

**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MINUTES**
Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Approved March 27, 2012
Oak Grove Middle School Library

7:30 pm

- 1.** **Call to Order:** Michael Casinelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

- 2. Roll Call:**

Present: Michael Casinelli, Dan Neirinckx, Jean Strouf, Dan Kjonegaard, Janet Mulder, Bill Herde, Judy Bohlen, Ray Deitchman, Preston Brown, Yvonne Purdy-Luxton, Randy White, and Steve Wragg.

Absent: Earl Katzer,

Excused: Dale Fuller and Jonathan Shultz

- 3. Motion to approve the Agenda March 13, 2012, removing Item 7 due to a scheduling conflict as posted 72 hours before the meeting and the minutes of February 28, 2012 as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 4. Open Forum - Opportunity for public to speak on any item not on the agenda**
 - a. Michael Casinelli reminded us Form 700 was available and needed to be completed by all members of the JDPG by March 30 and turned into Registrar of Voters.**
 - b. Michael Casinelli reminded us the odd numbered seats are up for election this November and you can get information from Registrar of Voters.**
 - c. Judy Bohlen pointed out the Grossmont Union High School District redrew their boundary lines and if students in our area wish to attend Steele Canyon High School they need to let them know immediately. She is concerned that all of our students may not get their registrations in and SCHS would no longer be our "local high school" and reminded us that the JDCPG had financed a huge amount of their artificial turf field through allocation of PLDO funds as it was to be used by our Jamul students as their local high school. If there is any question as to our students attending now or in the future, then we were given erroneous information. Janet Mulder said that SCHS assured the JDUSD School Board that all students who attend Oak Grove would be allowed to attend SCHS if they turned in their applications on time. It is up to the parents and students to turn them into SCHS.**
- 5. ABC License Application – Arco AM/PM Market SR 94/Jefferson – Jennifer Hill ABC District Commander of ABC, gave background on the licensing and the State Laws that control the 3800 alcohol licenses. There are 24 field offices in the State, and five investigators, 3 clericals in their office. A White Posting Notice is used for 30 days if they are starting a new license. If the Notice is yellow that means it is just a change in ownership. During those 30 days**

public can give input. They also need to publish the notice in a paper and in addition need to notice within 500 feet. In addition any residence that lives within 100 feet of the proposed license can give input. The ABC makes certain requirements on the application and can approve or deny it. Their decision can be appealed if the protestant is willing to testify and finally can go into Supreme Court. Statutory requirements are different between off-sale and on-sale liquor licenses. Only 33% of windows can be devoted to advertising; no loitering, etc. People can use their online complaint process. Licenses can be subject to restrictions on a case-by-case basis. **Janet Mulder** asked if the ABC could look at notification of larger areas of concern above the 100 feet from a residence in the rural areas, and was told that that is the law. **Steve Wragg** asked how the number of licenses that can be given in an area is determined. **Jennifer Hill** pointed out that this applicant had a license prior to this application, so it was not a problem. **Myron Porter** asked about the restrictions that could be put onto a license as to size of containers. **Jennifer Hill** said that ABC contacts the Sheriff or Police to check out any problem. **Michael Casinelli** asked if we see people loitering or using open containers should we call you or the Sheriff? **Brian Conway** Sheriff's Dept. will bring any violation to the ABC. The ABC contacts the Sheriff and in this case they objected to the license and were able to get restrictions put onto the license. **Gene Sullivan, resident**, asked about graffiti removal, and **Jennifer Hill** pointed out that it would be removed within 48 hours if it is on the walls. **Randy White** asked where are we in the process for this license. **Jennifer Hill** said that they postponed their final recommendation to get input from the community. They will still take the input even though it is not legally valid, but it will be taken into consideration. The site must allow a member of the community to see the restrictions and they should be posted. **Mike Pettit** pointed out that the loitering is actually across the street, and **Jennifer Hill** stated that they could not hold the owner responsible for off-site loitering. Best way to give input is to contact SDG.Direct@ABC.ca.gov.

