

JAMUL DULZURA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MINUTES
APPROVED AUGUST 14, 2019
July 23, 2019
Oak Grove Middle School Library
7:30 p.m.

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

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Michael Casinelli, Janet Mulder, Dan Neirinckx, Eve Nasby, Preston Brown, Darren Greenhalgh, Joe Stuyvesant, Ed Mollon, and Hannah Gbeh

Absent:

Excused: Richard Marzec, Streeter Parker, Kevin May, Summer Piper, Steve Wragg,

Vacant Seat: 14.

3. **APPROVAL of the agenda for July 23, 2019 exchanging items 5 and 6 on tonight's agenda, and the final approval of the minutes for the meeting of July 9, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.**

4. **OPEN FORUM**

a. Eve Nasby will be absent for meeting August 23, Joe Stuyvesant will be absent for August 13 meeting and Preston Brown will be absent for August 13 as well.

b. Preston Brown attended the Outer Jamul Fire Safe Council workshop at the Deerhorn Valley Fire Station. He gave a thank you to Tom Lamb and Brittany Munoz for organizing this really valuable get together. 32 people attended. There are 45 Fire Safe Councils in San Diego County. They discussed firefighting from the firefighters point of view and how they access "safety zones" and "temporary refuge areas", as well as the difference between threatened and non-threatened, and defensible and non-defensible areas. He gave a short report and urged us all to attend the future meetings. He told us there were six very qualified speakers who shared their expertise with the group. It was a "comprehensive orientation to dealing with living in wildland fire-prone areas" as we all do. At the meeting they watched a video of an experimental burning of a house to analyze the fire behavior and vulnerabilities of the house. In addition he told us that he received the following advice from Eric Kelly who lost his house in 2007 in Ramona, who recommends that you put all of your documents in digital form and carry them on a thumb drive with you at all times as well as having multiple copies. They also took a field trip up to Captain Kelly's home on Wisecarver Rd. and evaluated his home and the clearing and preparation efforts he has undertaken. They stood on the ridge of the mountain and Eric Kelly and others showed them how to interpret the behavior of fire in the various topographic elements in the valleys and hillsides. Preston gave us the following websites which he would recommend following for more information, including, <https://disastersafety.org/>, <http://firesafesdcounty.org/>, <https://sdgeweather.com/>, <https://www.fs.fed.us/>, and <http://www.californiachaparral.org/>. In addition, Cal Fire

Twitter feed gives the most immediate up to date information when a wildfire is in progress. One can also listen to the communications of Cal Fire on a short wave radio.

c. Eric Horan, owner of 7-11 at Steele Canyon and SR-94 – came to our Group to ask about the proposed new development across the street as he just heard about it. He has quizzed his customers and found that all that he spoke to were against having a gas station across the street. His concern is not only the competition but also the possibility of more homeless gathering in the area. He questions what he should do as his concern is that people do not know that there is a development planned across the street and the traffic problems are already severe and could get really worse. He wants to be a member of the community and is concerned about the possibility of the problems that could occur if there is development at that location, especially if it includes a gas station. He asked that we keep him informed and **Dan** suggested he give his email to Janet and he would receive all of the minutes and agendas of the meeting, and told him he is welcome to come whenever he wants to contribute ideas.

6. **SAN DIEGO COUNTY SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITTING ORDINANCE**

UPDATE, Preston Brown and Eve Nasby presenting. Eve sent out the information regarding this item to all members. **Murali Pasumarthi**, representing San Diego County was present for her report. The Board of Supervisors policy clearly states that events such as block parties need to have permits. Today only non-profit groups can apply for permit and one of the questions is should for-profit groups be allowed to apply. The cost has been determined via a cost analysis i.e. as follows: non-profit event and block parties \$272.80 and medium events 600 people and under \$344.10, and large events over 600 attendees \$646.35 There would be traffic control devices which used to be free, would now cost the applicant, as it does cost the County to process these. It was originally set up to have parades on County roads. **Murali** thanked **Eve** for doing such a good job. He pointed out that in 1965 the rules were established for community parades only. For-profit groups have been coming in and taking over the major roads leading in and out of a community. Often the groups hold the events without insurance and they tend to come to the County right at the last minute and have not worked out the safety factors. The County realized that there are 192 events that occur in the County that impact from one block to several blocks, which divide into small, medium and large events. The County did a cost analysis and the figures above are the actual costs to prepare the paperwork on each event. The BOS had originally given the permission for non-profits only and the question is for the community – should it be used by for-profit groups as well? The Board of Supervisors policy says it should be cost neutral for the County, but how to do this is the question.

