

**JAMUL DULZURA COMMUNITY PLANING GROUP  
FINAL MINUTES**

**May 9, 2017**

**Approved May 23, 2017**

**Jamul Primary School Multi-Use Room**

**7:30 p.m.**

1. **Bill Herde, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.**
  
2. **ROLL CALL :**  
**Present:** Janet Mulder, Michael Casinelli, Bill Herde, Dan Neirinckx, George Novinger, Hannah Gbeh, Judy Bohlen, Preston Brown, Joe Stuyvesant, Eileen Poole, Richard Marzec and Steve Wragg.  
**Absent:**  
**Excused:** Jean Strouf, Randy White.  
**Absent:** Earl Katzer,
  
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA for May 9, 2017, and the Final Minutes of the JDCPG April 11, 2017 meeting noting that the April 25 meeting was cancelled. Approved unanimously.**
  
4. **OPEN FORUM – Opportunity for persons to speak on items not on the agenda**
  - a. **Michael Casinelli – June 13 meeting presentation by Dept. of Public Works regarding Waste Reduction Ellyn Law will present the information. Michael** asked Janet to send the information to *The Jamul Shopper & News* and for Hannah to send it to the Deerhorn Valley Newsletter inviting the public to attend the June 13 meeting and hear the presentation.
  - b. **Michael Casinelli** went to a Meeting of the Chairs and reported that the County has a PACE Program which spent about 5.3 Million dollars buying 1800 acres for easements and the land has to be designated agricultural. Accessory Dwelling Units County rules have been superseded by new laws by the State Legislation, which are not as stringent. Pavement Index is trying to be improved to a rating of 70 by the County, whereas today it is sitting at 60.
  - c. **Joe Stuyvesant** had checked on a question from last meeting and **\$3.771 million given for roads breaks down in the following: \$750,000 for Steele Canyon Road; \$400,000 for road enhancements; \$1.521 million for a cumulative impact fee (TIF) and \$1.1million with Caltrans Intersection Improvements working with County.**
  - d. **Paul Winchester** – Bicycle lane on Jamul Drive ends about midpoint at Steele Canyon and the bicyclists think He would ask that signs be posted “Bicycles not advised on Jamul Drive”.
  - e. **George Novinger** announced that restaurant, California Sol, located at Steele Canyon and SR 94, has been sold to another East County family.
  - f. **Janet Mulder** will be in Sacramento on May 23 to attend a meeting and unable to attend the meeting. **Eileen Poole** agreed to take the notes and Janet will do the minutes upon her return.
  
5. **County Road improvements using JIV MOU funding. Murali Pasumarthi from Department of Public Works presented and discussed the current planned improvements and gathered community input. Bill Herde thanked Murali for getting the no parking signs put up during the special event at the Jamul Casino.**

**Michael Casinelli gave an overview....**He went with **Murali** and other members of the County staff to see the various proposed locations for improved sight distance and agrees with **Murali's** recommendations so far. **Murali thanked Joe for giving the overview of the \$3.771 million authorized by JIV.** He pointed out that the County sent a letter to Caltrans asking if they were going to do the specific improvements that were listed MOU in early March which encompasses the three intersections of Vista Sage, Vista Diego and Otay Lakes Road addressed by the MOU. They are proposing site distance improvements and feel that the Otay Lakes Road will need to have the most work. They have just heard back from Caltrans and the County will be taking responsibility for doing this work. **Steve Wragg** reminded **Murali** about the problems with Vista Sage and pointed out it needed to be completed as soon as possible to avoid any future accidents. **Murali** gave us the following outline of the work scheduled as of now: Steele Canyon/Willow Glen construction should start in Feb. 2018 and end August 2018 (\$750,00), but will not include widening of the bridge across the golf course. The County will look at all of the roads and money to see the cumulative impact fee that needs to be utilized. \$400,000 allocated includes the work on Jamul Drive and Lyons Valley Road. The County is looking at the \$400,000 safety improvements first as outlined in our last minutes (and included at the end of this segment), including the removal of the tree at Peg Leg Mine, improving the site distance for Rocky Sage Road including shifting the center line and push back the embankment. Lyons Valley Road/Jamul Drive. There is an existing right turn pocket that is abrupt and needs to be extended. The traffic counts warrant an enhanced intersection control, which could be signalization. The \$400,000 is for maintenance enhancement projects that will give "quick fix" to the intersection.

