
Jamul Dulzura

Community Planning Group

Unincorporated County of San Diego

FINAL MINUTES

January 10, 2023

Location: On-Line Zoom

Recorder: Preston Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:33

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Preston Brown, Kevin May, Eve Nasby, Steve Wragg, Dan Neirinckx, Michael Casinelli, Janet Mulder, Ed Mollon, Rachel Vedder, Thomas Gray

Guests:

Excused: Paul Romero, Paul Dombkowski,

Vacant Seats: 2,9

3. APPROVAL Agenda for January 10, 2023. **Dan Neirinckx** moved that we approve the Agenda for January 10, 2023. Motion passes unanimously.

4. CONTINUANCE of THE TELECONFERENCING MEETING OPTION

Dan Neirinckx made the Motion to approve: 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, "Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3), " The motion passed unanimously.

5. OPEN FORUM

Michael Casinelli would like to welcome our new member Thomas Gray and have him introduce himself and reason for joining.

Thomas Gray I have lived up here for 4 years and as the old saying goes nothing happens if unless someone gets involved to make it happen. We have had a family business for 40 years in commercial refrigeration. Retired from the Marine Corp Reserve. Had one tour in Saudi Arabia. I've got grandkids. I live up here on Deerhorn Valley Road off Honey Springs Road. We are right down from the castle. **Dan Neirinckx** asked what are the big problems in your area other than SR-94. Migrants are a big issue and Border Patrol is very active here. We have a rising homeless problem. I am thinking this may be from the Casino.

Preston Brown asked what kind of animals he has out here in the country. We have a dog and a rabbit and coyotes and a mountain lion.

Eve Nasby mentioned that due to the October issue of The Jamul Shopper and News Richard Young has expressed interest in joining our group and she sent him an application and an invitation to our meeting this evening. She also mentioned she is stepping down from Secretary duties.

Preston Brown said he wants to schedule Bill Powers who want to talk about solar and windfarms in the East County. Many communities are upset with this decarbonization plan. He then asked if anyone has heard of Red Bluff Housing project in Rancho Palos Verde. This is located over in Alpine. He received a letter from the Cleveland National Forest Foundation. Duncan McFetridge. Steve Wragg said that he remembers that he had sued the county for an FCI (forced conservation issue) in Descanso. This is not in our area and is not an action. On Village 14 the deal is done and will be signed. The Nature Conservancy has purchased it for 60 million dollars to be held in perpetuity. Which is great news. Village 13 is still in negotiations with the Sierra Club and the Endangered Habitats League. They have agreed so far to reduce the size of the project by more than half and are to an agreement. This takes a lot of pressure on our road systems. Especially the Otay Lakes 94 intersection.

6. Updates and Discussion on FINAL TRIBAL ENVIRONEMNTAL IMPACT REPORT (FTEIR) on the Jamul Casino Expansion Project, and PLAN to MEET with BOARD of SUPERVISORS

Preston Brown shared a letter with the group and said he would like to use for a speech to the Board of Supervisors and let them know that our group is not getting any response and cooperation from Supervisor Anderson and that he feels the BOS has to become aware of this project and their responsibility in negotiating the new MOU/IGA. He disagrees with County Staff who says this does not need the approval of the BOS or the Governor of California. He stated that he thought it important to get a meeting with Chair Vargas since Supervisor Anderson said he had no role to play in this. He also made the point that all of his predecessors got involved and were helpful in representing the community.

Michael Casinelli We might want to state more simply that we have certain concerns and dealing with the MOU is probably all we can comment on. We should focus on the off-site mitigations. Our Supervisors have already taken photo ops out there. This is not going to change their mind. We should hold their feet to the fire on completing the things that they agreed to in the original MOU.

Steve Wragg liked the idea that you are asking for a meeting but agreed with Michael that there are some things we should not say as we represent the group. We don't want to blame the County. I think it needs some work. **Eve Nasby** said just to review we did invite Supervisor Anderson to attend the public meeting, his absence was duly noted. On October 11 we wrote a letter to the BOS asking for their participation and we invited Supervisor Anderson to meet with our subcommittee. He did not. The community predecessors were all involved in the issues of this commercial gaming development. Do you think this is a poor way to begin because we are putting Supervisor Anderson down? **Dan Neirinckx** said you need to be careful about being political in how we talk to our bosses. This is what we need for our community. We are asking our bosses to help our community. We don't want to tell them they are doing a bad job. Much of what you are saying is good, but you cannot alienate them. That format and style would be unproductive. The group agreed that the language was too strong and should be revised. **Steve Wragg** said the BOS usually does not take action on another Supervisors District. I support your idea of getting a meeting with the BOS or Chair Vargas. **Preston Brown** said he is concerned that the same thing is going to happen again where the casino gets built and then the County signs the MOU afterwards.

Lisa Hodgson asked whether he might be less willing to say "no" to his getting involved in public than he is in private.

Ed Mollen said the tone is too harsh and we should stay focused on the off-reservation impacts. We are asking for help we can't tell them they are doing a lousy job. This is really 2 paths, the State and Local Government that we are making appeals to.

Michael Casinelli suggested Preston talk to Dianne Jacob and get her advice. She knows us and this is our areas. She will know how to approach this. **Preston Brown** said he would do this.

7. Review of Letter from JDCPG to support the proposal for a new Advisory Board to

SANDAG: To bring equity to the Unincorporated Areas, that this member should be from one of the 28 elected Community Planning Groups Chairs and appointed Community Sponsor Groups Chairs. Initial Proposal by Robin Joy Maxson, Chair, Ramona CPG.

Preston Brown shared the letter from the Ramona CPG and stated he really likes this idea, it is very persuasive and it would give the groups and extra voice in the Unincorporated County. More than half of the chairs attended our 1st meeting, Supervisor Anderson and Supervisor Terra Lawson Reemer are the 2 representatives on the SANDAG Board. We would have a member on the Advisory Board. It is well written and inclusive of all groups.

Michael Casinelli asked if there is a representative, how would that person be chosen.

Preston Brown said we discussed that and we realize this is complicated. It will have to be worked out. **Dan Neirinckx** I think the idea for more representation would be helpful for the unincorporated areas. He believes the County Supervisors would pick someone. Keep it simple and say we support the comments from the Ramona CPG as a better way for equal representation.

Eve Nasby made a motion that Dan and Preston create an abbreviated letter to Sandag expressing our support of the Ramona CPGs suggestion that the east county unincorporated areas be given specific representation on SANDAG. Passed unanimously.

8. JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Eve will be stepping down from Secretary and asked when the elections for new officers will be. Michael encouraged Preston to put together a slate of officers. Bring up as agenda item next time.

9. ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 pm

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY January 24, 2023 @ 7:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING

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<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