

**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL Minutes
Tuesday June 10, 2014**

**APPROVED TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014
Oak Grove Middle School Library
7:30 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER - Dan Neirinckx called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.**
2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Janet Mulder, Dan Neirinckx, Jean Strouf, Randy White, George Novinger, Michael Casinelli, Elizabeth Kelly, Rich Marzec, Joan Kouns, Steve Wragg, Preston Brown, Earl Katzer

Excused: Bill Herde, Judy Bohlen,

Absent:

Vacant Seat # 7 (Ray Deitchman resigned)

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA for June 10, 2014 and minutes of May 27, 2014 regular meeting. Secretary, Janet Mulder read the following email into the record from David Nielson which she received on May 31, 2014 regarding May 27 minutes...***”On behalf of Jamul Indian Village I am writing in response to comments made at the May 27 Planning Group meeting concerning early morning truck activity (Draft Minutes #11). Our construction management people arrive at the casino site at that time, well in advance of the site opening at 7:00 AM for construction and have observed these trucks as well. They are not going to the Hollywood Casino site. They are from Robertson’s and go to the other side of Campo near Tecate to a materials plant. Trucks serving the casino project are not on site until 7:00 - 7:10 am, consistent with the approved TMP. Please inform the planning group members and include this correspondence in your official records. Thank you.*
David C. Nielsen
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San Diego, CA 92108 and moved that his request be made a part of these minutes as corrections to the May 27, 2014 minutes. **Motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected after much discussion as to the alleged accuracy of Mr. Nielsen’s comments.**
4. **OPEN FORUM: Opportunity for public comment on any item not on the agenda – 3 minute time limit**

A. Jean Strouf made an announcement that CalFire is helping Fish and WildLife to enlarge the entrance to the staging area at SR94 and Honey Springs. Tracey Nelson asked if anyone knew of a water truck driver that they could hire. Ace Water Trucks or Robbie Ivy or Bill Holly were suggested as possibilities.

B. Rob Cameron, Jackson Pendo Development, came to introduce himself as representing the developer on Villages 14, 16, and 19 where they will hopefully develop the area that used to be owned by Baldwin. **Randy White** asked if they had the maps that were originally developed. **Rob Cameron** told us he wanted to work closely with the JDCPG during the development process and **Dan Neirinckx** told him he would assign a sub-committee as their plans get more defined.

5. **VACANCY SEAT 7 – to replace Ray Deitchman – Joe Stuyvesant and Jay Haron, applicants.** Jay Haron withdrew his name as he felt that Joe had a “fire in his belly that he wished he had”. **Dan Neirinckx** re-introduced **Joe Stuyvesant** who gave a little more info about his background as a Naval base commander. He was like a city manager working with Fish and Wild Life, Cal Trans, and water issues that were decided environmentally as far as water allocations. Kern County has real problems with water on their 3 million acre site. He has spent some time with local water people to be up to date on our problems as well as worked with Zoning Enforcement, Cal Fire, helping to write the MOU regarding the use of helicopters by CalFire which were used in the last fires successfully. He has lived in and out of East County for years and thinks that Jamul should be kept the way it was intended to be, looking at projects to see if they help or hinder. **Steve Wragg** asked if he was retired and if he had enough time. **Joe** stated that he works normal business hours most of the time and would be available. **Steve** asked why he wanted to be on the Planning Group. **Joe** stated that he wanted to be a part of the community and to help keep Jamul the way it is. **Michael Casinelli** stated that he appreciated that Joe had experience with NEPA. **Joan Kouns** asked where he lives and he stated on Faraday in Jamul. **Rich Marzec** asked where he served and he served in Sicily. **Dan Neirinckx** moved we recommend **Joe Stuyvesant for Seat #7. Motion carried unanimously and Dan will send the nomination to the Board of Supervisors.**
6. **SDG&E UPDATE ON JAMUL SUBSTATION PROJECT – SDG&E Rep Don Parent.** He told us that he followed up on the report he received that surveyors were in the field from SDG&E...he called the sheriff and made sure that all was on the up and up. It turned out that it was SDG&E’s contractor and also alerted us that Caltrans is also surveying for re-alignment of the poles due to the proposed changes in SR94 due to the JIV Road Improvement Project. **Don Parent** reported that the “Engineering fee” from the JIV has been accepted and SDG&E is bringing up an additional circuit for the casino which will also provide additional power for us. We had discussed previously undergrounding along SR94, and it is still one of the alternatives. He alerted us that if we ever see

