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**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MINUTES
Approved March 23, 2021**

Tuesday March 9, 2021

*****VIRTUAL MEETING*****

CALL IN BEGINS AT 7:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

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

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Dan Neirinckx, Janet Mulder, Preston Brown, Summer Piper, Michael Casinelli, Streeter Parker, Kevin May, Steve Wragg, Ed Mollon, Eve Nasby, Amber Recklau, Rachel Vedder

Guests: Jeremy Adams, Eddie, Campos, Kelly McCormick, Kathleen Leppitt, Sherri Snively, Rochelle Ross, Judy Strang, Darlene Kasmado, Kevin Brown, Katie Walker, Krystal Roy, Steve Hendrix.

Absent: 0

Vacant Seats: 5, 7, 14

3. **APPROVAL** of the Agenda for March 9, 2021 and Final Minutes for the Meeting of February 23, 2021. Motion to approve made by Preston Brown, carried unanimously.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

a. Any item not on the agenda – no one made a request to speak.

5. **County Guidelines for Hydrology and Water Quality** – We received briefings by the County as Steve Wragg asked them to send us the actual changes and to let us know

where and when they occur. **The County sent Steve their responses. Steve forwarded the responses to Janet and Dan.** While it seems harmless, Steve Wragg cannot attest to it. **Janet Mulder** asked about areas that are dependent upon groundwater to make sure that they are aware of the problems. **Michael Casinelli moved to have assurance from the County, that if we approve the changes proposed the County will ensure no problems for groundwater.** **Kevin May** asked Steve Wragg if he got the clarification as they seem to be designing a BMP calculator. **Summer Piper** asked if they were going to use the BMP calculator at the beginning of the project and end with the final BMW.

A vote was taken on the motion made by Michael Casinelli (to have assurance from the County, that if we approve the changes proposed the County will ensure no problems for groundwater) and the motion passed unanimously. **Kathleen Lippitt, guest,** pointed out that the questions asked by the Planning Group were not answered by the DPLU.

- 6. Plan changes: 1. Safety Element, 2. Environmental Justice Element: Preston Brown** Chair of the Sub-committee pointed out that they attended the Valley Center Sub-committee meeting which was great. **Chief Mecham** attended and delivered an extensive presentation on the history and evolution of the fire agencies which have now been unified into an efficient central command operation. **Preston Brown** asked a few questions on the impact of SB-99 and AB-2911 on the implementation of evacuation routes in the rural backcountry. **Chief Mecham** said he would be willing to set up a meeting with our Group and help us get started with organizing for fire preparedness and making decisions for evacuation routes and how to gain funding sources. Funding could come through a number of sources from Tiffs, and State Grants or others. The JDCPG sub-committee report from the 2011 JDCPG Minutes (which he had emailed to the Group) and pointed out that the consulting firm Fehr & Peers and the County representative attended our meeting and presented their findings for alternative evacuation routes in Jamul and Dulzura. He referenced the JDCPG sub-committee report from the 2011 JDCPG Minutes (which he had emailed to the Group) and pointed out that the consulting firm Fehr & Peers and the County representative attended our meeting and presented their findings for alternative evacuation routes in Jamul and Dulzura. **Michael Casinelli** asked **Preston** to let them know when the sub-committee meets and the plan is that the **sub-committee will meet at 6:30 preceding the regular JDCPG 7:30 meetings.** **Steve Wragg recused himself from this discussion, because some of his firm have been hired to work on this project.** **Jeremy Adams, resident,** asked if anything is to be discussed involving fire safety or the fire chief, he recommends that we contact the Fire Safe Council Board and share our questions or concerns with **Cesar Sterling, President of Jamul Fire Safe Council Board** which is under the umbrella organization for the San Diego Fire Safe Council Board (SWCPP).
- 7. Board of Supervisors Proposed Needle Exchange Program. Dan Neirinckx sent to Supervisor Joel Anderson, the information from Feb. 23 meeting minutes, in which the JDCPG had a motion that was defeated 7, yes and 1, no, that stated, while we were divided on whether or not a needle exchange program was necessary, our JDCPG makes the statement that we do not feel that there is a verifiable need for such a program in our Jamul Dulzura rural area.** **Dan Neirinckx** said he did not think we could revote (even though we had three new JDCPG members joining us tonight) but felt we could make comments. **Darla Kasmedo, resident,** asked about the last meeting and as to why the motion failed. She stated that she has great concerns as she has lived where there were legal exchange programs and needles were found all around and found that it led to serious problems. She would 100% protest having a needle exchange program located in Jamul. **Preston Brown** brought up something that was brought up at the last meeting but not in the minutes, stating that they could set up a program in a vehicle like a bus and do a lot of

