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# Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group Unincorporated County of San Diego

FINAL MINUTES, June 28, 2022

Location: On-Line Zoom

Recorder: Kevin May

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** at 7:40pm

2. **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Dan Neirinckx, Preston Brown, Janet Mulder, Paul Romero, Summer Piper, Michael Casinelli, Kevin May, Ed Mollon, Rachel Vedder

**Absent:** Streeter Parker, Paul Dombrowski, Amber Swanson-Recklau, Steve Wragg

**Excused:** Eve Nasby

**Guests:** Cesar Sterling, Becky Rapp, Amy Hoffman, Adam Wilson, Akilah Cunningham Harris, Chelsea Jander

3. **APPROVAL:** Dan Neirinckx made the motion to approve the Agenda for June 28, 2022 and to postpone approval of the Minutes for February 8, 2022, February 22, 2022 and April 26, 2022. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Dan Neirinckx** suggested that our minutes should be more of a summary and not long detailed minutes.
- **Janet Mulder** said to only send out a clean copy of the minutes for members to review/approve.

4. **OPEN FORUM:**

- **Preston Brown** SANDAG flyer sent out to the group today and felt it was important for us to keep on these issues of environmental and connectivity via wireless
- **Janet Mulder** Said she did not know what happened in the BOS meeting in regard to the cannabis issue and said she will call tomorrow and see if they voted on the issue. She then went on to discuss the concerns of this issue.
- **Preston Brown** said that he sent a letter from the JDCPG regarding our concerns
- **Michael Casinelli** said there was a vote county wide on the cannabis issue and asked if you could determine how the vote went in the JD Community. Janet said she would call to registrar board of voters and see if we could separate out the JDCPG area and get back to us.
- **Becky Rapp** reported what took place at the 6-15-22 meeting as far as cannabis issue. The BOS worked on how to combine the issues. The BOS needs a 4-1 vote to pass the protective issues for cannabis. Talked about distance from the dispensaries – property

line to property line. If you measure it by “path of travel” it can be manipulated in the process. Will email notes to Janet and she will send to Preston and Kevin.

- **Cesar Sterling** invited our group to participate at a Fire Preparedness Safety Fair by the Jamul Fire Safe Council. It will be held on a Saturday from 9-1pm in October at the Jamul Fair grounds. **Preston Brown** said that he and Eve had attended last year and that our group will attend again this year.
- **Cesar Sterling** said he was concerned about the availability of water for firefighters to fill up their trucks. That he has noticed in the past, fire engines having to travel long distances to refill especially along the SR 94 corridor. **Summer Piper** asked him to send her a flyer about the event so she can present it to the SD Humane Society as they may want to have a booth. She also informed us that fire fighters can tap into private landowner’s water tanks if needed and also that fire fighters usually only use water for private buildings. They discussed the feasibility of getting a grant to drill wells and tanks throughout the back country so that they do not have to go so far to get water. He said his group had cleared a lot of land to decrease the fuel for fire, but we need to make water more available to fight fires more efficiently and not having to run back and forth. **Preston Brown** asked if we could continue this discussion at our next meeting which will be entirely focused on fire safety issues.

## **5. Home Hardening Grant Program**, A Pilot Program for Dulzura. Presentation by *Adam Wilson* and

*Akilah Cunningham Harris* from SD County. Referred to us by *CalFire Chief Dave Nissen*.

**California Wildlife Mitigation Program – Home Hardening Initiative: Dulzura Community** - A power point presentation was given by **Adam Wilson** and **Akilah Cunningham Harris** from San Diego County.

### **Some of the main points in the presentation were:**

- This is a pilot program to promote defensible space and home retrofitting as a means for homeowners in high-risk areas to protect their property from wildfires.
- It provides grants to “legal land” owners in need of financial assistance to achieve those goals. Each grant has a cap, and that amount is based on socio-economic factors. For instance, a family of 4 making more than \$114,000 would not qualify.
- Primarily directed towards counties in California that have areas of high fire risk, San Diego County was one of the first to be selected and Dulzura to be the 1<sup>st</sup> community selected for this program which will expand to Potrero and Campo over the next 3 years. The goal for all 3 communities is 500 houses. If the program is successful, it will be offered statewide for those areas that qualify. The program started in November 2021.
- Residents that qualify are eligible for this program and the Sunrise Power Link Grants.
- Sponsored by CAL OES and CAL FIRE with some funding from FEMA.
- Locally, it is led by the San Diego County Fire Protection District.
- You can apply online at <https://wildfiremitigation.caloes.ca.gov> Or you can apply in person every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at the Dulzura Community.
- You can see an overview of the program at <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/recovery/disaster-mitigation-technical-support/california-wildfire-mitigation-program>

They went on to say that they will only work with approved contractors who will give an estimate of charges for each job. Any amount over the approved grant will have to be settled between the homeowner and the contractor.

After asking for help in spreading the word about this program, several members of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group suggested that they contact three area publications: The Jamul Shopper, East County Magazine, and San Diego East Community Times, and online media such as the Facebook pages for local groups and sites like "Next Door". They said they would send a link for the power point presentation so that we could put in on our Facebook page. It was also suggested that they should put notices of the program and the local post offices, as well as working with the local schools to notify parents through the students.

Answering other questions from JDCPG members they said that only Dulzura was covered through the physical year, and that Potrero will start in 2023 and Campo to follow. They also said that the US side of Tecate was not covered by this program. They explained that 10% of the grant money comes from CA OES and 90% from FEMA.

**6. PLDO, Park Land Dedication Ordinance.** Discussion of how to move forward on "*Community Center Concept*" with dedicated funds from PLDO.

- **Amy Hoffman** (County DPR) and **Chelsea Jander** were in there in case there we had questions.
- **Preston Brown** We have 5 years till 2027 to work on this. If we don't start now it will never get done. Right now, we have money on the table and it can be used to purchase property. He said we needed to do research and find a "precedent" of an already existing community center in the unincorporated areas. He volunteered to commit to going up to Ramona to see what they have for a community center. He suggested getting picture, talking to people about what they decided on and how it worked out. Was it successful? And slowly we can put something together, a plan a program for some realistic goals. We can schedule this as an Agenda Item every few months to get started.
- **Dan Neirinckx** said that Simpson farms and house is now owned by Jamul Indian Village. Suggested we talk to SDGE about their property on Jefferson and Maxfield. Have SDGE come and give a presentation on what they have planned for that property. He said that he would contact SDGE to find out who we need to talk with and give to **Preston Brown** for follow up. In the past the JDCPG contacted them with a letter to see if they wanted to donate the land to use for a community center. Originally SDGE purchased this parcel from Simpson's Nursery for a power sub-station but it was found out that it could not ground properly and the electromagnetic field would interfere with the AT&T phone transmissions so they could not build.
- **Amy Wilson** said she had a PP presentation she can send us in regards to working on what we want for our community center. **Amy Wilson** and **Chelsea Jander** said that they would be willing to come back and talk with us about this project to help us as we go along. Late summer early fall they would be taking applications for funds for projects.
- **Janet Mulder** said we need to find out what our community wants and needs.

**7. CONTINUANCE of THE TELECONFERENCING MEETING OPTION PURSUANT to Government code 54953(e)**

**Dan Neirinckx** moved: "Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), a motion to find the

Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency and state and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing."

**Yea:** Unanimous.

8. **JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS** – none

9. **ADJOURNMENT**: 9:18 pm.

### **NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, July 12, 2022 @ 7:30 P.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Meeting Minutes and Agendas can be accessed at**  
<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/CommunityGroups.html>

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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