6. Jamul Indian Village Casino Update – Steve Davis, Project Manager – Michael Casinelli stated there would be a public information meeting on April 5 at Cottonwood Golf Course from 4 – 8 p.m. at which there will be stations for information and court reporters to record our comments.

Steve Davis, stated that **Lakes Gaming Entertainment** has withdrawn as the financing source for the Jamul Indian Village. Notice was sent to 200 stakeholders announcing the meeting on April 5 at Cottonwood. The Draft Tribal EE is to address off-reservation environmental effects associated with the Proposed Project. There will be three alternatives of the project. The 45-day public review period begins March 15 and closes on April 30th. We can go online to comment or send them into the JIV or at the Public meeting listed above.

Steve Davis gave an overview of the project showing a map of the proposed project. They plan a tiered structure in three phases. The first is located approximately 100 feet from SR 94 and is exposed about 8 foot above grade and at 450 feet from SR 94 – it goes to three stories and ends up at 36' above grade, and the final portion is 45' above grade, with parking lot below this part. Outside of the drip line is a 10-story parking structure, which would mean the highest point is 25 feet less than the casino. Alternative I is 1019 sq feet and goes from 1 – 2 – 3 story structure without a parking structure. Alternative II is the smallest proposal and is one story with mezzanine structure eating facility overlooking the valley. This alternative also has no parking structure. He showed the view shed from west of 94/ Melody Road, the second photo sim was at the corner of SR 94 and Melody, and the third from the entrance to the current JIV and the third is from the South of Reservation Road on SR 94 of all three alternatives. He showed visual sims to contrast the original project with the current project. Three access points were shown..Reservation road, across the 4-acre parcel, and Melody Road.

Steve Wragg asked to have the photo sims to be of the entire project including the three access

areas. He pointed out that they do not reflect the current topography including the existing Fire Station and the graded bank. **Steve Davis** said that the goal is to provide self-sufficient services. They propose fire facilities as part of the project. The wastewater treatment is a membrane reactor onsite utilizing reverse osmosis, which provides reclaimed water of high quality. Large underground storage tank will be used and will irrigate the green roofs and during the winter will be evaporated through a MVC unit, which is designed to be failsafe. **Randy White** asked how it could be failsafe, and asked what obligation the JIV has to complete offsite mitigation. **Steve Davis** stated that the maximum unused affluent that they would have, would be 25,000 and the capacity of the MVC unit is 40,000 gallons per day, so they feel it is failsafe. The 1999 compact reached by the state and the Indians stated that they had to mitigate offsite problems. **Jean Strouf** asked about dark skies and **Steve Davis** stated that they would use low sodium lights in parking and subtle signage, all aimed at dark skies. **Michael Casinelli** asked about their “direct access via Reservation Road via state route 94” as stated in their press release. **Steve Davis** stated that that is the only ingress and egress access that belongs to the JIV and the other access routes are described in the EE. **Michael Casinelli** asked about the prior plan in which Caltrans said that the JIV would have to use Melody Road as Caltrans required Peaceful Valley and the Fire Station to do as they found no way to mitigate it. Public safety is a major concern and he would not want us to have them come back and say that they could not get access through Melody Road. **Richard Marzec**, resident of Proctor Valley Estates, voiced concerns about safety and especially if the traffic is going to be dumped into Melody. **Robert Rohbock**, Proctor Valley Road, is concerned about storm water runoff especially off of the parking lot. The Waste treatment facility odor control is a concern and what would the drying of the sludge and how often do they have to be removed. **Steve Davis** said they would have permeable paving, which leads into a bio-retention facility on the parking lots. In order to reduce the removal of sludge they use a centrifuge or press, which results in only a few trucks a month. Odor control is an issue when you use a centrifuge but carbon filtration and the enclosed structure has done a good job of eliminating it. Generators will be life safety and full redundancy and noise is covered in the EE. **Veronica Hoban**, asked about the fuel consumption of the generators and other equipment. **Irving Beeman**, Lawson Valley resident, asked where the water is coming from, and to look at the quantity of solids generated. He pointed out that Golden Acorn has ruined the groundwater for its residents. He feels the Fire Department location seems unlikely. **Steve Davis** said that water is supplied by Otay Water and there is on site a 12” pipe supplied by Otay that is sized to meet their needs. There are two tiers of solids; those that come in with waste water; the liquid is removed and turned into recycled water. You are left with solids with 10% water that are dried through the centrifuge, which results in less actual dried solids. Regarding access, he pointed out that only one of the alternatives would be used. Fire Department is in the back as that is the non-combustible area and they can go all the way around the area. They have committed to be a mutual aid to address fire suppression unit with Rural Fire. **Streeter Parker**, owner of Peaceful Valley Ranch, pointed out he was required by Caltrans to go onto Melody Road and not off of SR 94 as SR94 was too dangerous for ingress and egress. He feels the JIV could go through Melody and get access from Lakes Gaming for free and would expect Caltrans to require the same of the JIV as they did of his project. Question was raised as to who approves the environmental analysis as satisfactory. **Steve Davis** stated that the EE is a hybrid of the CEQA and NEPA and it is analogous to the UC System being able to approve their documents for their property. The 45-day process will be concluded on April 30. **Mike Pettit** asked about the pending litigation in court over the land. **Steve Davis** stated that there is no question that the JIV is a tribe and owns the property. The parcels donated by the Catholic Diocese and the Daley Family were integrated in 1981. **Dana Blasi** asked what are the chances that the new development partner is a gaming tribe. **Steve Davis** stated that he is unable to comment on the new development partner at this time. **Ken Fritz**, representing Highway 94 Club, is basically for safety on SR94 and has worked with the tribe. **Donnel Blasi**,