anyone that gives us bad information or no information when we questioned why they are surveying, we should get a license number and call SDG&E or sheriff. **Janet** read her notes from the informal meeting with SDG&E that followed the Caltrans meeting on June 5, which indicated that the ratepayers would be responsible for the cost of bringing up the extra circuit which was necessary for the casino. She pointed out that JDCPG was told in previous meetings that the JIV would need to fund the additional line and asked if the “Engineering fee” Don spoke of would cover it. **Don said** that there would be charges to bring the service to site but because SDG&E does not have the capacity they (SDG&E) have to bring it up to speed. They must bring another line up now. **Preston Brown** asked why SDG&E doesn’t have to give the information as to the load requirements needed by the JIV for their casino, and how that number impacts current ratepayers. **Michael Casinelli** stated that while he loves the idea of undergrounding, he feels it would be a real shame to have a ditch dug for undergrounding the utilities which would tear up the roads again since we have just had them torn up for months for repair and resurfacing, making our commute difficult at best. He suggested that if the lines are brought up and the casino is not built, the shareholders (not the ratepayers) should shoulder the burden of that gamble. **Randy White** pointed out that Villages 14, 16 and 19 might be coming online soon, and SDG&E will probably need an additional substation and might look at Chula Vista coming up to the Proctor Valley area.

Earl Katzer arrived at the meeting during the above discussion.

7. PRESENTATION ON ATT POSSIBLE PLAN TO ELIMINATE LAND LINES IN BACK COUNTY – ATT Representative will be invited to the next meeting by Dan.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT ON ECHO VALLEY TRAIL ACCESS – Jean Strouf held a meeting last Monday 5:30 PM at Filippis on Hwy 94, Monday, June 2, 2014, as committee chair. Attending: Jay Haron & Debbie Escobedo, neighbors on Echo Valley, Judy Bohlen and Jean Strouf from JDCPG, Jill Terp, Manager at US F & W property under discussion, and Tracie Nelson, Manager of State F&W property in Jamul.

Background: Trail Access for Equestrian & Pedestrian through an unlocked gate & horse gate on Echo Valley has a 25+ year history. New gate was installed last week with chain & lock to prevent Equestrian & Pedestrian access through that road.

Goals:

1. Make certain that the residents in the Echo Valley area still have access to existing trails in US F&G refuge.
2. Determine best way to eliminate access (via same routes or new routes) for any ORV/motorized vehicles.
3. Reduce tensions between neighbors regarding access/use on the Private Road.

Ancillary Goals and/or potential future Goals:

1. Increase equestrian/pedestrian access to US F&G areas

- a. Work with US F & G on Management Plan to add “safe” trail-heads and possibly additional trails.
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 - a. Work with State F&G on Management Plan to add “safe” trail-heads, trails, and staging areas.

Jay Haron brought up the locked gate and a neighbor that had taken it on herself to enforce no access.

Judy Bohlen mentioned it’s unfair to have state & federal lands in our community that had been open to the public at one time no longer open to the public.

Jill Terp apologized for not giving adequate warning of closure, and explained that US F&W cannot authorize public access on a Private Road. She mentioned other horse gates on Proctor Valley where the Wildlife area could be accessed. She said she did not authorize anyone to enforce no access, however she would not dissuade anyone from letting others know access was not public.

Jill went on to say she hoped to meet soon with JDCPG to present the (in process) Management Plan for the US Fish & Wildlife property. Those plans would include additional access points.

Conclusion: **Jill Terp** will present the US F& G Management plan to JDCPG on June 24. Meanwhile, neighbors on Echo Valley will need to work out their disagreements through some communication. **Tracie Nelson** hopes to continue to move forward on the Management Plan for Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, however much of the delays are due to negotiations with developers and what may happen with JIV.

Jay Haron pointed out that the horse gate (which allowed the horses in but not cars) was removed and that they put up another gate that is locked and unable to access and wanted to know why they locked the gate? **Dan Neirinckx** asked if he wanted the JDCPG to back his position. **George Novinger** stated that he saw an inconsistency between not being able to open a gate through a private road and for them to not allow others to come in including the residents.

Earl Katzer stated that he felt that the property owners needed to have access. **Laurie Dillon, resident,** asked if all of the residents but one sign a petition allowing access, could they get it? **Dan Neirinckx** told them that the government agency would need to make that decision. If they spell out their position, we can endorse or recommend action on their petition.

