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JAMUL DULZURA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP FINAL MINUTES Tuesday May 11, 2021

Approved May 25, 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, Rachel Yedder, Steve Wragg, Eve Nasby, Preston Brown, Summer Piper, Amber Recklau, Preston Brown, Kevin May.

Guests: Jenna Roady, Paul Romero, Kelly McCormick, Rusty Beatty, Heather Steven, Becky Rapp, Kathleen Lippitt.

- 3. APPROVAL of the Agenda for May 11, 2021, and Final Minutes for the Meeting of April 27, 2021. Dan Neirinckx suggested that when the Secretary sends out the draft minutes, any corrections must be turned in within 2 days of receiving the draft minutes. Motion to approve tonight's Agenda for May 11, 2021, made by Kevin May. Vote was unanimously in favor of approving the 5/11/21 Agenda. Motion to approve the final minutes as reviewed. Vote: Yes, 6; No, 6. Motion did not pass and the minutes will be reviewed next meeting.
- 4. OPEN FORUM: (Due to tonight's heavy agenda, Chair Dan Neirinckx, limited the presentations to 3 minutes)

- **a. Preston Brown** pointed out that the Attorney General is a co-plaintiff in the lawsuit regarding Villages 14 and 16. We will watch this with interest!
- **b. Amber Recklau** asked if anyone knew about the trail that was opening between Alpine and Jamul? **Michael Casinelli** suggested that she contact Jean Strouf re trails information as she was always our "go-to" person on trails when she was a member of the JDCPG.
- **c. Kevin May** suggested that Dan grant permission to others to record the meetings in case he has computer or Internet problems during the meeting. He will look into this.
- **d. Ed Mollon** said he will be working on the Barrett House. A group led by Gloria Gordova showing interest in restoring the historic house for the community.
- **e. Carolyn Green, resident,** has spoken to us before about mental health and marijuana. This month is Mental Health Month and she wanted to remind us that the BOS wanted to hear from the community and to encourage us to have our concerns presented.
- **f. Becky Rapp** spoke to us regarding the Cannabis issue and wanted to express her deep concerns regarding the negative impacts on our area and the community as a youth group leader. The long-term cost may out-weigh the money received. This is not a done deal and she would ask us to contact Suphervisor Anderson and to comment at the meetings next week.
- **g. Judy Strang** shared the BOS Supervisors meeting in which 7 people spoke against the Cannabis proposal and 9 on Wednesday. They spoke against the "pay to play" pointing out the quantity of money accepted by Nathan Fletcher from this enterprise.
- h. Kathleen Lippitt forwarded an article about a court case regarding water usage in Northern California from Cannabis growers and points out that this is a problem in our area as well. Some of the well owners were pumping and selling their well water to cannabis farms which can cause problems to other well owners dependent upon ground water for their existence.
- i. Kelly McCormick Reminded us that she had shared the "Socially Equitable Cannabis Program", which was distributed by the county. It goes onto state, the Social Equity Program will provide people that have past cannabis arrests or that live in areas disproportionally impacted by the War on Drugs with greater opportunities to secure a County operating permit." She asked us to be sure our voice as the voice of the community is heard at the Supervisors' offices and at the meeting.
- j. Signage...Rusty Beaty of Rustic Beach Vineyards wants to put signage for his winery on Lyons Valley Road near existing road signs. He also would include the other four wineries near Lyons Valley Road. Preston Brown asked if he could put signs on people's property rather than public property. He pointed out that it would be a good idea to advertise our local wineries. Rusty Beaty is working with Caltrans to put up a sign about the winery in the right-of-way. Steve Wragg asked about the fact that he is talking about only four wineries and suggested he might want to contact the other Jamul Wineries to see if they want to be included. Eve Nasby asked about the size of the signs he was suggesting and Rusty Beaty said similar to the ones in Ramona. Steve Wragg also said it was a great idea similar to the ones in Ramona and

Temecula. **Kevin May** suggested that we back off this suggestion and look at a regional wine listing for our whole Jamul/Dulzura area.