**Michael Casinelli** asked about an entry lane at Rocky Sage and was told they would need a bike lane. Questioned the statement that Jamul Drive and Lyons Valley Road intersection had enough traffic to warrant enhanced intersection. **Murali** stated that the requirements are for numbers of cars, numbers of accidents, etc. **Traffic counts** have been taken to follow up on the prior counts and they will be available soon.

**Joe Stuyvesant** stated that he felt the money could be better spent in other areas rather than Willow Glen and Steele Canyon – **Murali** told us that this was one of the areas covered in the discussions about road safety and the Jamul Casino.

**Steve Wragg** asked about Peg Leg looking left as he points out it is a most difficult turn.

**Hannah Bjeh** asked what were the alternatives for an enhanced intersection, and **Murali** said, signalization, roundabout, stop signs

**Bill Herde** asked about the vote from the BOS to improve the roads to 70% and if he would be getting some of that money to work with. **Murali** said not at this time, and then explained how the Pavement Condition Index is calculated. **Murali** gave some examples which mean that on average the roads are drivable, but not in excellent condition.

**Dan Neirinckx** asked about the Las Montanas project that gave \$1.2 million in the early 1990s to improve the bridge across the water at the golf course at Steele Canyon and Willow Glen which should be in the County's money somewhere and could be used now! **Murali** said he had no knowledge of that project.

**Eileen Poole** asked about the fact that we expected the road improvements were to be completed prior to casino opening and asked if this was normal that the casino is up and running and still no improvements completed? **Murali** stated in his experience working on casino and other projects that the improvements are normally completed prior to the enhancements.

**Judy Bohlen** feels that the \$400,000 is not going to work to alleviate the traffic problems at Steele Canyon and Willow Glen, as the bridge is a bottleneck. **Murali** said that there were

not any plans to widen the bridge at this point. **Judy said that the Jamul Drive/Lyons Valley intersection** could have a flashing light and **Murali** said that could be considered one of the operational enhancements.

**George Novinger** favors the use of stop signs over signalizations, however if signals are chosen, they should be smart signal lights. How does the funding above the \$400,000 work? Life safety should take precedence. How does the County make their evaluation? **Murali** said that he has funding for Stop signs today. Traffic signals have to be designed, constructed and maintained and that is accomplished in house for the design, but the construction depends on funding from state grants, and possibly future developments to be conditioned.

**Janet Mulder** asked how a design for a roundabout could work for Jamul Drive. **Murali** said that with a stop sign that 32 chances for two vehicles to try and occupy the same space occur, whereas with a roundabout there are only 8 chances for that problem. He also explained how a roundabout reduces speed through an intersection to an average of 18 mph without any change in speed limit posting, which also increases safety.

#### **Residents' Comments:**

**AJ Gonzalez, Resident**, voiced concern regarding the Willow Glen/Steele Canyon, characterizing it as not being cost effective. He proposed Urban Loggers from local colleges could remove the proposed trees and use the material for wood working classes. The intersection of Skyline Truck Trail, Lyons Valley and Honey Springs – (known as four corners) – could it be 4-way stop.

**Connie Via** – Vista Sage seems to be the most dangerous and has large number of fatalities. Must be able to widen and add acceleration and deceleration lane. The residents have reported this road's unsafe turning to the County and Caltrans in the past.

**Carol Tatum – Vista Sage** – residents unable to make safe turns and she wanted to reiterate Connie Via's concerns.

**Matt Norris** – Lyons Valley Road left hand turn is a concern. Pedestrians use Lyons Valley Road and need to look at safety. Look at the safety of the transition lane on Lyons Valley Road because it ends at an awkward spot.

**Sarah Clay** – Rocky Sage and Pleasant View are both impacted due to lack of sight distance and she is concerned about the idea of moving the centerline towards Pleasant View. Her concern is that it will make it more difficult for ingress and egress from Pleasant View. She recommends the smart traffic light at Jamul Drive and Lyons Valley Road. **Murali** said that when the lanes are decreased in size the traffic normally slows down but the **proposed** changes are not cast in stone.

**Paul Winchester** – suggested lowering the speed limit rather than putting up stop signs or signalization of the Lyons Valley Road/ Jamul Drive intersection. **Murali** pointed out that people do not seem to follow the speed limits and questioned that it would be effective.

**Lana Talberg** – supports a stop sign at Jamul Drive and Lyons Valley Road – **Murali would like to make some pedestrian access near the school i.e., a walking path and some safety improvements including the removal of the obstructing trees and the cost would be \$50,000-60,000.**

**Steve Wragg** wants us to be sure we look at the whole picture and not do things piecemeal.

**Joe Stuyvesant** asked if this could be covered by existing budget and the answer is no, it would need to utilize the money designated by the MOU.

