

JAMUL DULZURA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MINUTES
Approved October 9, 2018
September 25, 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, Richard Marzec, Janet Mulder, Dan Neirinckx, Randy White, Judy Bohlen, Eileen Poole, Rich Marzec, Joe Stuyvesant, Darren Greenhalgh,

Absent: Preston Brown.

Excused: Mark Manis, Steve Wragg, Bill Herde

Vacant Seat: #10 – Jean Strouf resignation

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA for September 25, 2018 and the Final Minutes of the JDCPG September 11, 2018, meeting that were corrected and emailed to all. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chair, Michael Casinelli moved to alter the agenda putting Agenda Item #5 before #4 due to our guests from SANDAG.

5. **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION UPDATE presented by SANDAG, - Mr. Charles "Muggs" Stoll, Director of Land Use and Transportation Planning, Ms. Elisa Arias, Principal Regional Planner, were introduced by Joe Stuyvesant who reminded us that they are the ones who give us the "big picture" of planning in our area. Elisa passed out some handouts regarding planning in our area. Muggs Stoll reminded us that the plan has to be updated every 4 years.** They discussed the fact that SANDAG has information on every area of the County, but tonight they have concentrated on District 2. The existing Regional Plan was completed in 2015 and will be updated in 2019. They have also included info on the Tecate Border Crossing. The first graphic showed where Supervisorial District 2 residents work. There are about 103,000 residents and 84% work outside of the district. People change jobs more than they change homes. The job centers for District 2 are wide spread using many of our roads for commuting. The map on page 4 shows where people come from to work in District 2. The map on page five shows the traffic that originates or terminates in District 2. 50% of the vehicle miles traveled associated with District 2 occurs within the District. Page 6 has two maps – the one on the left from 1999 and the one on the right 2014. There is much more land designated in "Open Space" and development much more concentrated in the western 1/4th of the area. The City of San Diego updated their plan and concentrated development closer together. Comparing the two maps one can see where the growth is occurring. The 2050 Regional Plan Transit Network shows where it is now as of October

2015. It does not show the Rural Bus that travels on SR94 to Morena Village and back. The 2015 Regional Plan Managed Lanes & Highway lanes were questioned, as SR94 and SR67 are both heavily traveled. **Muggs** reminded us that the 125 is not listed as a toll road because it will be paid off before 2050. **Hannah** asked about the bicycle improvements in our area, and this information is online and **Elisa** will give us the info. The last page of the plan shows the additional lanes at SR 94 at Avocado and 125 and Steele Canyon. They had meetings with the regional areas and the 2019 Regional Plan Timeline that shows the Plan Development began in April 2017 and goes through Winter 2020 when they are looking to have the Plan adopted. Tecate Port of Entry has been tracked since 1998 and has lower number of crossings in 2016 than in 2002. The next map shows the northbound individual Crossings which have increased. We see more pedestrian crossing at the Tecate border, San Ysidro and Otay Mesa borders. We do not have similar data going Southbound, but they estimate it to be about the same as Northbound.

Michael Casinelli asked if the trolley lines would be extended. **Elisa** pointed out that the cost of extension would be really expensive. **Randy** asked if ever trolleys would be extended to our area and both **Muggs and Elisa** said no....The next trolley extension would probably go to UCSD but it will be a ways off. The extension of the “bullet train” to San Diego is also a very long way off. They are trying to reduce the numbers of cars on the highways. **Michael Casinelli** pointed out that we have a huge group of bicyclists in our area and have no bike lanes, and we need to plan for these bicyclists with bike lanes in the back country as it is a safety issue. **Muggs** pointed out that much of the funds for “active transportation” are concentrated in the metropolitan areas to encourage people to use bicycles for transportation, but appreciated the concern for more bike lanes in the backcountry.