- 5. County General Plan changes: Safety Element Heather Stevens, San Diego County talked to us about Ivanhoe Ranch proposed development. She pointed out that we are at the beginning of this plan and asking for public comment on the project. It is proposing to change the General Plan Designation The current zoning is for SR10 which would allow up to 11 homes (only 1 there now) and the proposal is for general plan amendment to SR2-SR.5 which would allow for 119 new homes plus the 1 existing home. Steve Wragg asked if it dealt with also the Sand Mining Project. Heather Stevens said, No, but the Steele Canyon Golf Course does weave in and out of the boundaries as does Cottonwood to the East. She pointed out that there will be a virtual public meeting on Thursday, May 13 and people can join via Microsoft Teams or telephone. Dan Neirinckx pointed of that this project is not within our area but does have direct impacts on our residents, including extra traffic through our area. They are at the Notice of Preparation (NOP) state and the applicants will prepare a traffic study which will address the level of service LOS as well. People can contact Jenna.Roady@sdcounty.ca.gov to send comments and potential issues we would like to see addressed. This information is also on the County web page. There will be a LOS (Level of Service) analysis figured in. Michael Casinelli asked if the project should go through, was there is a way to connect to Willow Glen for ingress or egress? Heather Stevens said there are no plans to connect to Willow Glen at this point. Michael Casinelli also pointed out that the Ivanhoe Ranch and Jamul Drive intersection leads into the Elementary School and it is a problem with the light being activated and asked if it could be mitigated. Dan **Neirinckx** pointed out that the intersection itself is narrow and signal is not a "smart signal" and therefore causes problems with cars turning right. Heather Stevens suggested that these comments need to be addressed. Preston Brown pointed out that they need to include the neighboring communities who would use this road as an emergency exit, and take into consideration the problems that could occur. Summer Piper asked why it was limited right now as it only contains one home. Heather Stevens said that SR10 is the current zoning and would allow only 11 homes but if the General Plan Amendment is approved, it would allow up to 100 homes. It is now in an agricultural preserve and that might have had an influence on the allowed density. Summer Piper said that increased density going from 11 to 100 homes is a concern. Dan Neirinckx reminded us that it is not in our Planning Area. Eve Nasby asked if the traffic is a concern in our area, can't we send our comments in on the project? The address is above. Heather Stevens said we would get the information through our chair. Michael Casinelli asked if our Planning Group should be present at the meeting Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m.to 7:30p.m. **Heather Stevens** said she would appreciate us attending as it is an informational meeting. Preston Brown will attend representing our Planning Group. Steve Wragg pointed out that this is an informational meeting (an NOP) in which the County makes sure that the community is informed, but in order to be "heard" we need to submit written comments. He suggested that Preston should go and voice our concerns, but then we need to put them in writing in order for them to be a part of their study reflected in the Draft EIR which will go out for public review.
- 6. County General Plan changes: Safety Element. Preston Brown pointed out that there are lots of landmarks on this item and pointed out that Michael Casinelli had worked towards getting our input into the report. Preston read from the report and pointed out that San Diego had 65 multiple fire departments, which had been under-funded since 2007. They have been consolidated through the work of Dave Meacham and former Supervisor Dianne Jacob. If we can agree on the input, he will turn it in as it should come before the BOS this week. Preston Brown shared his screen which held the four recommendations proposed by the sub-committee as follows:

- 1. Ensure that all backcountry communities have internet or cellular access in order to receive emergency notifications. The OES currently has a new app that is connected to all sources and agencies and is updating in real time and through the Sheriff Department can send emergency notifications immediately out to residents via texts or emails. This issue may overlap with the intent of the Environmental Justice Element.
- 2. There should be sources of funding dedicated to specific community needs. In particular funds for consulting with Emergency Evacuation Specialist and Planners. The Jamul Dulzura Sub Area Region is very complex and spread out over a number of valleys and mountain ranges that all share one life-line highway 94.
- 3 <u>S-3.5 Access Roads.</u> We object to replacing the language "when necessary" with "when feasible". The language when feasible considers more factors than that of a necessity. During wildfires people's lives are at stake and the county should do everything in its power to protect that life, this is a necessity not a feasibility. Access roads should also take into account the current traffic conditions on each of the main roads that may be used for evacuations. In Jamul, the main access corridor is Highway 94 which has previously been graded an F when it comes to traffic and congestion, such access roads cannot be considered efficient or effective in a wildfire evacuation strategy. Compounding already congested roadways with panicked residents trying to evacuate in smoky conditions is dangerous, unacceptable, and setting our community up for failure.
- 4. <u>S-5.4 Regional Evacuation Coordination.</u> Coordinate with State and Federal landowners regarding joint use and access agreements for roadways located on state and federal lands that can be used for evacuation purposes. In Jamul many residents in the back country evacuate across "private land". There is no specific language here to include agreements with private landowners on road standards classified as "contingency" roads. The County should consider negotiating with Cal Fire for "new design standards for evacuation routes that are not overly burdensome and disruptive to private landowners.

The proposals included number 3 that **Summer Piper** felt that it should read "when necessary" rather than "when feasible" stating they need to have two routes for evacuation. Preston Brown asked for suggestions and Dan Neirinckx said he felt that "when necessary" would be better than "when feasible". Preston Brown said that Valley Center Planning Group presented the following regarding proposal #1: that there can be consistent notification via cell telephone. However, all areas need to have coverage and cell coverage and Internet are inconsistent in some of our JDCPG area. Some homes in our area don't have Internet and others can't afford it. Dan Neirinckx asked about the individual microcells proposed some time ago, that would hang on the existing poles. He would encourage the Fire people to check if the micro cells could be available to all as it might be a help to the back country folks in our County. **Summer Piper** said the County is not responsible for the cost, as the Federal program was responsible for the funding to incentivize wireless to the back country. Preston Brown will turn in the information. #4 deals with the Regional Evacuation Routes. They are trying to create two evacuation routes, which is perhaps not necessary. However they need to identify evacuation routes off of private roads and need to have new design standards for evacuation routes to be used in emergency situations. Summer Piper points out there are many issues as most evacuation routes are identified as public land but people have to evacuate using private roads to reach the evacuation route. She also pointed out that only two of our Jamul Dulzura communities have only one route out. Kevin May pointed out that there is another area that only has private evacuation route and that is the one in which Whispering Meadows would be used if Village 14 goes through as it is a private road. **Summer Piper** disagreed with #4 recommendation and points out that it does not include private property at this point. **Amber Recklau** said that a new section needs to be written to allow people to utililze routes out of an

