

County of San Diego
Jacumba Community Sponsor Group (JCSG)
Minutes for the JCSG Meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 10, 2025
Highland Senior Center, 44681 Old Hwy 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934

A. Call to order/Roll call: The JCSG meeting was called to order at 6:02pm. Present: Seat 1. Steve Perelman(Secretary); Seat 2. Greg Curran (Vice-Chair); Seat 3. Corbin Winters; 4. Jeffery Osborne (Chair); Seat 5. Katrina Westley (Zoom).

~8 members of the public in attendance.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of the draft minutes for the JCSG meeting held on January 13, 2024.

The Chair noted that some issues were missing from the minutes and the board agreed to delay approval until they are added.

D. Action items: (Agenda items may be taken out of order upon request.)N/A

E. Public Communication: The public may comment on any subject within the JCSG's jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda. (Speakers are limited to 2 minutes and no action can be taken on non-agenda items.)

Discussion is noted under F.1. during PDS presentation.

F. Group Business:

1. San Diego County PDS Staff Presentation of Research for JVR Energy Park Community Benefit Funds including a presentation by San Diego Foundation about possibilities.

Steve brought up the promises by JVR to restrict project vehicles from town and to use Carrizo Gorge for access, to not emplace Li-ion battery assemblies in the "farm" and whether these promises have shown up in the revised plan.

Mark said "no" they have not. He requested a list of any items.

Jeff said that the verbal setback concessions should also be on that list.

Joel Anderson Aide James encouraged us to sign the petition to crack down on homeless encampments in the county so he will be able to demonstrate support and then act on it. The last 3 fires in S.D. county were caused by homeless encampments. One solution is to increase "safe parking" which is living in vehicles in designated parking lots. J.A. got \$150K for safe parking in Grantville.

J.A. has steered \$17M from the Ca Governor to SD city, Santee, and CalTrans.

He said grants are available and will be reduced if they are not used annually. Last year JA steered \$4.1M in grants, proposals are accepted until April 30.

Tanya asked if there is an updated figure for cost of SVP housing? James said no
San Ysidro Health has distributed a petition/questionnaire in the community to solicit funding ~\$1.5M to provide services in Jacumba but perhaps not only in Jacumba. None of the Board or public at the meeting has received the petition. It seems possible it would be biased or illegitimate considering that none present had seen the questionnaire or signed the petition for services being presented. They take credit for 13,032 meals provided through the Mountain Empire Senior Nutrition Program which presumably includes Campo. They have 2 home delivery routes/week.

Candace Wo from the S.D. Foundation was introduced by Mark Slovic, he reminded us that JVR wants an April 1st disbursement so they can move forward on project initiation.

Jeff wants a listing of already promised funds from the C.B.Fund. Our understanding is that JCSD has \$250K, IVDM has \$75K, and SYH has \$125K which leaves \$3.55M for distribution.

Mark agreed that the \$3.55M should be used only in Jacumba, not Campo or Ocotillo.

Tanya opined that the frozen meals from S.Y.H. at the library are not wonderful and that the fresh food prepared at the S.C. are superior.

Mrs Osborne asked who can bring a petition to the community?

Tanya mentioned the \$125K wasted on attorney fees by previous Water Board.

Nick reiterated that county PDS will act on suggestions from the community.

Candace described the S.D.Foundation as having \$1.4B AUM and only 501(C)(3)s may have a check cut(one entity may be for profit). The associated fee is .75%(75 basis points) and whatever portion of C.B.Fund goes into the endowment will have a 5% maximum annual disbursement ∴ 4.25% could flow to the community. Funds are not segregated, but proportional.

Jeff expressed concern about the exact process guaranteeing that C.B. funds are spent in the community for

perpetuity. The County can come back with exact potential endowment contract verbiage to present to JCSG.

Mark said that PDS is responsible for confirming viability of spending plan. He suggested an annual town hall to approve past spending and on in to the future.

Nick had looked into capital improvement plans for Jacumba on file and only saw the sidewalk and pedestrian ramp proposal for Old Hwy 80 from Heber st. to Campo st. at \$895,000. It was not funded last year. Proposals of <\$500K are much more likely to be funded ∴ matching funds by us could make it happen. He mentioned possible “Jacumba – speed limit radar” signs at either end of town which may slow down semis when Hwy 8 is closed.

SYH 5yr plan to provide

75 medical visits with a doctor and his team/annum

180 preventive services/annum

30 home care visits/annum

\$1.5M requested from CBF lump sum for 5yr service.

Tanya questioned attendees whether they have insurance and all did, many by Medicare.

Jeff requested that SYH make a presentation at JCSG about that offer.

Jeff inquired about assistance in grant writing.

Nick replied that must be a non-profit to submit a grant proposal

Candace stated that SDFoundation usually matches funds when granting grants, federal grants are drying up – becoming more rare.

James declared that grants can be “fronted” to preapproved tasks with documentation in the form of receipts and completed tasks provided after the fact.

Steve used the example of a community dumpster located at the Senior Center serviced by a for profit company and Tanya said “bad idea” it would need an attendant to confirm no oil or batteries get tossed, a security fence if it is ever unattended.

Maureen suggested leaving \$550K out of the endowment for projects that may come up.

Candace explained that SDF funds are not segregated with individual investments but that the endowment may be more aggressively invested. SDF has a goal of 7% return so that even a 5% annual distribution allows growth of principle.

Mark confirmed that under normal conditions PDS will not charge for any deliberations required to approve disbursements.

Nick requested a date and time for a town hall where he could come back to discuss any issues brought up tonight.

2. Announcements and Correspondence Received.

3. Community interface reports.

- a. Highland Senior Center- Tanya did not think a community dumpster at the S.C. would work.
- b. Real East County Fire Safe Council – No updates.
- c. Jacumba Boulevard revitalization Alliance (JBRA). No updates.

G. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at ~7:35pm. The next JCSG meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 10th, 2025 at 6 pm.

For more information, contact the JCSG Chair Jeff Osborne at Jeff@JacumbaHotSprings.com.

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