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**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MINUTES
Tuesday April 13, 2021**

APPROVED APRIL 27, 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 7:32 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent:

Excused: Rachel Vedder, Steve Wragg

Guests: Kathleen Lippitt, Becky Rapp

Vacant Seats: 5, 7, 14

3. **APPROVAL** of the Agenda for April 13, 2021 and Final Minutes for the Meeting of March 23, 2021. Motion made by **Preston Brown** to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

a. **Kevin May** suggested that we send out a notice to Caltrans stating that when Highway 94 is going to be blocked, Caltrans should notify the community.

- b. **Kathleen Lippitt, guest**, gave the following information: “My colleagues and I strive to provide some balance to the information being presented to PG’s from County reps representing what seems to be a politically conflicted plan from Supervisor Fletcher in his “Cannabis Framework for the Future”, (focused on marijuana industry priorities, not the priorities of unincorporated residents) and economically conflicted MJ industry reps. The County’s Cannabis fast track Equity Plan seems more of a sketch than a well thought out plan. [*Fletcher’s fast tracking of his “Cannabis Framework for the Future” may be in anticipation of the state’s CEQA exemptions may end July 2021 unless the legislature extends the temporary exemptions to 2028 by passing SBJ 59*]. Its lack of specificity creates loopholes surely to be exploited by MJ lawyers and entrepreneurs. Vague language and a rush of commercial MJ businesses to your PG mtgs can overwhelm and sidetrack priority issues you would otherwise address. Strict standards and guidelines can limit MJ opportunists with deep pockets and no community ties from unduly harming your community.

Local govt decisions to sponsor the MJ industry have resulted in long-time community friendly businesses, churches, minor oriented facilities, and other sensitive uses being displaced via amending or exploiting municipal codes to attain permits. Affluent project applicants may purchase acreage far in excess of what local residents can afford and unfairly drain and contaminate ground water. What may begin as a transparent and robust oversight process can move ever closer to a ministerial process.

The authentic voices of community residents and existing community friendly businesses are drowned out by the industry’s undue influence. Out-of-towners who bring their own employees and send their profits beyond the community. The number, size and scope of these businesses should be consistent with the community character and the community plan. *I would encourage your cannabis have the benefit of e experts who do not have economic conflicts of interest, police, traffic experts, environmental experts, water, and soil experts.”*

Preston Brown asked **Kathleen Lippitt** which area was the one to which she was referring and she pointed out that all of the areas were given CEQA exemptions to expedite their progress unless they are not extended. However, she feels that there will be an extension until 2028, and there is no need for the County to press for quick decision, especially without cost analysis. Nathan Fletcher, who has been very much in favor of this legislation, and made the statement today, “I know nothing about marijuana!” which is very troubling, since he is pushing this proposed legislation which totally deals with marijuana.

- c. **Becky Rapp** –is concerned about the decision to put it through so fast...”I urge you to take advantage of this time. Supervisor Desmond is the only Supervisor who voted against the cannabis, and the PG needs to give him your support. Today she heardsee her notes.....

5. County General Plan changes: Safety Element:

Preston Brown said the sub-committee met and made good progress in understanding what the County was trying to do. We all have different ideas and point of view and we are getting our arms around this and figuring out how to work through this process and ask the right questions. He said tonight he nor share with us the polling results.

He said he felt the County was doing a very good job and is acknowledging the holes and gaps in the structure of the proposals and trying to work through the process.

The County has smartly broken this down into 3 steps of Goals, Policies and Implementation. It is here in implementation where the rubber meets the road and loose ends need to be connected. **Summer Piper** said the County is mostly taking the 10,000-foot view. Unresolved connections will be deferred to the ongoing evolving discussions with all stakeholders. In their words, “Continue assessing conditions and monitoring progress toward goals and long-term vision.” The purpose of the Safety Element is to “establish policies related to future development that will minimize the risk of personal injury, loss of life, property damage, and environmental damage associated with natural and human-caused hazards.” In all the polls from the four workshops, wildfires and emergency evacuation are the number one concerns for residents of the Unincorporated County. Climate change was also up at the top of list. The theme and efforts of the County is to integrate the Safety Element with all other offices, units, organizations and entities including the San Diego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and San Diego County Emergency Operations Plan. “Any update to the Safety Element must be coordinated with these plans to support an effective regional response to disasters.” Of the Safety related documents, the (CWPP) Community Wildfire Protection Plan must also be included, which is very important to us in the VHFHSZ (Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone) which includes almost all of the Jamul Dulzura area. Having at least two emergency evacuation routes has been mandated by the State under SB-99 and AB747. These are two powerful directives that will help us as older existing communities in the rural backcountry, implement changes and form new strategies. SB-379 also addresses climate change and vulnerability assessment to set up goals, policies and define objectives.

The priorities for major revision are disaster preparedness and wildfires. A key policy in their program for us is their goal to “Identify community plan areas in need of evacuation plans to ensure adequate evacuation capabilities”. In the poll taken 50% said this was their major concern. This was followed by, “Ensure community plan updates identify and consider public safety hazards.”

Preston Brown said he believes the Community Planning Groups need to be the hub, the router, the link that will drive the necessary changes in coordination with all other responsible government agencies. As the PDS has made clear, the implementation will happen in a cooperative effort with the local communities. Funding will have to be worked out. It will be a challenge as the County is not allocating any funds to accomplish some of the steps that need to be taken. Currently funds for fire preparedness are obtained through grants, both Federal and State.

