

**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL Minutes
Tuesday March 11, 2014
Approved, March 25, 2014
Oak Grove Middle School Library
7:30 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Dan Neirinckx called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Earl Katzer, Judy Bohlen, Jean Strouf, Dan Neirinckx, Bill Herde, George Novinger, Steve Wragg, Joan Kouns, Randy White, Eliz Kelly.

Excused: Janet Mulder, Preston Brown, Michael Casinelli, Ray Deitchman,

Absent:

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA for March 11, 2014 and minutes of February 25, 2014 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. **OPEN FORUM: Opportunity for public comment on any item not on the agenda – 3 minute time limit**

A. **Judy Bohlen** will attend a meeting with **Dianne Jacob** on April 10, 2014 with Fish and Wildlife addressing land use and will express her concerns regarding the permitted uses on the open space on Fury Lane near Cuyamaca College.

B. **Jean Strouf** attended **Diane Jacob's Trails Advisory Committee** with Fish and Wildlife on February 11, 2014 regarding Fury lane. Supervisor Jacob discussed how the property was "mitigated" and turned over to developers during the building of Cuyamaca College. The area where the bike "park" on Fury Lane was never supposed to be developed by the developers. The building of the jumps and tracks fall under the category of development and would be regulated as such. This land was required to be set aside. The developers were directed to close down the recreational biking. During this meeting an alternative bike park was suggested by a local Mountain Bike Group at Flynn Springs Park. This proposal was supported by those attending the meeting. Jean then read from the following her "understanding" of the Open Space Designations. Her written notes follow:

Jean Strouf nores from Dianne Jacob and F&G officials regarding Open Space designations dated March 10, 2014 which she read to the Group:

I attended Dianne Jacob's Trails Advisory Committee meeting on February 11 at her El Cajon Office. At that meeting, Supervisor Jacob discussed the Open Space property on Fury. That space was mitigated in the building of Cuyamaca College, and turned over by the developers. Someone (County?) got their hands slapped (maybe by Caltrans?) for allowing space to be "developed" by individuals for bicycle recreation. It was not allowed to be developed by the developers, and was required to be "set aside". They were directed to close down the recreational use.

Supervisor Jacob then introduced 2 men who'd been at previous Advisory Committee meetings, representing the Mountain Bike groups. These men discussed the demographic composition of the young people at the Fury location, mentioning they were from Campo, Tecate, Potrero, El Cajon, RSD, and further away. They then discussed the "dream" to have a sanctioned facility at Flynn Springs Park, which is not being used (very minimally). Those in the room were all "on board" with this idea, and these members will go ahead, with Supervisor Jacob's staff's help to establish a grand scale Bicycle Park in San Diego County.

Below is a summary I requested to better understand the process of Open Space. That is why I supported Jill Terp's recommendation to VACATE the Open Space between Proctor & Millar Road so that it could be "folded into" the US F&G area PLAN, which could then include establishing hiking & equestrian trails. Until it is Vacated, it cannot be brought into the Plan, and could not have hiking or equestrian trails.

Designated a property as "open space" is a county defined term. It does not preclude public access to the property – only precludes certain development or use of the property. I believe agricultural lands can be designated "open space". All the lands acquired thru the County's Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) are "open space", including state, county, city and federal lands acquired thru the program.

*Each property acquired by an agency gets its official designation from the agency that the property falls to. For California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)- (**STATE** conserved lands properties)- these properties can be designated as either a Wildlife Area, or and Ecological Reserve. There are subtle differences between the two designations, but either way, the overriding emphasis being on protection of the natural resources, and then meeting all public safety requirements, and then thirdly; provision of public wildlife related recreational opportunities. California Department of Parks and Recreation has a higher mandate to provide public recreational opportunities than CDFW, with somewhat less emphasis on the natural resources.*

*Jill Terp manages US Fish and Wildlife property (**FEDERAL** lands), designated as (San Diego) National Wildlife Refuge. Acronym is USFWS SDNWR. Her agency mandate is protection of wildlife resources.*

*BLM is also **Federal**, but their mandate is weighted more heavily on public access and recreational opportunities, while still required to protect all listed, endangered, or otherwise protected natural resources.*

*Bottom line is that **NONE** of these conserved lands are appropriate for BMX type facilities or activities. The jumps and tracks that are built to support BMX activities fall under the category of development, and would be regulated as such. You have to impact the habitat to build the facilities to support the activities. Because the properties*

were purchased using public resource conservation funds, as mitigation for impacts from development elsewhere, it would be anti-productive to allow impact and development on MSCP conserved lands. No State or Federal public agency can support BMX facilities and activities, considering the liabilities associated, but there may be a few city or county facilities in existence. For the most part, this is an activity for private industry.

