

JAMUL DULZURA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MINUTES
October 8, 2019
APPROVED October 22, 2019
Oak Grove Middle School Library
7:30 p.m.

1. **Dan Neirinckx, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.**

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Janet Mulder, Dan Neirinckx, Michael Casinelli, Darren Greenhalgh Streeter Parker, Eve Nasby, Preston Brown, Summer Piper, and Kevin May.

Absent: Richard Marzec, Steve Wragg, Ed Mollon,

Excused, Joe Stuyvesant,

Vacant Seats: 9 & 14

3. **Motion to APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR October 8, 2019 AND THE FINAL MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2019, noting that the JDCPG Meeting for September 10 was cancelled by the Chair and Sept. 24, 2019 meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. Motion approved unanimously.**

4. **OPEN FORUM**

1. Michael Casinelli gave a synopsis of the Board of Supervisors meeting regarding Village 14 and 16. He pointed out that after **Dan Neirinckx, Michael Casinelli and Janet Mulder** spoke at the meeting representing the JDCPG, and clearly stating multiple times that the JDCPG made a **conditional** recommended approval yet, the Chair of Planning, **Mark Slovic** made the comment that the “Planning Group had voted in favor of the project” neglecting to say it was a “conditional” approval, even though we had voted in favor only if our objections were considered and followed. **Michael** felt it important to note that we were misrepresented by County Staff and that the **Fire Chief Meachum** also made some erroneous statements that “houses would stop the fire” and “it was houses that stopped the Harris Fire from burning homes in Chula Vista.” It is this kind of statements that are problematic and perhaps the JDCPG needs to emphasize that some of the recommendation for approval statements need to include the conditions upon which the approval hinges. **Dan Neirinckx** points out that too often staff has not recognized the conditions that a Group has presented in order to agree with approval, and citizens are not allowed to refute the statements at the meetings as they would have used their 3-minutes allotment before Staff made their statements in response to a question from a Supervisor. **Janet Mulder** pointed out that we need to encourage **Dan** to bring this problem of the County Staff not recognizing that “approvals are often based on conditions” up at the quarterly meeting of the chairs, as she is sure other Planning Groups have run into the same problem. At the meeting in question, one of the Supervisors asked the County

Administrator if the Planning Group voted in favor of the project, and was told “Yes they did, twice!” without recognizing the conditions at all!

2. Michael Casinelli stated that the \$14million was approved for the 125/94 interchange acquisition and design.

3. Preston Brown shared his position as to what happened with the Village 14 and 16 in *The Jamul Shopper* and *The East County Magazine*... There were a couple of good articles in the Union-Tribune regarding fire viz a viz new buildings in the WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) and the problem caused when a fire chief’s making recommendations of approval that contradict the conclusions from statistics on fire events even from within Cal Fire itself FRAP states that it is new developments in the WUI that pose the greatest danger, are the most likely to burn and spread fire. **Preston Brown** pointed out that having the Cal Fire Chief sitting next to the Planning Department Chair at the BOS Meetings tends to give credence to their relationship and creates a possible problem giving the appearance of a conflict of interest.

4. Darren Greenhaugh reported that there will be a new Fire Safety class in Dulzura this Saturday at the Dulzura Community Center at 9 a.m. It is free with a lunch being served. It is well worth attending and you will receive lots of good information. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 12, 2019!

- 5. ELECTION OF NEW VICE-CHAIR: Dan Neirinckx** pointed out that Hannah Gbeh our Vice-Chair has resigned and we need to vote a new person into the position. The job includes picking up the mail and taking over if the Chair is absent. **Dan Neirinckx** put **Eve Nasby’s** name up as a suggestion and her name was seconded by **Michael Casinelli** and put it in the form of a motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. “B” DESIGNATOR FOR DEVELOPMENT PROPERTIES. Dan Neirinckx** reporting stated we would get a more thorough briefing at the next meeting. There are only two pieces of property in our Planning Area, that have a “B” Designator attached. The two are the Nursery at SR 94 and Steele Canyon and the small commercial properties to the west of it. If we want to change this, we need to look at doing it when we do the JDCPG Plan Update in three years. **Dan** has invited **Eric Lardy** and another County person to the October 22 meeting to discuss this possibility. If the commercial property to the west wants to make alterations, they would have to follow the B designator rules. **Dan** has a “Request for Exemption from Site Plan Permit Processing Requirements for “B” Special Area Regulation” if anyone wishes to look at it.
- 7. PARK LAND DEDICATION PRIORITY LIST – Eve Nasby** reported that the DPLO asked for us to set up a priority list of priority items. Our fund is about \$30,000 and the second is about \$6000, which can be used for upkeep of a community park or center. Community Center Park was our first priority in 2019 and the second dealt with Joint Use Recreation with Schools. **Eve** asked if she could put in the newspaper encouraging people to donate their land for a community park area and having received tacit approval, she will put it in on the next issue. **Streeter Parker** suggested that **Eve** invite people to come to Open Forum in the November meeting to suggest property that they would suggest for consideration.

8. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS: Dan Neirinckx reported that** he received an email from the County. They are looking for suggestions as to how to spend the monies for the Community Development and he found that the quantity of money available was dependent upon if the community would be considered low income or moderate. How this has been determined is a question, but **Dan** thinks it would mean Dulzura for our Janul/Dulzura Community area. He would suggest proposing building a covered bus stop outside of Community Building which would need to be ADA Compliant. **Darren Greenhaugh** worked with this earlier, and there is a lot to this. Be sure to let **Dan know if any member wants to propose a project so he can put it on the agenda for next meeting.** **Streeter Parker suggested that we might be able to supplement the PDLO funds with the Community Development Block Grants or perhaps through Dianne Jacob's District 2 Funds.**

9. **JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS.**
 - a. **Dan Neirinckx reported that the Planning Commission will be hearing the Community Plan projects that previously came before our Group for rezoning,** including previously owned private land that has been designated public land on Skyline Truck Trail – 40-50 acres on the North side and 80-90 acres on the South side owned by the EHC conservation group as well as the second project which is on Campo Road and Steele Canyon Road which was a mapping error.

10. **JAMUL CASINO UPDATE.** There are still three lawsuits pending and one is now scheduled to be heard before the end of the year. The Caltrans lawsuit maintains that they did not perform the required CEQA evaluations and that the traffic mitigations that were supposed to be done before the casino opened has still not happened. The ABC License conditions imposed by the Court are seemingly being changed by Jacob Applesmith giving the casino another free ride!

ADJOURNMENT: Dan adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Mulder, Secretar**

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, October 22, 2019

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