

**JAMUL DULZURA  
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
April 28, 2015**

**Approved: May 26,2015**

**Minutes**

**Oak Grove Middle School Library**

**7:30 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER - Joe Stuyvesant, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Steve Wragg, Joan Kouns, Bill Herde, Joe Stuyvesant, Elizabeth Kelly, Jean Strouf, Michael Casinelli, George Novinger, Judy Bohlen, Janet Mulder, Earl Katzer, and Preston Brown.

**Excused:** Eileen Poole, Randy White

**Absent:**

**Vacant seat: Seat 13 - Dan Neirinckx resignation - Rich Marzec's name & info sent in for BOS approval.**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA for April 28, 2015 and minutes of April 14, 2015 with thanks to Bill Herde for taking minutes for Janet. Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. OPEN FORUM: Opportunity for public comment on any item not on the agenda - 3 minute time limit**

**a. Joe Stuyvesant** announced that he would not be present at the next meeting and neither will **Eileen Poole, Judy Bohlen, and Earl Katzer. Bill Herde** will act as Chair.

**b. Joan Kouns, Earl Katzer and Janet Mulder** will not be at the May 26, meeting

**c. No further comments from audience or Board.**

**5. PARAMEDIC SERVICE -- Mercy Medical Transportation - Joe introduced Rick Roach, President; Jesse Torres, Supervisor; Alliyse Roesch, Comm. Relations; Doug Moriarty, Operations Chief; Linda Moriarty, Billing Manager; Johnny Daniels and Daniel Craig. They are our new 911 service in Zone 2 which includes everything from Steele Canyon High School through Jamul, Dulzura, Alpine, and all the way to Mexican Border and have experience working in rural areas. There used to be four ambulances but Mercy has added two more 24 hour units doubling the vehicles in the service area. The prior service had 800 911 mutual aid calls, and since they have added these new units, there has been only one**

mutual aid call. This allows the units to be in service and available more quickly. They have been in business here only 21 days with only one mutual aid call for Golden Acorn Casino that was serviced through Syucan. Today, they have much stronger emergency services and the required service call is 30 minutes, but they have gone above and beyond the requirements and are at 99.9% compliance with the average response time of 8 minutes. The response time should not be impacted by the addition of the proposed casino as they have a “move-up policy” and are located 100% in fire stations and respond with the fire engines.

They gave a demonstration of how an emergency situation would be handled demonstrating their effective and improved service. They use “state of the art” machines including an ekg which would shorten the time needed for diagnosis by the physician. **Michael Casinelli** asked how do they determine the hospital to which they take the patient and they stated that the location was determined by contacting the closest hospital and taking direction from them and they go to the “most appropriate hospital” as determined by the hospital. They are all working on maintaining the life of the patient. There is truly a “miniature emergency room” in the ambulance and theirs is the only ambulance that has video laryngoscope. which helps them to see the vocal cords and any obstruction therein. The company has their own server and is able to bring online all of their ambulances at once. They use Verizon and it cycles through immediately giving the info to the hospital and doctors. **Jesse Torres** pointed out the importance of doing CPR compressions and the machine will tell them when it is not correct and shows how to correct it, all of which go together with their excellent paramedics to make this a superior service for our community. **Steve Wragg** asked how long the contract was for and **Rich Roach** said the County made it for 3 years and 3 months and requires 36 hours of training and they have completed well over 100 hours. **Doug Moriarity** told us that training is the most important part of their job and are interested in getting the community trained, therefore they are reaching out to us to help them get the training of CPR. **Janet Mulder** suggested that they contact **Nadine Bennett** to set up possible meetings with the schools, their personnel, and the parents as well as the community who might be interested in training, and would give Mercy a contact avenue..

**Rich Roach** wants to encourage the community to call 911 at the beginning of a problem. If they arrive and hook you up to a machine and do not have to transport you to a hospital there is no charge. If someone has no means to pay for a service, it will be provided and not questioned by the company.

**George Novinger** asked about female responders and was told by **Doug Moriarity** that no qualified females applied in their last employment quest. **Michael Casinelli** suggested they advertise any of their clinics through the *Jamul Shopper & News* and *Antler Alert*. **Preston Brown** asked if they are taught to “stabilize the beat” and was told yes. **Joe Stuyvesant** asked what was the composition of the responding group to an emergency and **Rick Roach** said, they always have two paramedic level personnel on the call in the ambulance. **Joe Stuyvesant** asked who makes the determination as to whether the patient is taken to the hospital and **Rick Roach** said that the patient makes the final determination, however the paramedic has the ability to help in the decision. **Joe’s** next question is how do they get “up to speed” as to locations in our rural area. **Rick Roach** said that they depend on the fire trucks and they have met with all of the fire station personnel as they know this area. The

communication system they use follows the same frequency as the Fire Department which means they can talk together quickly and easily.