- C. The Chair requested that Bill Herde** sign the reimbursement requisition for postage that was approved at the February 25, 2014, for the cost of the annual post office box as paid for by Dan Neirinckx.
- D. George Novinger** attended planning meeting on March 7, 2014 with Carl Stiehl (County of SD Advance Planning). The Board of Supervisors are looking to reduce regulations and providing more horticulture/animal raising/microbreweries/cheese making/small scale agriculture operations and agriculture tourism. It was proposed that the planning commission go ahead with this study to explore this. It is not subject to CEQA. They anticipate the study to take 24 months to do a report to delineate requirements. They are adding an option of expanding the boutique winery ordinance into areas zoned S92 (which is rural general). S92 can already grow grapes and crops. Commissioner Beck expressed concern about ground water sustainability. There is a concern on water consumption by wineries. Jean Strouf wanted to know if the microbrewery will be tiered. George says too soon to tell. A certain percentage of the ingredients of the onsite brewing will probably be required to be grown on site and a liquor license would probably be necessary.
- E. Sandy Parks** Assistant Director SDCO Agriculture, Weights and Measures and **David Kellum Ph.D SDCO** Entomologist presented options for changes to County Beekeeping Ordinance. There are already regulations regarding commercial bee keeping. This is to address non commercial/hobby bee keeping. **Sandy Parks** explained that they are responsible for state and local enforcement for bee keeping. They also provide services such as notices to the owners of hives to contain and protect their bee's if their area is being treated with pesticides. They work with the Bee Keeping Society.
- They want input from locals regarding the distance between managed hives and roadways. The domestic bee is integral for pollination of crops and honey production. California Agriculture is a multibillion dollar industry. Colony Collapse disorder (death of bees) has become a world wide issue. California is losing 30-40% of its hives annually. Hobbyists are encouraged to support local bee population's growth. **David Kellum Entomologist** wants to educate the public about Bee behavior. In 1999 African Honey Bees invaded and California was declared colonized. California tracks and monitors Bee's. 80% of the wild Bee's in California are now considered Africanized. All Bee's defend their nest and generally are only dangerous at this time. European bees are gentle and easy to handle.

Many died off due to a Mite infection. This allowed the African Bees to gain a foot-hold and they bred with the local honey bees. The hybrid Africanized Honey bee is considered much stronger, resistant to disease, reproduces quickly but is more temperamental. Africanized bees can swarm 10 times a year. Small swarms are more likely Africanized bees whereas large swarms are usually European Bees. We are at the start of the swarming season which is March to May. A swarm absconds in search of food or due to predators. Swarms are generally safe because they don't have a territory yet. Africanized bee's generally are only defensive if threatened within a 150 foot perimeter of their hive.

The current ordinance for San Diego County for hive placement is a distance of 100 ft from roads and 600 ft from structures if the owner of the hive does not live on the property. In 2012 City of SD changed ordinance to 25ft from habitable structures. **Sandy Parks and Dr. Kellum** want SD County to change ours also. The setback from structures is based on the Africanized honey bees defendable territory. Public safety is important to them.

Sandy Parks presented the following chart showing our current ordinance and two new options. Option one has no significant cost to the bee keeper.