outreach and did not necessarily need a physical location. **Darla Kasmado, resident,** questioned that there is a need in Jamul! **Dan Neirinckx** said our Supervisor is looking for our comments regarding this proposal as there are already 3 out of 5 votes on the Board who would vote for it and therefore he is looking to receive input that would have the least amount of impact. **Darla Kasmado** suggested that we need to have an exchange program that is tied to rehab and one must turn in an old needle for exchange, as well as tied to treatment. **Summer Piper** said they are proposing it because the cost of the health problems caused by the sharing of needles would be greater than the cost of a needle exchange program. They are trying to lower the amount of disease in that population. **Michael Casinelli** told us he received an email from another community member, **Marcia Spurgeon,** who was unable to be at this meeting as she was a member of the Jamul Dulzura School Board and they were also meeting tonight. She asked him to report that she is “in opposition of having the needle exchange program due to her own experiences. She stated that two members of her family tree died from drug overdoses because the needle exchange allowed for their continued use of drugs. Sure, they went in rehab several times each but when they left rehab, they went back to their addiction. It is unfortunate that a drug can rule a person's life, but it does. Giving needles out is not helping; it is killing, plus it allows their drug connections a convenient place around the corner to sell their wares. Along with the drug addiction, the facilities that provide the needles brings in the worst of people. These drug addicts steal from their families, friends and strangers. They stay in squalid, filthy living areas. Rural areas could rapidly be taken over if needle exchanges were place in these areas.” **Preston Brown** said we had more questions than answers as to what and how this program would be implemented. **Darla Kasmado** asked us to keep the residents of Jamul and Dulzura updated. **Crystal Roy, resident,** pointed out that the needle exchange program tends to support drugs and she does not want it in Jamul. **Rochelle Ross, resident,** feels that the needle exchange program conflicts with the existing law and would have a negative impact on our area and especially on the youth of the area. **Sherri Snively, resident,** asked if it would be helpful to send letters to Supervisor Anderson stating our thoughts. She has lived in Jamul for over 50 years and feels it would change the character of our community. She read from **Marcia Spurgeon’s** note on Facebook (read by Michael Casinelli above) which concluded that “Rural areas could rapidly be taken over if needle exchanges were place in these areas.” **Sherri Snively** pointed out that just giving a needle to people without a program for rehabilitation is very concerning. **Laura Rockwood,** parent of Jamul students, stated that her concern is that making a needle exchange available in Jamul would bring the clientele of a needle exchange to our rural area which would not be at all safe or appropriate. She pointed out that she has worked in the mental health field in the past and knows first-hand that the needle exchange contributes to the problem even though we think we are helping others and she objects to this source of availability that encourages those already addicted only keeps them addicted. **Jeremy Adams** opposes the needle exchange program. One of the biggest things is that he has dealt with many drug addicts and found needles filled with the substance that it had been originally filled it with. His own brother is an addict and he has seen what drugs do to family and really doesn’t feel it would be good for our community. He would be in favor of getting them into a center and would rather concentrate on rehab rather than needle exchange. **Kathleen Lippe** said the County programs seem to be based on the idea of getting the programs out in the County and away from the Cities. **Michael Casinelli** suggested that we need to be sure to recommend they only consider locations zoned as Industrial. **Janet Mulder** strongly recommended that the members and guests write letters individually to Supervisor Joel Anderson with our concerns.

