

**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MINUTES
Tuesday, October 22, 2013
APPROVED Tuesday, November 5, 2013
Oak Grove Middle School Library
7:30 pm**

1. **Call to Order:** Jean Strouf called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Jean Strouf, Elizabeth Kelly, Dan Kjongegaard, Bill Herde, Preston Brown, Joan Kouns, Janet Mulder, Michael Casinelli and Randy White.
Excused: Judy Bohlen, Steve Wragg, Dan Neirinckx, and Ray Deitchman
Absent: Vacant Seat (Yvonne Purdy-Luxton), Earl Katzer
3. Motion to approve the Agenda October 22, 2013, as posted 72 hours before the meeting and the minutes of October 8, 2013 as corrected. **Motion carried unanimously.**
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** stated that we all know how dangerous it is to travel SR94, but he was reminded of it tonight when he was waiting north bound on SR 94 to make a left turn onto Lyons Valley Road at SR94 as another car went into the southbound left turn lane to try to pass another car and almost hit him. **Dan Kjongegaard** pointed out that often it is the “native Jamul People” who travel too fast and violate the right of way. The paving work on SR 94 is making people even more impatient.
 - b. **Joan Kouns, Janet Mulder, Preston Brown, and Randy White stated they would be out of town for the November 12 meeting and unable to attend. Therefore, Jean changed the meeting to November 5, 2013 to assure a quorum.**
 - c. **Jean Strouf** received an email from Bill Saminier, County Parks and Recreation, suggesting we consider giving the Oak Grove Middle School the complete \$610,000, of our PLDO funds for their project. **Dan Kjongegaard** wants to see the plans as to what they want to build and make sure they have met with the County Parks and Recreation to know their requirements, as well as met with Supervisor Dianne Jacob with assurances of her donation and make sure they have all of the plans including bids for the complete job. **Randy White** also stated that we wanted to see the facts including bids. **John Poole** asked if the public would be able to use the facility and was assured that we had been told they would. Jean will contact Nadine Bennett, Jamul Dulzura Union School District Superintendent, and remind her of the need to provide detailed plans, costs, and donations to the project at our next meeting.
 - d. **Randy White** needs to have the Honey Springs Ranch Dog Training Area (Hollenbeck Canyon) back on the agenda for next meeting.
5. **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR SEAT 5 – TO REPLACE YVONNE PURDY-LUXTON**

Jean introduced George Novinger and John Poole who have sent in nomination papers tonight and have been designated as residents of our Planning Area by the Registrar of Voters.

George Novinger – who has spoken to our group before, reviewed that he is a retired diplomat from Dept of State with Management focus – running embassies – Owns 9 acres in Jamul and wants to be involved in the community. He feels he is a good writer and communicator and would enjoy joining the Planning Group as he would enjoy being in the discussions he has heard while here at the meeting.

John Poole – Gave us a brief summary of his personal information. Stated that he has been in Jamul since 1999. He has been on community committees and church decisions involving the educational priorities of the community. He solicits divergent opinions so he can hear all sides and tends not to rush to make a decision. He worked in Social Services for 40 years and is now the Branch Chief of San Diego Office and plans to retire at the end of this year. His wife is the Principal of Steele Canyon High School. He has been part of SR 94 cleanup and is always amazed at the amount of refuse he collects. He also cleans up the auto parts that are left after accidents on SR 94 and has reflected that there is already a problem with people driving under the influence as he finds the refuse that is left and that concerns him about the addition of casino traffic. He feels that education is most important and feels that a good place to raise children is important.

Michael Casinelli - asked **George Novinger** how long he had been in Jamul and how much more familiar he is now with Jamul and San Diego than the first time he applied for a Planning Group position. George is working on projects through their property and learning a lot about the County regulations as well as the problems with the casino. He said he had learned a lot in a very short period of time. **Preston Brown** asked exactly where his house is located, and was told it is between the Steele Canyon Produce and Steele Canyon High School on the south side of SR94. **Joan Kouns** pointed out the importance of ground water for much of our community and wanted to know that both candidates understood the difficulty and the problems of being completely dependent upon groundwater. They assured her they were aware of the importance of groundwater. **Dan Kjongegaard** commented that we normally have two meetings a month, and some of the information is not spellbinding, but we have an obligation to give a timely response to requests for information. His question was, are you planning to come to two meetings a month and help with the work? **John Poole** stated that since he is retiring at the end of the month coupled with his past experience, he would have time and would be a responsible member. **George Novinger** gave strong assurance that he would be available. His experience as a community organizer leads him to recognize the importance of regular attendance. **Randy White** asked if they would be willing to take a project and learn about it and then make recommendations to the Group. Some of them take several years to come to fruition, but it is an open-ended commitment until the approval is given. **George Novinger** said he feels that both he and John would be willing to spend the time as well as both of them have wives who are deeply committed to the community. **Michael Casinelli** asked if either of them had questions of us? **John Poole** asked about land use questions like the evacuation roads that they want to do behind his house. **George Novinger** asked about to whom does our recommendation go and how much weight does it have? **Dan Kjongegaard** said that the Planning Groups have different weights given to their recommendations depending upon the Group. He relayed the scenario that starts with the scoping letter, talking to the Planner, visiting the site, bring up the concerns to the Planning Group, and encouraging the developer to address them. In the perfect world, the developer will come before the Planning Group where the developer will give their pitch, and answer any questions of the Group and then a vote is taken to make a recommendation for approval or not depending on their handling of the