Options for Changes to the County Beekeeping Ordinance

	Current Ordinance	Option One Basic Fewest Reg. Changes	Option Two Comprehensive More Reg. Changes	Permit Application for Further Distance Reductions (beyond specified setbacks in Options 1 & 2)
Distance from Roadways	100 ft	100 ft	100 ft	50 ft
Distance from Structures	600 ft	300 ft	200 ft	100 ft
Distance from Sensitive Sites	Not in ordinance	600 ft	200 ft	300 ft Option 1 150 ft Option 2
Enforcement and Abatement	Complaint Driven 30 Days	Complaint Driven 30 Days	Proactive Expedited	Proactive Expedited
Certification/Education	Not Required	Not Required	Required	Required
Best Management Practices	Not Required	Not Required	Required	Required
Inspection of Hives and Site	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Required

- European Honey Bees are considered more docile and typically managed by professional beekeepers.
- However, all bees will defend their nest/hive:
 - European Honey Bee (EHB) defensive zone is estimated to be a radius of approximately 25 feet from the hive.
 - Africanized Honey Bee (AHB) defensive zone is estimated to be a radius of approximately 150 feet from the hive.
- AHB bees have 10 times more guard bees, they chase 10 times farther and stay agitated longer than EHB.
- AHB victims receive 10 times more stings.

Randy White asked which plan they prefer. **Sandy and David endorse Option 2** which is based on a working model being followed in Florida. **Steve Wragg** asked about cost. They replied that there would be costs involved but carried by the beekeepers/hobbyists. The costs would be in permits/enforcement/online continuing education and hive inspections. Areas with sensitive structures such as schools/nursing home/public with bee allergies would have separate setbacks.

George Novinger asked if the wild beehives on his property are most likely Africanized. He was told yes by David Kellum. He has had no problems. David Kellum said pure African Honey Bees are very aggressive but most are a hybrid and not as dangerous. We don't want people destroying them as they are very much needed. **Randy White** asked whom you would call if you had a wild nest that you wanted removed. **David Kellum** said call the bee keeping society or commercial bee removal.

Dan asked if there is any quantity of hives that would change the category from hobby to commercial? One hive would have the same requirements as many. Commercial beekeepers have separate current ordinance.

Dan Neirinckx said this topic needed to be place on the next Agenda for so the PG could comment on the presentation.

5. TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE Recommendations

Dan Neirinckx said there is a meeting later this month and would like to present the JDPG suggestion/recommendations to current local problems. **Earl Katzer** broached the topic of the intersection of Lyons Valley Road and Route 94. He is concerned about traffic east bound on SR94 turning left onto Lyons Valley Road. The SR94 traffic cuts the turn tight and is dangerously crosses into the opposing traffic lane on Lyons Valley Road. **Earl Katzer** suggested a more visible marked such as a yellow flexible stanchion on the double yellow line on Lyons Valley to discourage the dangerous turning. **Randy White** suggested instead of a barrier, make it a right hand turn only from Lyons Valley road on to SR94 as stopped traffic on SR94 is very dangerous. **George Novinger** thinks law enforcement could be monitoring the area more closely. **Earl Katzer** pointed out the SR94 left turn lane markings may not be properly marked. **Steve Wragg** commented that the intersection is substandard and current stopping distances are not available at this intersection. **Bill Herde** wanted to know why there is no signal. **Dan Neirinckx** said it was due to cost and **Steve Wragg** said that would be about \$120K. **Randy White** said with the light at Proctor Valley a second light will cause more congestion issues with the blind intersection and the semi's having trouble stopping short going down that hill. **Joan Kouns** asked who are you dealing with regarding each road. SR94 changes need to approved by the State and Lyons Valley is under San Diego County control as commented on by **Dan Neirinckx**. **Earl Katzer** said he had to

put up a bond when he built his business and he thinks he remembers the county saying that there was a plan for there to be a traffic light at Lyons Valley and SR94 someday.

Dan Neirinckx moved that we recommend the installation of flex stanchions placed on the double yellow line at the terminus of Lyons Valley at SR94 to discourage turning left onto Lyons Valley Road prematurely. Motion failed. 7 yes , 3 no, 0 abstenstions, 5 members not present.

Bill Herde commented that the SR94/ Lyons Valley Road intersection would remain a dangerous intersection and would like to see some action by both Caltrans and the County to improve the safety for all turns. **Dan Neirinckx** said we could make a recommendation to see what it would take to make the intersection safer and bringing it up to standard.

Dan Neirinckx moved that we recommend the Traffic Advisory Committee encourage both the County and CalTrans to make the necessary improvements to the SR94/ Lyons Valley Road intersection to bring the it into current safety requirements. Motion passed unanimously.