6. **TPM 21218, LOT SPLIT AT LYONS VALLEY RD. east of CHAPARRAL HTS., applicant Doug Shelstrom -- Preston Brown reported that the applicant was not present and received no news from the County so continued this item.**
  
7. **SDG&E UPDATE – Don Parent** told us he really did not have much more information as they are working in the roadway and should not trigger CEQA requirements unless Caltrans is not satisfied that SDG&E is supplying the additional information that might be necessary to address the newest requirement, but SDG&E is working very closely with Caltrans to satisfy those requirements. They need all of the permits from Caltrans and Caltrans is making sure that the community is being served well. **Don Parent** pointed out that SDG&E would like to have it started in June and they are putting together a plan including information, signage, etc to be cognizant of the public transportation on the highway. **Preston Brown** asked about the supply of electricity, and was told that there will be a re-configuration of the three circuits. **Michael Casinelli** asked what number of megawatts is the maximum capacity on the existing two circuits? **Don Parent** said the new system would provide an additional 7 megawatts on top of any requirements for the proposed casino. **Michael Casinelli** pointed out that the additional 7 megawatts would serve 2700 homes and therefore seems somewhat temporary. **Don Parent** pointed out that this was not their preferred method of providing additional power to our community, but SDG&E is required to service their customers and this was the only way to get accomplish it at this time. **Bill Herde** asked how many empty conduits are being put into the holes and **Don Parent** said at least one extra. **Steve Wragg** asked when is Caltrans going to make the decision that it is unnecessary to do a CEQA analysis and asked Don to let us know when that decision is final. Additionally, **Steve Wragg** asked what happens if Caltrans does not make a categorical exemption under CEQA, and SDG&E is required to do an environmental review and it holds up the line until after opening of the casino? **Don Parent** said that CPUC would want to have the electricity supplied and **SDG&E** would need to do so. SDG&E is planning to add a sidewalk on the north side of the two-lane bridge across the creek across from the Steele Bridge with a handrail for pedestrians. **Janet Mulder** asked what SDG&E would do to mitigate the environmental concerns as it crosses the creek and has been part of the water shed. **Joe Stuyvesant suggested that a letter voicing our concerns about the possible CEQA issues regarding such an extensive project be sent to SD County with copies to Caltrans, SDG&E and our legislators. Janet Mulder moved that such a letter be sent. Motion passed: 8, Yea; 4, No (Kouns, Katzer, Novinger, Herde); 0, Abstentions.**

**Joe Stuyvesant will speak with County regarding the rules as far as requiring reasons for a ‘no’ vote after a discussion among the Group ensued.**

8. **DARK SKIES INITIATIVE – Jean Strouf, sent the Dark Skies designation for a community to us via email, and asked us to look at it.** She felt it might help with tourism for our community or draw astronomers to our area. A discussion was held and Jean reminded us that it started in Phoenix. **Steve Wragg** pointed out that Borrego Springs made up a committee with astronomers, and **Jean Strouf** said that she wanted to see if there was any interest in the community and if so we could go

on. If not, no. **Judy Bohlen and Earl Katzer** both voiced concern about another layer of bureaucracy that would be laid on the property owner. **George Novinger** pointed out that he feels that we need to find out what our community thinks and **Michael Casinelli** said it would be important to know what it involves. **Steve Wragg** stated he is concerned that the Dark Skies Policy would have to be laid on the Planning Group. **Joe Stuyvesant** suggested that the Planning Group could be the conduit and let the community take it and run if they liked it. **Jean Strouf moved that we invite one of the International Dark Skies Association to come to our Planning Group after we have publicized such a meeting in the *Jamul Shopper and News* looking to one of our June meetings to inform the community and see if they wish to form a committee to submit an application. Motion passed: 11, Yes: 1 No (Katzer)**

9. **JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE UPDATE. Nothing reported.**

10. **JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

a. **Joe Stuyvesant recommended as Chair that whenever we have a presentation, the Group would hold their questions and/or private discussions until after the presentation and then follow in order to facilitate a more orderly meeting.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Joe Stuyvesant, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 9:35 .**

**Respectfully submitted  
Janet Mulder, Secretary**

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, May 12, 2015**

**OAK GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

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