Randy asked how SANDAG divides their monies. **Eliza** points out that much of the money comes from sales tax and the transit tax and it is matched with population. **Muggs** said there are other areas from which they get money, but it is often based on numbers of people using the roads. Each area gets a certain amount from the sales tax based on formula. The County of San Diego makes decisions as to where the money will be spent. **Joe Stuyvesant** pointed out that if we look at the third map it shows that many of us travel the highways on a daily basis and **Michael** pointed out that mass transit does not always work in our area.

Hannah Gbeh says she feels like the rural areas are under represented in SANDAG and it seems to ignore the fact that SR 94 is an international highway with traffic coming from Tecate. She said that when Caltrans was here they said it was not on the priority list, and asked how could we get more help with this dangerous highway. **Eliza** said there are always funds for safety improvements. **Muggs** pointed out that the rules for funding safety improvements requires a certain threshold of problems before they can allocate the funds. He recommends that we keep vigilant on where the capacity improvements are needed. **Hannah** asked to whom should we bring these “safety threshold” problems to in order to get help. **Muggs** told us decisions regarding capacity go to SANDAG but safety issues go to Caltrans and they work closely with California Highway Patrol. **Michael** asked about the increased development as discussed by the County Planning. He pointed out that the County is currently planning increased density in Alpine with affordable housing, but that area does not have public transportation options, which seems to be vital for future low income residents that are far from employment centers, and how was SANDAG planning for this situation? **Muggs** pointed out that the Village Core category should help out but they have to wait until the County makes their recommendation to the

Board of Supervisors.

Dan Neirinckx looked at the Northbound Individual crossings from Tecate and he figures that it would be 2000 individuals per day that must travel by car. Shouldn't that number be taken into consideration? **Dan** asked if there are plans to make a road from Tecate to Highway 8 and **Elisa** said it would be a long-term plan and it is not on the books at this time. **Judy Bohlen** pointed out that the date of the plans was before the opening of the casino which has made a huge difference in traffic, although not as big as expected. She also pointed out that the 1100 plus homes planned, if it is approved, within Otay Ranch would be such an increase she questioned not considering it in the forecast. She reminded them that SR 94 is currently at LOS "F" and can't understand why that was not taken into consideration. **Muggs** said they need to look at the fiscal opportunities and some of the projects have to be in a holding pattern as they do not have the finances to spread their dollars past Steele Canyon. Their decisions can be updated but the fiscal restraints are prevalent. **Joe Stuyvesant** has worked with SANDAG for several years and wanted us to remember that they are working with figures and looking ahead to make the best decisions ever. **Muggs** pointed out that the SANDAG Board is a good place to go for a long-term view.

4. OPEN FORUM:

- a. **Dan Neirinckx** said he did not feel that the "Cammies and Canines" would qualify, for the grant program he researched, but it would be a good choice.
- b. **Joe Stuyvesant** pointed out that the Ashley Park project (extensive remodel) is not a part of our Planning Group but part of the Valle de Oro Planning Group.
- c. **Michael Casinelli** reported that a company purchased the property that is owned by Kelanie at "Cammies and Canines" and will have different projects for the veterans at their location.
- d. **Michael Casinelli** pointed out that we will have five more meetings before the end of the year including the Tractor Supply and we might not get all of the information we need to make the recommendations.
- e. **Michael Casinelli** announced that in the October meeting we would have information on the light at Lyons Valley Road and Jamul Drive.
- f. **Michael Casinelli** spoke with Parks and Recs about different projects including the tennis courts and they feel they could be resurfaced with the money allocated.
- f. **PDS 2017 AD-17-029** – The applicant has pulled the project and is going for a single house instead.
- g. **Glen Paxton** wanted to thank us for our work in trying to keep the casino out of our area, and hopes they will go broke. He learned that there are 11 acres and had the history of the 4 acres and has a history of the property that he shared with a group. He gave the information to **Michael** as the chair.