In the Q&A session that followed the workshop someone asked if “The County had Evacuation Plans in place in different communities and can they be put in place? ANS: ‘ We need more specificity but this can be accomplished in community plan updates and discretionary projects. The Safety Element is evolving and County will talk with State about revisions that will include more specificity about evacuations. **Preston Brown** asked, “For older communities like Jamul Dulzura will there be funding from the County. Currently there is a grab bag of different funding sources and sometime are very time consuming?” ANS: Updates are largely focused on policies, regulations and standards. It does not come with dedicated funding but does reference other plans and practices like CWPP as well as the parallel multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. So other than identifying funding for studies or coordination efforts it does reference the opportunities where funding

opportunities may occur.” Again, this is vague and mushy but does attempt to lay out some pathways forward for us to pursue.

Preston said that Chief Mecham, our County Fire Chief, will be our guest speaker next meeting and hopes everyone can attend. He will update us on how the County agencies and departments have been reorganized to greater preparedness to fight wildfires. We will continue to discuss the Safety Element GP Update and its importance for emergency evacuation routes.

A poll was taken of the people at the event, asking, “What are your top safety concerns?” Wildfires, Climate Change and Emergency Response were the top three safety concerns from natural or human-caused actions.

Regional Integration of Safety Element and must include the San Diego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and San Diego County Emergency Operations Plan and any update to the Safety Element must be coordinated with these plans to support an effective regional response to disasters.

Overview of Safety Related Documents included

New State Requirements for Safety Elements include Emergency Evacuation Routes SB99 and AB747 are working on it. They also included Safety map Updates including our area. Major Revision includes 16 new policies but **Summer Piper** said that the law may change between the old and new laws to read “when feasible”.

The second poll asked which of these proposed disaster preparedness strategies are most important to you and the majority stated basically that the community safety plan exists today and there are changes coming down often due to SB 747 and 99, and they have to identify communities that have only one way in and one-way-out. The evacuation route will not be going into this document, but the State has required the County do it and we know it will happen, but not sure where or when. Everything seems to be looked at from a 50,000 mile view. Question is, Should we point out that it is not specific enough for our community, so we can make any recommendations we want?

Preston Brown feels that if we rely upon the State document to get the specifics done, it won’t happen and that the Community Planning Groups will be the ones that need to get it done. **Summer Piper** said we need to determine when the documents will be delivered and into which documents we need to put our work. None of the required information is in the state plans and we should ask the County which document we need to address.

Preston Brown finished showing the PowerPoint from the meeting he attended.

Dan Neirinckx told us that this was an overview and a starting point for looking at the evacuation routes. **Preston Brown** said that he feels that if this committee continues to meet they will come up with a plan for our community.

Michael Casinelli asked if the purpose of putting this safety element together is to help PDF mitigate natural disasters that will occur in the future. **Summer Piper** pointed out that the only thing that is a concern is if the communities have only one evacuation route and need the ability to be able travel at least 30 miles per hour in an evacuation route. **Michael Casinelli** pointed out that the fact that the County has been approving projects that would increase the traffic including in an evacuation, needed to be taken into consideration. **Summer Piper** said that these laws deal with natural disasters rather than ones created through building. **Preston Brown** said they are looking at where the proposed building is

occurring and the importance of evacuation routes. **Summer Piper** said these documents are for evacuation and are not regarding the everyday increase of traffic. **Dan Neirinckx** stated that if we feel this is a shortcoming of this plan that we need to address it and we can state our position.

Preston Brown shared the CWPP, “Community Wildfire Protection Plan of the Outer Jamul Fire Safe Council” and the Dulzura-Barrett FSC. Tom Lamb, President of the OJFSC, had explained the process by which he obtained a Federal Grant for clearing the brush away from the roads to make it safer with a wide fire break.

Chief Meachum will be present at our next meeting to give us an update.

Michael Casinelli asked if there is a sub-committee meeting does a notice of the meeting have to be made public. **Dan Neirinckx** reminded us that an ad hoc sub-committee does not have to put out a notice of meeting unless the committee includes a member of the community not on the Planning Group.

6. **Public Works request for local road improvements priority list.** **Dan Neirinckx** sent documents out that list the construction projects for 2021 and 2022. The County is looking for our input on projects that would need to be done in 2023 and 2024. They want our JDCPG priority list. The last time we sent our top 7 but we could send our top 10. The information he sent out lists all of the County Maintained Roads and we want to make sure we do not include any road not on the list as they are not county maintained and therefore ineligible. **Michael Casinelli** sent a comment to him today regarding a continual flooding problem on Lyons Valley Road and **Dan Neirinckx** said that we could make that kind of comments, but that is not what they are looking for as they want to know which roads need repair or resurfacing or chip-seal. **Kevin May** asked if this could include roads that did not have an adequate shoulder and **Dan Neirinckx** pointed out that again this does not have to do with resurfacing of roads which is what the County is looking for. He suggested that we need to look at the list and examine the road and let him know which ones we wish to recommend for action at the next meeting.

7. JDCPG OFFICER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

The deadline for our comments on the safety element to the Planning Commission has been moved to May 14 and we need to submit our recommendations by that point.

Michael Casinelli thanked the subcommittee for their work and urged them to continue representing our Group’s suggestions.

Summer Piper reminded us that **Public Comment** on the Safety Element closes April 12, and **Preston Brown** said he thought they would still take comments after that.

8. Adjournment: Chair **Dan Neirinckx**, adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Mulder, Secretary

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY April 27, 2021

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT

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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.

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