Hannah Gbeh - Wants to see both not-for profit and for-Profit being charged for the County's time it takes to process the requests. **Ed Mollon** suggested that if a community could perhaps have a say in the possible shut-down of the not-for-profit events, it would be of benefit. **Murali** said that the Planning and Sponsor Groups cannot make decisions on use of public roads, but they can provide input. The new policy has the applicant make their application 90 days ahead of the event, which would allow input from the Planning or Sponsor Groups. A small neighborhood block party (300 participants and below) would

have to apply 30 days ahead. **Darren Greenhalgh** asked about the difference between cost recovery costs depending whether the group is for-profit or not-for-profit. **Murali** said that the not-for-profit group pays less in the San Diego City as opposed to the for-profit group, so there is a cost differential between the two. **Michael Casinelli** voiced concern that the County is looking for a “one size fits all” which doesn’t work for all areas since some areas have 5 or 6 possible routes in and out, while Jamul has only two and therefore would have great impact on the community if one of the two were closed for a long period of time (i.e., 24 hours as proposed) He further suggested that events that were created by the local community, for the local community such as the annual Jamul Parade should possibly be exempt from fees as well as lower socioeconomic neighborhoods should be able to apply for a waive of the fees. Perhaps the County needs to look at the different areas in the County and set different rates. He pointed out that in Jamul when we do the Kiwanis Parade, the main road is shut down for 2 hours and no problems whereas it could be a problem in another community. He also is concerned about the non-profit vs for-profit differentiation as to whether it could be reliable. **Michael** asked about the differentiation between a small and a larger group and **Murali** pointed out that the extent of the notification to the public depends on the size of the event and its impact. Anytime anyone shuts down a public road, they need to get a permit. **Dan Neirinckx** understands that the Planning Groups do make recommendations, not decisions, but on the question regarding the use of the roads for events, he feels it is important for Planning Groups to comment as they are looking out for the safety of their community. Shutting down a road for any length of time is detrimental to the community. It needs to be tailored to the community i.e., 6 hours is too high of a threshold and the County needs to consider the location. **Murali** said that the existing ordinance does not have the applicant go to the local planning group but it will be a part of the new proposal that they need to go to the local planning Group for their recommendation. There is a public workshop on July 31 for the community and they are proposing having an engineer sign off on the safety of the use of the road. Neighborhood block parties would not need an engineer signoff, but if you are having a large event that would shut down the road, one would need an engineer to signoff. The Bike events and other large events shall have a traffic plan, which has been created by an engineer and then reviewed and approved by the County. **Eve Nasby** asked us to look at what was the Group’s opinion of the 3 questions....Ordinance limiting to non-profit , number of hours a road could be closed and **Hannah** asked about an emergency. She pointed out that as long as there are emergency avenues for use of the road then the number of hours would not be as important. **Preston Brown** said that if the requirement is a 90 day window in which to turn it in, there should be plenty of time for Planning Group input.

Feedback was given on the three specific elements:

Dan Neirinckx moved that we recommend the following:

- 1. The ordinance limit permits to non-profit applicants only – JDCPG suggests that it should differentiate the fee structure for non-profits vis a vis for-profit applicants, making sure that the non-profit costs are less.**
- 2. The ordinance allows road closures for up to 24 hours without Board approval – JDCPG would recommend that neighborhood block party would not need to come before our Group, however medium and large groups would need to come to the Group for a recommendation on the “up to 24 hour road closure” for an event the**

first time an event occurs, and if there are no material changes to the event we would not necessarily need to re-look at the event.

3. **JDCPG recommends that the ordinance would require full cost recovery with permit and equipment fees, when utilized by for-profit groups.**

Motion carried: 8, yes; 1, No; 0, Abstained.

Murali told us it was always a pleasure to come to the JDCPG and he enjoys the challenge that sometimes occurs. He thanked us for our input and said it was “valuable as always!”

Dan thanked Murali for coming and told him that his expertise was very valuable in our discussions.

5. **SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN CLEAN UP, Dan Neirinckx presented a “Land Use Map & Zoning Changes. Dan pointed out that these are SR-1 land areas which shows publicly administered land correcting an error in the map. During the Planning Group discussion it was pointed out that it appears that the lot size would drop from 4 acres to 1 acre on the south size of SR 94, and we do not understand what lots went from 4 to 1 acre, and what this means to the proposed development if anything.**

The second map is on Skyline Truck Trail just south of Lawson Valley Road which is now owed by the Endangered Habitat Conservancy and has been rezoned S-80 which is Open Space designation. It goes to Open Space Conservation and from A72-A80. It is 241 acres.

Hannah Gbeh moved we recommend approval of this land use map and zoning changes. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **JDCPG OFFICER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS.**

Nothing to report

8. **JAMUL CASINO UPDATE.**

Nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT: Dan Neirinckx, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm, reminding all of the next meeting on August 13, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janet Mulder, Secretary

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, August 13, 2019

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