former Jamul resident, now lives in Alpine and is concerned about crime and the increase of same as has occurred in Alpine with the rise of casinos. **Steve Davis** stated that he had met with the Sheriff's Dept in Lemon Grove, and they will answer questions at the Workshop. He stated that there would be 360 cars in the smallest alternative, 1100 cars in the middle alternative, and 2100 cars in the largest alternative. **Marcia Spurgeon**, Deerhorn Valley, asked about the interiors of the three projects – what they look like inside. **Steve Davis** said the largest would be 2000 gaming machines, 45 tables, 1000 person venue, and 5 food establishments. **Martha Thomas**, asked about jobs and whether they would go to the Indians or other residents. **Steve Davis** said the three alternatives would have approximately 1600, 850, 250 employees and would obviously include other residents. **Marie Leverton**, asked about Hillside, Lyons Valley Road and the other roads not included in the EE. **Yvonne Purdy-Luxton** further asked about SR188 and others not listed. **Ray Deitchman** asked why there was contradicting information - SDGE said no natural gas was available for the project and yet the EIR indicates the gas fired equipment would use natural gas with diesel as backup. He questioned why they did not include the natural gas or propane tanks in their report. **Steve Davis** said all of the above should be covered and suggested we read the report and come to the public meeting on April 5.

Michael Casinelli announced that the following people will be on the JIV Casino Sub-Committee: JDCPG Members, Bill Herde, Randy White, Steve Wragg, Janet Mulder, Preston Brown, Jonathon Shultz, Ray Deitchman, and Richard Marzec, community member. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20 at the Oak Grove Library. At that time they will divide the Draft Tribal Environmental Evaluation between them for in-depth study. Other meetings will be noticed at next JDCPG meeting.

Michael Casinelli, Chair, postponed the rest of the agenda until the next meeting due to the lateness of the hour...

ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Casinelli adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted:
Janet Mulder, Secretary**

**NEXT PLANNING GROUP MEETING: TUESDAY, March 27, 2012
OAK GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Hollenbeck Canyon-Honey Springs Use of Groundwater Sub-committee meeting, every Wednesday, at 4:00 p.m at Hooleys. Meeting with Department of Fish and Game, April 3 at 3:00 at DFG on Ruffin Road.

Jamul Indian Village Sub-Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Middle School Library.