- 6. SDG&E'S "PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF" DURING FIRE SEASON -** JDCPG is seeking public input to share with SDG&E when we send a representative to its "informational workshop" on October 4, 2018 – **Darren Greenhalgh, Michael Casinelli** reporting. **Darren** will be going to the meeting and will take any information. **Randy White** said that SDG&E calls before they cut the power to let you know. **Randy**

also reported that people can apply for a grant for a hybrid car that should be continuous. If a homeowner bought a hybrid car after June you are eligible for a credit annually for each hybrid car you own. **Joe Stuyvesant** reported that the red sticker would be given for a new car bought after January 1 and can ride in the HOV lanes. **Michael Casinelli** pointed out that if the power is shut off, it could cause major problems to people who depend upon the power for their livelihood. **Darren** told us that SDG&E has a list of medical problems of which they are aware. **Hannah** asked Darren to bring up the problems of the trees that touch the power lines that cause problems. SDG&E is trying to get easements to be able to widen the alley around the power poles to avoid those problems.

7. **EUCALYPTUS TREES REMOVAL REQUESTED BY SDG&E**, due to its proximity to the power lines at the corner of Proctor Valley Road & Maxfield Road, **Michael Casinelli** sent pictures to all of us regarding SDG&E cutting the trees down. He met **Dan Bohnett** of SDG&E and they discussed the trees and **Michael** suggested that they cut down the problem tree and save the non-problem trees. **Michael** took the men to a few trees that are possible problems and they agreed to trim the trees and you can go online to <http://sdge.com/safety/treesafety> to ask for help in tree removal due to safety reasons.
8. **THE ENCLAVE AT IVANHOE RANCH PDS2018-GPA-18-005 – Dan Neirinckx** went through the scoping letter and even though it is not in our Planning Area it does have impacts to our area. They are planning on importing 50,000 cubic yards of fill to the district, which could be a problem to our area, as the trucks on Jamul Drive could be a problem. **Jean Strouf** notified him that she is concerned about the trails that would be shut down and would encourage Valle de Oro Planning Group to look at the trails and the removal of dirt in the area. **Michael Casinelli** is concerned that the impact of the cars from 119 homes would have traffic impacts on Jamul Drive, Steele Canyon and Willow Glen.
9. **RMP 2 UPDATE SUMMARY REPORT ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ HEARING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 – Preston Brown was not here, but Michael pointed out that interested people could go to the recording of the BOS meeting and get the information.**
10. **JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE UPDATE – Michael Casinelli** talked about the ads and people who have attended the casino have pointed out that the actors in the ads do not look like the people who attend. The ABC has not announced the decision as to the Permanent Liquor License, but it is expected soon.
11. **JDCPG OFFICER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS –**
 - a. **Michael Casinelli** announced that **Mark Manis** has let him know that he is resigning. He has not submitted his letter of resignation, and we have to wait until he does to announce the opening.
 - b. **Michael** talked to us about attendance at the meetings and gave us a chart showing attendance and encouraged all of us to prioritize attendance at JDCPG meetings. **Joe Stuyvesant** said if we ended our meetings at 9:00 it would be better. We need to be respectful of our time. **Hannah Gbeh** suggested a timer clock goes from green to red to show three minutes and allow only 3 minutes per speaker. **Darren Greenhagh** told us about the toastmaster’s red flag. Suggestion was also made to limit each presentation to

20 minutes and inform the presenters before they begin. **Hannah Gbeh volunteered to be the timekeeper for the next meeting.**

c. Michael Casinelli reminded us that the Sewer Project would have two lanes closed on SR 94 at Via Mercado to Jamacha Road that has caused traffic problems that will be with us for some time.

d. Janet Mulder asked the people who are not running for re-election to try to get other people to pick up applications and apply for their seats. They know what is involved and would be good recruiters! There will be an article in the October Jamul Shopper regarding the openings, but we all need to get qualified people to apply for the positions.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair, Michael Casinelli adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Mulder, Secretary

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, October 9, 2018

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