

JAMUL DULZURA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
DRAFT MINUTES
September 11, 2018
Oak Grove Middle School Library
7:30 p.m.

1. **Michael Casinelli, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.**

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Hannah Gbeh, Michael Casinelli, Eileen Poole, Richard Marzec, Janet Mulder, Steve Wragg, Dan Neirinckx, Bill Herde, Darren Greenhalgh, Joe Stuyvesant, and Preston Brown.

Absent:

Excused: Rich Marzec, Randy White, Mark Manis

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA for September 11, 2018 and the Final Minutes of the JDCPG August 28, 2018, meeting that were corrected and emailed to all.**

Motion carried unanimously. Janet suggested that if someone has a presentation they are giving to the Planning Group and they wish to be quoted verbatim, they should turn in their speech to the secretary before they speak, or send it via email. Otherwise the secretary will print what is said at the meeting to the best of her ability.

4. **OPEN FORUM:**

a. **Michael Casinelli** told us that the ATT cell tower we had already approved on Tumeric Way has been pulled by the applicant.

b. **Michael Casinelli** announced that there would be a public presentation regarding development of Ivanhoe Ranch which is not in our Planning Area, but could have a dramatic impact on traffic in and around Jamul Drive. The meeting will be held at Rancho San Diego Library Community Room 6 – 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. Question is why was our Planning Group not notified of this meeting, which would have an impact on our Planning Area.

c. **Darren Greenhalgh** attended the PEIR Integrated Vector Management Program meeting where the Initial Study will look to implement best practices and looking at significant impacts including environmental impacts, greenhouse gases, noise, etc. They drain the ponds and reroute the water in order to get rid of the breeding area. There is a potential of significant impacts to a number of categories. More information can be found from Dept of Environmental Health on their website.

d. **Michael Casinelli** received a phone message from **Mark Slovic and Greg Matson** which he shared with us at the meeting. They opened by giving updates on Otay Ranch Village 14. They said they had originally set Sept. 21 as the

hearing date but now have changed to October 19. There was originally a chance that the fourth batch would be presented on October 31 but now it looks like it will be Dec. 12 and he is not sure whether or not Village 14 will be included.

5. **RMP 2 UPDATE** – **Michael Casinelli** pointed out the RMP goes before the BOS tomorrow and it is not something we can vote on he was told today. **Dan Neirinckx** related the message that Michael Casinelli received he feels stated that it was not publicly initiated as per Je'Rae Bailey. **Michael** received the Staff Report signed by Mark Wardlaw that will be presented to the BOS tomorrow. **Dan Neirinckx** reported that the letter from Fish and Wildlife did not seem to be getting much play, but **Preston Brown** said that Fish and Wildlife and the Endangered Habitat League and the County are still talking, but have not reached an agreement on the three Proctor Valley parcels (PV1, PV2, and PV3). **Michael Casinelli** stated that he could be not go and represent our Planning Group without a vote, he would be willing to go and to encourage the two sides to work together to reach an agreement. **Dan Neirinckx** pointed out that Resource Management Plan 2 would impact land use in our area, as its designation will determine how the land could be used. **Michael Casinelli** pointed out that the Resource Protection people say this has a "hard line" and **Preston Brown** said any changes would normally adhere to MSCP specifications but this one is a bit confusing. **Hannah Gbeh** pointed out that if the County says it is not in our area of concern we should not go and represent the Planning Group but anyone could appear as an individual. **Darren** pointed out that our JDCPG has taken a position on this and that is what we need to represent. **Dan Neirinckx** points out that for the Secretary of the Planning Commission to determine whether this is a land use issue or not seems strange since our rules come from the BOS and I-1. **Steve Wragg** asked if it would be appropriate for a member to speak on this subject. **Dan Neirinckx** pointed out the email we received brought up questions as to whether or not it has land use implications and do we as a Planning Group have limits on this subject? **Michael Casinelli** will send an email asking for clarification as to our role in a similar situation. He has already emailed the County to ask why this is not a land use issue, but had not yet received a response. but it did not have an explanation of why we exist. It was how we are to operate, do's and don'ts. But that found on line CPGs are formed ...

A discussion was held between the Planning Group members as to what our role should be in planning issues.