Jessica Best, resident, asked who has the authority to block the road or is it only the Fish and Game? There have been several instances where one person locked the gate after the young people had entered the area, which is a safety issue as they could not get back into the community.

Preston Brown suggested a common key to the lock for residents. Both **Laurie Dillon and Jessica Best** pointed out that it was one resident who was the problem but this might be a solution.

Rich Marsec asked if there were similar problems in other areas that you could look at and see how they solved their problem.

Earl Katzer said there was a previous problem with Fish and Game blocking access and after discussion, the access was granted.

9. DPW PRIORITIZATION PROJECT FOR ROADWAY PAVEMENT

MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS IN

JAMUL – RANDY WHITE – instructed Janet to send the information to all of the JDCPG members. What DPW wants is for us to prioritize the roads which need repair following a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) between 0 and 100 and list our top twenty. We need to do ours by end of July and get our prioritization to **Randy**. **Dan** will write an article for *Jamul Shopper and News* regarding this project and urging residents to input the information on their roads that need repair. **Michael Casinelli** stated that it was commendable to look at the condition of the road, but some needed widening, or straightening of the curves or bike lanes, etc. **Randy White** told him to include that information in the report he submits.

10. BICYCLE SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE - Bill Herde was absent and the item was postponed to the next meeting.

11. SEX OFFENDER PLACEMENT IN JAMUL – DULZURA – Dan Neirinckx wrote letters to both the District Attorney and Sheriff to find out how best the community can deal with sex offenders. He received some information and spoke with Lt. Jim Bolerk and asked him to come to our JDCPG meeting to receive input and give us information about sex offenders in our area. We will provide a forum, but not make recommendations as it is not a land issue, and thus outside our scope. Dan also spoke with the District Attorney’s office John Rice and gave him John Roesch contact information to find about the problems he encountered. Dan Neirinckx will invite them both to come on July 8 to our meeting where they will address the community and he will put a notice in *The Jamul Shopper*.

12. JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE UP-DATE -

Janet Mulder, Jean Strouf, and Dan Neirinckx attended the Project Development Team (PDT) at Caltrans at which they brought their plans to date on the projected improvements to SR94. Changes included dropping from the proposed 3 left turn lanes at SR94/54 intersection (at the shopping center) to two which would cause a much larger backup but they said they have figured out a “holding” for cars waiting. **Janet** pointed out that the line of cars today often goes almost to Steele Canyon High and this would make it a regular occurrence. **Dan** pointed out that they have still not addressed the intersection of Otay Lakes Road and SR94 but they felt they had addressed it. Janet pointed out that they had looked at the right turns from SR94 to Otay Lakes, but neglected to look at the major problems of vehicles turning left off of Otay Lakes Road onto SR94 crossing both lanes of traffic which has sight problems and cars and trucks travelling from the Dulzura, Barratt, Tecate areas at a high speed. We have consistently pointed out this problem since the very first traffic analysis was completed, but they still have not addressed it. **Randy White** pointed out that there are two choke points on

the route which include the 2-lane bridge and then again at Filippis at the curve. **Earl Katzer** stated that there were some areas on SR94 that might be paved for four lanes but only marked for two and thus allow only two lanes of traffic safely.

Jean Strouf reminded us that at the PDT meeting, Joe Broadhead, admitted that the sticky point is that regardless of the entrance alternative chosen, the entrance would change the rural community character of Jamul as well as the possibility or probability of hazardous waste problem at Seven-Eleven when they are digging to improve that intersection. He also stated that the commercial along SR94 (florist, restaurants, produce, and nursery) would be impacted as they would lose their parking through street widening.

13. JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

A. PDS2005-3100-5460 Simpson Farms – Centex – Preston Brown, Steve Wragg, Janet Mulder, & Richard Marzec will form the sub-committee. The sub-committee meeting will be held to go over the maps and written materials within the next two weeks.

B PDS2014-AD-14008 – Merritt Oversize Garage – Ma Lou – Dan Neirinckx will take and report back.

C. ATT Cell Tower near Lyons Valley Road and a second site at 94 and Barrett Smith Road which will be coming before us. Jean Strouf will take this plan.

D. ATT Wireless Communication on Thousand Trails will be before the Planning Commission on Friday, June 13, and Dan Neirinckx will call and make sure the Planning Commission has our input before they make their decision.

Adjournment: Dan Neirinckx, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 9:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Mulder, Secretary

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

7:30 P.M. JUNE. 24, 2014

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<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/CommunityGroups.html>