8. **Board of Supervisors Proposed County Cannabis Zoning Changes** Dan Neirinckx said that according to our last meeting the Planning Group had concerns including location of proposed Cannabis Shops too close to schools, and businesses where students congregate. **Michael Casinelli** pointed out that we represent the community and not just **our** personal thoughts, so he contacted members of our community. He reminded us that Proposition 64 allowed for a vote of the communities. **Amber Recklau** spoke with several people in the community who are growing cannabis, and still want to grow, and the input she received was split about 50/50. **Eddie Campos, resident**, is a farmer in Jamul – has 40-acres of agricultural land. He got a license then, using his knowledge, he went to Sacramento and was asked why he wanted to do this. He feels that they need to realize that there are a lot of other positive impacts as it can grow within 12 months and has a lot of valuable uses. **Summer Piper** is concerned about water use in the farming. **Eddie Campos** pointed out that he uses no pesticides and only uses water during the summer and does not use a lot of water. He will get the actual water use information and pointed out that he is able to grow up to five crops a year which makes it much more profitable than any other crop but still only delivers 1/10 of what cannabis does in revenue and hemp farmers are failing. **Preston Brown** asked what was the result of your trip to Sacramento? **Eddie Campos** replied that there is not much support from the farm agencies. He was asked many questions about the hemp industry as his farm was impacted by the fire. He sees both sides of the coin now that he hears the concerns of the community. **Amber Recklau** said that we could save water growing cannabis over grapes. **Eddie Campos** said it was labor intensive and an art growing these plants. **Summer Piper** said she would like to recommend a vote of the people within the community as to where they wanted to establish these Cannabis Farms. She pointed out that Proposition 64 section 2 paragraph E states that the people can ban sales of cannabis in their area. **Kathleen Lippett, resident**, asked if **Eddie Campos** had had his crop-tested for THC as they are required to be below .03 or you can't harvest. **Eddie Campos** replied that officials come out at regular intervals to do all kinds of tests including the THC levels. **Kelly McCormick, resident**, pointed out that the program the County is proposing is far more outreaching than just the agricultural part. She read the "Social Equity Cannabis Program" that says that the program will provide people who have cannabis arrests or that live in areas that have been adversely impacted by the War on Drugs or laws against cannabis to secure a County operating permit. On the second page the report says it's "not clear yet what the equity program should look like", so she questions the wisdom of this type of law and is concerned about the fact that this needs to be fleshed out before the law is written. **Kathleen Lippett, resident**, has attended several other planning groups' meetings and told us that they brought up the questions regarding existing problem areas that have been shut down and then reopened. In addition, they don't make a distinction between residential and semi industrial and the residents need protection of their zoning. Medical offices have been forced to leave to allow room for more cannabis sales because they can afford to pay higher rents. She would suggest we go onto to CCC California Bureau of Cannabis Control website as you may be surprised to learn that they are there to license not protect the people. **Judi Strang, County PTA Support Committee**, pointed out that there are marijuana Consumption Lounges where for the first time in SD, folks would come to smoke, vape, and eat marijuana products, and then drive home drug impaired, on windy back country roads. This law sets back smoke free workplace laws by allowing smoking and vaping at workplaces; these were hard fought outcomes to create workplaces where workers would not be affected by secondhand smoke and vapor. **Eddie Campos** reminded us that this was an illegal industry that is trying to get legal and being over-charged and he feels that if we don't make it legal it will go back to the black market. **Summer** pointed out that zoning llaws are not just about retail but also cultivation and manufacturing. **Peggy Walker, resident**, wanted to emphasize the importance of local choice and pointed out that one of the

tenants of Prop. 64 is to preserve local choices and that 80% of the communities have chosen against it. She would urge us to write our Supervisors to let them know that she has not heard from any of her clients that they want to have legal marijuana on sale near them. It marginalizes the law and she has heard from law officers that the number of “victims” of the war on drugs would be increased. **Dan Neirinckx** said this will come up again in the next meeting, so urged us to cut our comments short as it is getting late. **Darla Kasmedo** thanked us for our input and will return next meeting! **Dan Neirinckx asked that we send these minutes to our Supervisor and let him know that these are examples of our community concerns.**

Michael Casinelli moved that the County follow the guidelines of Proposition 64 and allow a vote of the communities involved to choose as to whether or not they allow recreational cannabis sales in their area. Other aspects of these zoning changes will be considered in the future. Vote: Motion passed: Unanimously

9. OFFICER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

- a. **Dan Neirinckx told us that he would be attending a Chair’s meeting this next week.**
- b. **Dan Neirinckx welcomed all of the new members (and the “Old” member) to the Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group and reminded all of us....**
- c. **Form 700 is due by March 31 from regular members and needs a wet signature sent via US Mail or hand delivered to Jessica Turner.**

10. Adjournment: Chair, Dan Neirinckx, adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m. thanking the members of the public who joined us and inviting them to return at the next meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Mulder, Secretary

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY March 23, 2021

SITE: Virtual Meeting format until public/in-person meetings permitted.

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NOTICE OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING:

GENERAL PLAN: SAFETY ELEMENT AND

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT

6:30 P.M. TUESDAY March 9, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING FORMAT, SIGNIN/JOIN INFORMATION SAME AS REGULAR MEETING

CALLIN BEGINS AT 6:20 PM

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JAMUL/DULZURA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group is to represent the best interests of the communities of Jamul and Dulzura while adhering to County of San Diego, California Board of Supervisors Policy I-1.

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

The purpose of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group is:

To provide a public forum where local citizens can learn about issues of importance to them and their community and provide input.

To carefully consider all input when advising the county on such issues as planning, land use, discretionary projects, and community and sub-regional plans.

APPROVED 5/12/2020