6. **CONCURRENCE LETTER VOTE FOR DESIGN OF THE JAMUL DRIVE AND LYONS VALLEY ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL** – **Michael Casinelli** introduced **Jim Bolz of the County** who told us that the County is working with the neighbors and the Catholic Church and all seem pleased. The three times he was present on the site there were "near misses" which could have been horrible accidents! He showed us the graphic which would feature "Continental Crosswalk" markings. They do not have to take any land as they have enough right of way. It will start next Spring and probably take 100 days to finish. Includes a turn lane onto Jamul Drive for two cars. **Judy Bohlen** suggested that we need to have more car length in right turn lane and flashing lights at the curve to warn that there is a light ahead in order to avoid accidents. **Jim Bolz** pointed out that the traffic engineers have designed it recognizing safety concerns and would recommend that we write our concerns. **Steve Wragg** asked why the short stacking lane going west as there is enough right of way to make it longer and would ask that Jim check on it and get back to us. The handicapped ramps need to be connected and **Joe**

Stuyvesant pointed out that this plan better than the status quo. **Bill Herde** pointed out that an additional signal light should be on the opposite side of the street alerting people to the status of the light. We would ask that Jim come before us with all changes before they become permanent. **Joe Stuyvesant** pointed out that anything is an improvement, but the Group recommends an extended right turn pocket west bound on Lyons Valley Road, with flashing light to alert cars and Jamul Drive going south allowing right hand turn on red. **Michael Casinelli** will put this signal on the agenda for next meeting Sept. 25, 2018 and invited Jim Bolz to return.

Jim Bolz reported that the Willow Glen Steele Canyon intersection is still being worked on as they have not completed it. We were told that there would be two left turn lanes off of Steele Canyon onto Willow Glen.

7. **JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE UPDATE** Nothing to report.

8. **JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS –**

a. **PDS2018-AD-18-018, 3243 Discretionary Permit for Administrative Permit Heide Lane Jamul, fence height –Mishler- Given to Bill Herde to look at and report back.**

– b. **PDS 20118-STP-95-08W2 - 3368 Ashley Park Drive – Habib – Residence addition Given to Steve Wragg and Joe Stuyvesant to contact the owner and County staff and report back**

c. **Community Fire Safety Program/Public Safety – Joe Gabaldon, SDG&E needs representative from our Group on Oct. 4 at Alpine Library – Public Safety power shutoff – Darren Greenhalgh will represent our Planning Group at the meeting**

d. **Michael Casinelli asked the Planning Group members to give their opinion as to why the JDCPG exists...**

Judy Bohlen – We are to be the eyes and ears for the Planning Department. She is concerned that we may be too biased.

Preston Brown – **quoted former chair Frank Hewitt and said** our job is to protect our community – sees the group functioning in a positive way.

Eileen Poole – Planning Group needs to be the eyes and ears of the community.

Dan Neirinckx - need to give input to PDS. Remember we are advisory but not be hesitant to let them know when their plan does not fit our community. We need to remember we work for the BOS!

Janet Mulder – We need to be the **voice of our community** – help developers to see what we think is important to our community and help the County Staff to “know” what our community would like to see in development as to both quantity and quality.

Bill Herde – **community character – we are unpaid labor to** give input to the PDS – He has been disappointed the way some Planning Groups have reacted, but important to represent our area.

Darren Greenhalgh – wants to be a voice for the community.

Hannah Gbeh - agrees with most but stated that the County has established specific policies for how community planning groups operate and we should adhere to them, not over-reach.

Steve Wragg – To be Advisory groups to the County and not to protect the community – need to be careful not to get personal and allow our personal feelings to influence us.

Joe Stuyvesant – Eyes and ears – run the risk of becoming irrelevant if they have too many negative opinions. They need to give an “open mind” and “hear” what the proponent says. We need to be a facilitator not an opponent to plans, careful not to assume an agenda. Our opinion becomes too “in depth” and we need to not fall on that slippery slope.

Michael Casinelli – looked to I-1, but it did not have an explanation of why we exist. It described how we are to operate, do’s and don’ts. But that found on line CPGs are formed ...to represent the local communities through formal mechanisms to give input to the Planning Department – to protect the community’s interest – He reminds us for example that the sound ordinance is insufficient for the back country and we make suggested conditions to eliminate the problems...Applicants that come before us should expect us to represent the community. Would like for the JDCPG to create a Mission Statement.

Steve Wragg – suggests that we need to be careful to stick to our job – Members need to email the Group with their comments on a project, being careful to follow the Brown Act.

Hannah Gbeh – Doesn’t think that County policy allows us to create a Mission Statement.

Joe Stuyvesant – Most important is time management – gives discipline to our meeting and need to perhaps have a time limit on input. We need to be careful that our “opinions” may not take precedence over the knowledge of traffic engineers – need to listen and overlay our ideas but not try to convince everyone of their point of view.

Bill Herde – Sub-committee meetings should be summarized and given to the whole Board.

Darren – Sub-committee information should be given in the meeting more in depth.

Dan Neirinckx – Difficult to do this if the sub-committee meets the night of our meeting, so would suggest another meeting night for sub-committees.

Michael Casinelli thanked everyone for their input and said we would continue looking at ways to improve our meetings in the future.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Michael Casinelli adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Mulder, Secretary

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, September 25, 2018

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