perceived problems. The County sends back the form to us with the changes they are recommending and it goes to the Planning Commission who may or may not agree with our recommendations. It then goes to the Board of Supervisors if it is appealed and if we wish to do so, we can make a pitch to them with our recommendations. Our recommendations are often adhered to. **Bill Herde** pointed out that one of our main jobs is to be a public forum and the public's opinion is then written down in the minutes. Planning Groups have sub-committees to respond to projects and all of us serve on them at one time or another.

Dan Kjonggaard moved that we recommend George Novinger to fill Seat 5 to replace Yvonne Purdy-Jones. Motion carried unanimously. Jean will send her name to Supervisor Jacob's office as our recommendation.

6. **PDS2013-MUP-10-045W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION
ATT Cellular tower - Located at Pio Pico Thousand Trails- Dan Kjonggaard Postponed until November meeting.**

7. **BICYCLE SAFETY LETTER TO SANDAG –Bill Herde** introduced a letter he wishes to send to SANDAG, and others regarding Bicycle Safety. He pointed out that SANDAG has approved the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program allocating \$200M for regional bicycle projects, but none are in our Planning Area. AB1371 (three-foot safety act) has shed a light on a serious and neglected safety issue in our community. **Dan Kjonggaard** suggested that the committee needs to talk to the CHP regarding the combined-use of the highway and how will the law be enforced. **Randy White** asked about rural roads and asked if they would have a different safety standard. **Bill Herde** read the law and it says automobiles have to allow 3-feet between the car and the bike for safety. **Michael Casinelli** suggested that the addition of 9000 cars (aka casino traffic) would impact the bicycles. **Joan Kouns** asked if Bill had contacted Dehesa Planning Group as they have been having problems. **Preston Brown** is contacting bike clubs asking for input on their ideas for solutions. **Bill Herde** suggested that we might consider doing two separate letters to accomplish a dual purpose – one to try to get help improving our roads to allow safer bicycling and the second to work together to facilitate solutions that would impact our area. **Bill Herde asked for suggestions to improve his letter to accomplish these objectives be sent to him. Jean appointed Dan Neirinckx, Preston Brown, Michael Casinelli, and Jean Strouf to join Bill Herde who will act as chair on this Bicycle Safety Sub-Committee and they will report at the next meeting. The sub-committee will meet on Tuesday, November 5, at 6:30 at Oak Grove Middle School.**

8. **JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE UPDATE – Michael Casinelli** stated that the Jamul Action Committee meeting will be held on Monday October 28 at 6:30.

9. **JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
 - a. **Bill Herde read a letter from DOT** signed by Katie Basinski. **Attached and made a part of these minutes as per correction by Michael Cassinelli.**
 - b. **PDS 2013AD-13-040 – Hambalka Oversized Structure 3174 Fair Oaks Lane, Spring Valley
Preston Brown and Elizabeth Kelly will review and report back.**

ADJOURNMENT: Jean Strouf adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Mulder, Secretary

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

**7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, November 5, 2013 NOTE DATE CHANGE!
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October 3, 2013

Jean Strouf
Chair Person
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Dear Jean Strouf,

Thank you for your participation in the SR-94 Improvement Project. This letter is in response to your September 26, 2013 correspondence specifically regarding the following two questions.

- “ 1. What is the source of the data you are using for the CEQA process?*
- 2. Who is responsible for the accuracy of that data?”*

In regards to the first question, the data sources used in the preparation of the proposed project's Environmental Impact Report encompass varied topic areas in both the natural and human environments as required in the CEQA and Caltrans' project development process. We are early in the process of analyzing the project's impacts on the built and natural environments, and the data sources include the study of topics such as biology, traffic, water quality and hazardous materials to name just a few.

If you have data that Caltrans should be aware of in our CEQA decision making process, please feel free to provide it to us. Caltrans encourages stakeholders' participation in the project development process.

To answer the second question, Caltrans is the Lead Agency under CEQA and is responsible for the accuracy of the data that will be used in the development of the proposed project alternatives as well as the Environmental Impact Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie Basinski".

Katie Basinski
Acting Senior Environmental Planner

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