

**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MINUTES
Tuesday, April 9, 2013
Approved April 23, 2013
Oak Grove Middle School Library
7:30 pm**

1. **Call to Order:** Jean Strouf called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** Ray Deitchman, Michael Casinelli, Judy Bohlen, Janet Mulder, Joan Kouns, Jean Strouf, Earl Katzer, Dan Kjonegaard, Elizabeth Kelly, Steve Wragg and Dale Fuller.

Excused: Randy White, Bill Herde
Absent: Yvonne Purdy-Luxton, Preston Brown

3. **Motion to approve the Agenda April 9, 2013, as posted 72 hours before the meeting and the minutes of March 12, 2012 noting that the March 26, 2013 meeting was cancelled by Vice-Chair. Motion carried 9 Yes, 1 no (Katzer did not receive copy of the minutes so did not want to approve). Dan Kjonegaard asked to have the March 12 minutes resent to the JDCPG. Janet will attach to the email with these minutes.**

4. **Open Forum: Opportunity for members of the public to speak on any item not on the agenda (time limit 3 minutes)**
 - a. **Michael Casinelli was assigned at the last meeting to look into the problem regarding the power pole located on Lyons Valley Road on the south side of street that had a pit and finally ATT has a crew out there to work on it the last two days. It had been a hazard for our young horseback and bicycle riders. ATT will complete it as soon as possible.**

 - b. **Jean Strouf got a call from Jim Taylor who had applied for our Planning Area who informed her that he would be unable to serve due to time commitments and asked Jean to send him the information from the Registrar in which they determined he was not a resident so he can straighten it out.**

 - c. **Jean Strouf announced that Kiwanis is holding their Chili Cookoff on April 13 at Pio Pico from 9 – 3. It will feature hot rods and great chili and all are invited to attend.**

5. **Form 700 is past due as of March 29 from all planning group members to David Morton, Registrar of Voters, and members who did not turn in their form can't vote until it is completed including Dale Fuller and Yvonne Purdy Luxton. Online training is available on the County Website and all members must take the training. Jean sent a link to all of us via email.**

6. **Final EIR for Wind Energy Ordinance Proposal: Jean questioned if our concerns were addressed. She pointed out that the ordinance was quite lengthy and we are not certain ours were addressed. Steve Wragg will look at the EIR tomorrow and see if our concerns were addressed. He further pointed out that Dianne Jacob is going before the Board**

tomorrow to propose a renewable energy policy including wind and he will report back tomorrow. Michael Casinelli read from an article that stated that the Board of Supervisors is looking at a new policy which could allow three smaller wind units (up to 65 feet) without permit for homes and businesses. Steve Wragg stated that he did not believe that was part of the proposed new policy. The final EIR for the Wind Ordinance will go to the BOS and this may be an additional alternative brought forth. Dan Kjongegaard pointed out that there is a 35-foot height limit on cell towers today and they require a permit, which seems unfair. Steve Wragg reminded us that the wind resource map shows the areas that could have enough wind to warrant towers (like Boulevard and Ocotillo). Michael suggested that Jean contact Donna Tisdale of Boulevard Planning Group to see what concerns they have and report back to us next meeting.

7. **Jamul Indian Village Casino Update: Jean Strouf pointed out that Penn National Gaming has agreed to finance the project and they have redesigned the project.** Michael Casinelli said that Steve Davis sent an email telling us that Penn National Gaming was their new backer. The accompanying press release had a few errors including stating that the JIV had been a recognized tribe since the 19th century and that the JIV had completed NEPA and CEQA – Janet Mulder read the press release and called Gus Silva of Caltrans to ask him what was happening with JIV as their release stated that they had completed the NEPA and CEQA requirements and had approved the construction. Mr. Silva assured her that **Caltrans had not approved the Traffic Impact Study yet, and after it has been approved, JIV will need to compete CEQA in order to receive an encroachment permit for ingress and egress onto SR-94.** He stated that it would take a minimum of 6-9 months to complete the CEQA process and no construction traffic could ingress or egress until the encroachment permit was obtained. Janet reminded Gus Silva of the Caltrans letter of Oct. 10, 2006 which stated, “access to the proposed development would be allowed only via existing Melody Road” and asked for assurance that this was still the preferred access. Gus Silva assured her that Caltrans had not changed their position, and needed for JIV to tell them which was their preferred access before they could even begin CEQA. Mr. Silva said he would make sure that the JDCPG was informed as to the progress made in the process towards CEQA. Janet Mulder signed up and listened to the Penn National Gaming Webcast on April 9, 2013, and reported the following was stated: During the question and answer period, a gentleman asked for them to expand on the information regarding “their new venture in San Diego”. It was pointed out that the land was in Jamul and was “Octco”- tribal lands with a management agreement approved by the NIGC. The \$60 million debt of Lakes is subrogated to the Penn National Gaming debt, as they are a third party. There is an agreement with the management of Lakes to extend the time to pay off the debt. He felt that they were “well positioned to pay off the debt as the margins were high and they have a branding agreement with Hollywood” which is their gaming portion of the company. He stated that the “Optco side was the assets and the Propco side was the license.” There is a separate obligation to shareholders for \$200 million free cash flow. He was asked about timing and he stated “not positive on the timing”. He stated that March had been better than Jan and Feb with a bit of a recovery maybe due to the weather and tax returns. He pointed out that the gaming market is the main part of their company. He then went onto other areas including Youngstown and Dayton who apparently are having problems.

Dan Kjongegaard moved that a cover letter be sent from the Chair to Penn National Gaming recommending they read the attached letters previously sent that state our positions on the proposed Indian casino project reflecting the community’s concerns. Motion passed unanimously. Chair, Jean Strouf will send a cover letter with the JDCPG’s letter urging a “no project alternative” accompanying her letter.

Jean Strouf, Chair took comments from the audience:

Gene Sullivan, resident in the audience, commented that he felt the casino would be built.

Mal Ingalls, Otay Mesa Planning Group, visiting our meeting to see what was happening in our area. Work on the CEQA process as it may be the best way to stop the casino.

10. JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

a. Assistant Director Beth Murray of Planning and Development Services (PDS) has announced her resignation. Her replacement has not been announced.

b. Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting - nothing impacting our area.

c. Notice of Public Hearing April 15 at 6:30 pm regarding Camp Lockett Motor Transport Museum in Campo as they are planning to replace the existing roofing. The Historic Site Board will act as an advisory body to the Planning Commission.

d. Jean Strouf announced that the Campo Kiwanis are having a barn dance June 8 at Star Ranch. All are invited. Tickets \$10 at door.

e. Update on the Watershed Ordinance has been postponed by the Regional Water Quality Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jean Strouf, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Mulder, Secretary

NEXT PLANNING GROUP MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013
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