

SAN DIEGUITO PLANNING GROUP

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Please accept the corrections to the **Minutes for the meeting of May 23, 2013** as follows (changes noted in yellow):

ITEM 5C County Parks & Recreation/Dept. of Public Works Proposed Community Pathway #35 –

presentation for proposed Pathway #35 for San Dieguito Community Trails & Pathways Plan. SD Co. Planner: Mark Massen, 858-966-1351 **Continued from 5-9-2013 meeting**. A summary of the presentation made last meeting was made by Jill Bankston of County Parks & Recreation, and Susan Carter **of the San Dieguito River Park**.

Presentation by Jacqueline Hicks representing opponents to this trail, with an audience of approximately 40 residents of Fairbanks Ranch outlining the perils of travel on San Dieguito Road, including driving accidents, pedestrian accidents, and typical traffic patterns.

Susan Ellner is President of the Fairbanks Riding Club presented her findings from hiking this trail piece on a Sunday morning. There are many obstacles on the trail itself, the cyclists use this route for their team training, there's noise from motor vehicles, including motorcycles, **and dogs that charge the fences**. Their findings are that this trail is too dangerous to be made into a trail.

Jamie Wallace, resident of Fairbanks Ranch, read his concerns regarding this trail. He is a regular pedestrian on this proposed trail, at least 4 times a week. He's been struck by a car, seen cars swerving to avoid bicyclists, high-speed bicyclists dangerously traveling the road, and **cyclists** fixing their tires. Packs of bicyclists can number 35-50 and traveling at speeds upward of 40 mph.

Marlene King, resident of Fairbanks Ranch, also voiced her concerns, pointing out specifically gate #2 and the problems of restricted visibility when exiting. There are many dogs along the perimeter properties who will react to , activity on the trail, and also brought up the problems of the school children pick ups at the end of the day.

Additionally she pointed out that there are issues when it rains, the trail typically washes out.

Tanya Klee voiced her concerns as a hiker too.

King Aminpour, a resident of Fairbanks Ranch and a Personal Injury attorney, points out that the shoulder is not currently set up as a trail. Installing the trail might be considered purposely negligent and putting people in peril, which in case of an injury, would open the door for a very large lawsuit.

Susan Carter recognizes the safety concerns and would certainly encourage the community to work with the County to work out a solution. The preferred trail by the River Park organization would be along the river edge but points out that this preferred trail is lined with private properties, who will not give easements to allow the trail to go along that preferred corridor.

Laurel Lemarie commented **that years ago she** was part of the RSF Trails Committee **that** worked with the residents to gain an easement for a trail in the Covenant. She points out that they had to wait until the property changed hands before the trail was finally completed. The point is that this is a very long term effort and it could take decades to gain more of the trail.

Mid Hoppenrath commented 1) a section of Country Club Drive in Harmony Grove was removed from the circulation element and had its speed limit reduced from 45 to 25 by the Board of Supervisors because of safety issues for equestrians/pedestrians; and 2) a forest preserve in the Chicago area that was very dangerous due to illegal drug trafficking became very safe after a popular bicycle trail was added; and 3) I was concerned about the logic of not establishing trails because of existing safety issues as moving toward closing already existing trail segments due to safety issues instead of addressing and resolving safety issues wherever and whenever they occur to preserve our extensive network of recreational trails.

Chairperson Liska explained the problem exacerbating the safety of this road from El Camino Real to Santa Luz Road, measured by the 4 lanes on San Dieguito Road, with speed limit of 50 mph to the point of 2 lanes, which drops to 45 mph. Before this trail could be installed, reducing the speed is necessary for safety sake

MOTION by Mid Hoppenrath recommends we approve this trailway, with the understanding that the County work with the community to mitigate the safety issues in order for this trail to be installed. Seconded: Christenfeld

Ayes = 4	nos = 4	abstain = 1
	Willis	Jones
	Clotfelter	
	Dill	
	Epstein	

ITEM 6C Rancho Cielo SPA05-004, TM5440, TM5441; Replacement Maps - Parcel H and Village Center:

MOTION by Doug Dill to recommend approval of the project as presented of the 24 lots proposed with the following conditions:

1) **The Rancho Cielo Estates HOA Design Review Committee has non-binding representation without veto power during the design review phase of any proposals presented by the Merchant Builder. The HOA board has the discretion to invite a representative of the Mt. Israel community to view the proposals as well.**

2) The approval is subject to no further issues revealed by the County during their subsequent studies that have not yet been completed.