Jean Strouf would like to recommend bike lanes on Skyline Truck Trail and Honey Springs as there is a considerable biking activities along both roads and the safety of both drivers and riders is seriously endangered. **George Novinger** thinks the assistance of bicyclists would be helpful to bring this to the attention of the Traffic Advisory Committee.

Dan Neirinckx moved that we recommend to the Traffic Advisory Committee the placement of Bicycle lands along Lyons Valley and Honey Springs roads. Motion passed unanimously.

6. STATE & FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE LAND USE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dan Neirinckx would like a sub committee to work on this matter and requested volunteers for the sub committee. Dan said there was support for additional recreational uses on federal/state lands as well as county lands. **Jean Strouf** and **Judy Bohlen** volunteered and **Preston Brown** would also be asked to be on the sub committee. **Jean Strouf** said we aren't getting anywhere with motorized vehicle access in this area and use needed to be compatible with land designations.

Judy Bolen believes that land purchased by the people through their taxes should be accessible by the people. The County no longer collects property taxes on it. The County then no longer allows public access to it. **Dan Neirinckx** said some lands are for habitat preservation and some are for

public use. The controlling agencies have established purposes which limits the uses. He doesn't want to criticize Fish and Game personnel when they have to comply with the restrictions of the government Agency that controls the use of the land. **Judy Bohlen** said that the original plan from 7 years ago for the Daley ranch was that they were hoping to open it for public use. It was suggested that **Tracy Nelson** be contacted about this. **Randy White** said to invite **Tracy Nelson** for an update on the Daley ranch regarding opening this property up. There has been a lack of communication between the planning group and the local controlling agencies and better communication would be helpful. **Jean Strouf** said that **Tracy Nelson** is trying to open up the south side of SR94, the old Daley Ranch, but currently, the biggest barrier to opening up this area is the lack of parking. CalTrans would have to be involved to create a parking area. The plan would be to use this area for educational and research programs. **Judy Bohlen** said that the original plan from seven years ago for the Daley Ranch was that they were hoping to open it for public use. It was suggested that Jill Stroh be contacted about this. **Randy White** suggested inviting **Tracy Nelson** for an update on the Daley Ranch regarding opening this property up. There seems to him to be a lack of communication between planning group and the local controlling agencies and better communication would be helpful. **Jean Strouf** said that **Tracy Nelson** is trying to open up the south side of SR94, the old Daley ranch, but currently, the biggest barrier to opening up this area is the lack of parking. CalTrans would have to be involved to create a parking area. The plan would be to use this area for educational and research programs.

7. VACANCY SEAT 12 -- Dan Neirinckx

Dan Neirinckx asked if there were any more applications for the vacancy. **Mr. Richard Marzec** was certified as a resident by the Registrar of Voters. This is the only candidate, however others can contact Dan and send in their applications before the next meeting date and be considered. The group will be voting on the replacement for Dan Kjonegaard at the March 25 JDCPG meeting.

8. JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE UP-DATE

Joan Kouns commented on multiple large trucks going down Otay Lakes Road towards South Bay. She enquired as to where the dirt was being sent. It is thought that the dirt is going to Caltrans property to be used by them. **Randy White** also mentioned there are two construction project on SR94. JIV and construction at Border Patrol Station on Marron Valley Road.

9. JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Dan Neirinckx asked for a volunteer to work on the **Vineyard Hacienda** project. This is the property of planning group member **George Novinger**.

Steve Wragg and **Eliz Kelly** volunteered to research the project and report back.

Dan reminded us that our 700 forms need to be done by the end of March. Training also needs to be done and it's ok to send both to Lisa Fitzpatrick.

Joan Kouns might not be at next meeting.

Earl Katzer will be absent for the next two meetings.

Dan Neirinckx said he had noticed the SR 94 project to widen the road just west of Marron Valley Rd. was being surveyed by CalTrans last week. Also there has been improvements to the guard rails along SR94 in the Dulzura and Barrett Valley areas.

Dan Neirinckx adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Minutes taken by Elizabeth Kelly, with thanks, in absence of Secretary Janet Mulder

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, March 25, 2014

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