs  
Linda Oster  
Maggie Brown  
Jim Lyon  
Herb Dackermann  
Liz Gabrych  
Don Wendt  
Carol Carr  
Charlie Jancic  
Mid Hoppenrath  
Dave Kreitzer  
Bill Michalsky  
Pat Whitt  
Jacqueline Winterer  
Terry Badger

**REPRESENTING**

CAC, Chair  
Carmel Valley Planning Board  
Citizens Coordinate for Century 3  
Del Dios Town Council  
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley  
Friends of Sikes Adobe  
Julian Community Planning Group  
League of Women Voters  
Ramona Trails Association  
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition  
San Diego County Farm Bureau  
San Dieguito Planning Group  
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy  
Sierra Club  
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group  
Coastal Property Owner  
Central Property Owner

**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Kevin McKernan	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Brenda Miller	San Dieguito River Park JPA
David Norgard	County Parks Department
Chelsea Jander	County Parks Department
Ben Stone	San Diego Mountain Biking Association
Susie Murphy	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 by individual introductions and a quorum was met with 15 members in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes- March 2, 2018**

Jacqueline Winterer made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2018 meeting and Bill Michalsky seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Chair's Report**

Chair Barnouw reported that the volunteer training and recruitment on March 31 was well attended.

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director McKernan gave a Power Point presentation on: What a regional open space park is, the San Dieguito River Park focused planning area, The San Dieguito River Park mission statement, the goals of the River Park, the Coast to Crest Trail and other trails within the park, what a joint powers authority is and who the San

Dieguito River Park JPA members are. Executive Director McKernan also showed a San Dieguito River Hydrology 101 Presentation on where the San Dieguito River comes from and where it goes and a Coast to Crest Trail Status/Orientation/Virtual Tour.

David Norgard, Senior Project Manager with the County of San Diego gave a video presentation on the Santa Ysabel Nature Center. The center will be located at the north east corner of Hwy 78 and Hwy 79 in Santa Ysabel. The location is on 84 acres of land donated to the County by the Nature Conservancy for the purpose of building a nature center at this location. The building will produce as much energy as it uses. The center will have an exhibition hall, meeting room, outdoor patio, and a small trail to an outdoor classroom. The entrance will be from Hwy 79 and the center will be completed in the fall of 2019. The nature center will be open 7 days per week. There was much discussion on the plan to connect the Santa Ysabel Nature Center to the Santa Ysabel East Preserve trail.

#### Public Comment

Don Wendt reported that there are 5 locked gates on the lower Santa Ysabel Truck Trail. Maggie Brown gave an update on the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley lawsuit against the City of San Diego. The lawsuit is asking that the lease with Surf Cup Sports be set aside until the CEQA is complete. The next hearing will be August 10. Mid Hoppenrath reported that Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council denied the Harmony Grove Village South project which is in the County planning process and would require amendments to the County General Plan because the project calls for more homes than current zoning allows. Diane Coombs introduced the Save Our San Diego Countryside.com website and the Safeguard Our San Diego Countryside Initiative collecting signatures until mid May. Don Wendt announced an 8-mile memorial ride for Arvie Degenfelder Sunday, April 22.

#### DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Request from San Diego Mountain Biking Association to Rejoin the Citizens Advisory Committee with Ben Stone as Representative

Ben Stone and Susie Murphy stated that the SDMBA is a mountain bike advocacy organization. The organization does trail maintenance work, has conservation partners, does outreach for trail courtesy, and invited all to visit their website [sdmba.com](http://sdmba.com) for more information.

Jacqueline Winterer made the motion to accept the request for the San Diego Mountain Biking Association to rejoin the Citizens Advisory Committee with Ben Stone as the representative and Susie Murphy as alternate. Mid Hoppenrath seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. Request from Walkabout International to Join the Citizens Advisory Committee to Fill Hiking Organization Vacancy with Carol Carr as Representative

Carol Carr mentioned that Walkabout International has been a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee in the past.

Jacqueline Winterer made the motion to accept the request for the Walkabout International Organization to join the Citizens Advisory Committee with Carol Carr as the representative. Mid Hoppenrath seconded the motion. All in favor.

INFORMATION

3. Committee Reports

a. Project Review Committee

Chair Barnouw reported on the proposed eight movie theater project that is planned for the Gelsons shopping center, close to San Andres Drive. Chair Barnouw also reported that a project is planned for the north side of Via de la Valle, across from the Birdwing, and is proposed to be 33 single family homes.

b. Trails Committee

Carol Carr reported that parking is the main concern regarding the proposed SDMBA loop trail project in Pamo Valley. Carol said that the Forest Service staff will attend the May Trails committee meeting.

c. Interpretation Committee

Liz Gabrych reported that the Interpretation Committee has been working on an interpretation panel project, that two applicants were picked for scholarship awards, and that the committee helped with the volunteer training event.

4. Park Project Status

a. Pamo Valley Trail

Executive Director McKernan spoke on this project during his presentation.

b. Founders Tribute

Executive Director McKernan reported that the first cut of the Founders Tribute video was reviewed by the Founders Tribute committee. Dianne Coombs solicited historic pictures of the founders to be used in the video.

c. Ranger Station

Executive Director McKernan stated there is no update.

4. Communications – No communications

Adjournment - Chair Barnouw adjourned the meeting at 12:16 PM with Jacqueline Winterer's motion and Terry Badger's second.