area on private roads. The roads listed as evacuation routes need to be designated even if they are private. **Summer Piper** pointed out that the designated roads are not listed as private. **Preston Brown** suggested they can write new standards to accomplish the goal of working with private landowners for at least two emergency means of ingress or egress. We could not come to consensus on #4 as we were all having difficulty understanding how it would actually work.

Kevin May moved to approve the first three recommendations to be presented to the Planning Commission on Friday May 14 by Preston Brown. Motion passed: 10, Yes; Steve Wragg, recused. Dan Neirinckx did not vote (out of Internet connectivity temporarily)

- 7. Boutique Winery Signage covered under Open Forum #j as per Chair Dan Neirinckx. Information item, no action taken.
- 8. New Member Application: Paul Romero briefly introduced himself stating that he graduated from Steele Canyon High School and graduated from college with a degree. He would want to keep the rural character of Jamul as his goal and would like to join the Group to help this happen. Preston Brown asked if he knew two members of the Fire Safety Council from Dulzura as he needs to get hold of them, but unfortunately he did not know the people in question. Michael Casinelli asked if we had received his application and Janet Mulder suggested that since Dan Neirinckx, our Chair who has the application, was not able to get back into the meeting due to internet connectivity problems, therefore he could not share it virtually with us, perhaps we should wait until next meeting when we will have seen his application to actually vote on the new member. Consensus was to continue this item to the May 25, 2021, JDCPG meeting.
- 9. SDG&E Workshop: Fire and Public Safety Power Shutoffs Report Summer Piper and Preston Brown reporting. Preston suggested that we postpone this item until next meeting. Summer Piper told us that SDG&E had given generators to people but she also pointed out that none are left and they have to have some type of hard wiring application to reduce the contact necessary. SDG&E are using goats to clear their land around the poles. Preston Brown said that this was all part of the fire safety issue.
- 10. Tribal FEE to TRUST LAND PROPOSALS: Board of Supervisors Meeting Michael Cassinelli said the County is looking at getting rid of the restriction regarding land into trust regulations for Indian land. There are no restrictions which means they could do what they want with the land. Janet Mulder reminded us that in 1994, the BOS opposed fee-to-trust applications proposed by Tribal Governments and in 2001 the BOS adopted strict criteria for tribes to obtain liquor licenses for their facilities. This proposal presented by Supervisors Desmond and Vargas seeks to repeal both of these adopted resolutions. This would mean a loss of land use control by the County as well as a loss of revenue to the County for lands taken into fee-to-trust as they are taken off tax rolls. If the BOS will not support the existing policy (which we would recommend), then the BOS needs to put conditions on the fee-totrust land including a) Any land that is put into the fee-to-trust, should be for tribal members only and go through CEQA process which utilizes an independent consultant to do the environmental analysis. Today the tribe does the EIR and b) in any fee-to-trust land granted casinos or casino related businesses should be prohibited. Janet Mulder urged us to individually contact Supervisor Joel Anderson's office (who was the only Supervisor that voted "no") and voice our concerns regarding this proposal, and to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 11. COUNTY PUBLIC ROAD REPAIR PRIORITY LIST Dan Neirincx (who was able to rejoin the meeting but with voice only at this time) pointed out that the County's list is for seven roads and he would recommend adding Lyons Valley Road Milepost 8 to Lawson

Valley Road, and Jamul Highlands Road to the end. Summer Piper suggested adding the last half of Lawson Valley Road from Milepost 2 to end. Michael Casinelli agreed with adding Lyons Valley Road to the end as he reported last meeting. The rest of the roads that are listed on the County's list include Skyline Truck Trail, Barrett Lake Road, Steele Canyon Rd, Rio Brava Court, Jamul Drive. Summer Piper moved that we recommend that we present the three add on roads to the County list including Lyons Valley Road from Milepost 8 to Lawson Valley Road, Jamul Highlands Road to the end and the last half of Lawson Valley Road from Milepost 2 to the end. Motion passed unanimously. Dan Neirinckx will recommend adding them to the County's list.

#### 12. JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Dan Neirinckx asked Janet Mulder to take his place at the meeting of the Chairs on the cannabis hearing on May 26 and asked her to relate the input that was received on the topic from our Planning Group members as well as the community input at our last few meetings.

13. Adjournment: Chair, Dan Neirickx, adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted:** 

Janet Mulder, Secretary

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7:30 P.M. TUESDAY May 25, 2021

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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**