**Joe Stuyvesant moved we recommend approval of the pedestrian safety improvements near the school as outlined by Murali as well as the removal of the obstructing trees as proposed by Murali tonight. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Murali** pointed out that they would be taking the intersection of Jamul Drive/Lyons Valley Road to the Traffic Advisory Committee in their June meeting to discuss a traffic control intersection. Right hand lane at Lyons Valley Road and Jamul Drive will not be part of the current proposal nor would a smart traffic signal.

**Discussion will be continued at the next meeting including the public input.**

Bill asked Janet to include the material presented at the last JDCPG meeting and also printed in the Jamul Shopper, May issue and attach to these minutes. The list follows:

**Line of sight Enhancements proposed by San Diego County:**

Proposed Safety Enhancements  
Jamul Community Planning Group – Meeting on 4/11/2017

1. Jamul Drive at Lyons Valley Road
  - ❖ Improve right turn lane on westbound Lyons Valley Road
  - ❖ Replace existing intersection warning sign with LED warning sign
  - ❖ Potential all-way stop control
  - ❖ Potential Traffic Signal
2. Honey Spring Road/Skyline Truck Trail at Lyons Valley Road
  - ❖ Install intersection warning signs on Lyons Valley Road
  - ❖ Trim excessive vegetation along Lyons Valley Road (East) within ROW
3. Lawson Valley Road and Skyline Truck Trail
  - ❖ Install Flashing Yellow Beacons on existing intersection warning signs on Skyline Truck Trail
  - ❖ Trim excessive vegetation along Skyline Truck Trail within ROW
4. Peg Leg Mine Road and Lyons Valley Road
  - ❖ Remove eucalyptus tree on the south and two pepper trees on the north side of Lyons Valley Road to enhance sight distance for vehicles to safely merge onto Lyons Valley Road
5. Rocky Sage Road and Lyons Valley Road
  - ❖ Reinstall the intersection warning sign per MUTCD
  - ❖ Replace existing intersection warning sign with LED warning sign
  - ❖ Shift the edge line striping towards the centerline to create a wider shoulder area and to force westbound vehicles to be closer to the centerline and hence improve sight visibility for Rocky Sage Road
6. Lyons Valley Road and Skyline Truck Trail
  - ❖ Improve the pedestrian walkway along south side of Lyons Valley Road and east side of Lyons Valley Road from Jamul Intermediate School driveway to Peg Leg Mine Road. Improvement includes leveling the walkway with Decomposed Granite (DG) and providing accessible curb ramps
  - ❖ Enhance the existing school crosswalk to continental crosswalk and to remove asphalt berm

**Judy Bohlen and Rich Marzec left the meeting at this point.**

6. PDS2017-MUP-09-024W1 MUP Modification. (Leoney Lane Cell Tower on top of ridge above Lyons Valley Road) **Dan Neirinckx**, introduced **Morgan Norville** from M & M Telecom, Inc. with plans for AT&T to co-locate and add additional antennas to the existing faux water tank on the outside. Photo sims were taken from Lawson Valley and Lyons Valley and there is limited visibility of the project. The immediate neighbors have been notified and have not voiced concerns. The proposed equipment would not be seen as it is behind the existing equipment. **Dan Neirinckx** suggested we consider in the future that co-location sites should be able to hide the antennas of any co-locator.

**Steve Wragg** – asked about the coverage area maps and the improvements – it shows a need and ATT has to provide additional sites for fire, sheriff, and other emergency.

**AJ Gonzalez, resident**, asked about the regulation of maximum wattage being pumped out of that house. Co-location means determines who regulates the wattage. He questioned if the homeowner signed a waiver regarding maximum RF output.

**Dan Neirinckx moved we recommend approval of this plan, but to recognize the problems of co-locating on a façade of this sort and be aware of these problems in the future. Motion carried 10, Yes; 1, No; No Abstentions.**

7. SDC PDS RCVD 03-24-17 MUP17-006 (2281 Mother Grundy Truck Trail - Cell Tower project.) **Hannah Gbeh** introduced **Lucas Turner of Mitchell J. Architecture** who is proposing a faux water tank of 35 feet that would be co-locatable. This tank would have a 20x20 foot footprint. **Carol Riordan, Deerhorn Valley adjacent owner** reminded the Group that the property lines were off and bear little relation to fence lines. **Lucas** said they had had a survey done and feel certain they know the property lines involved.
- Jim Wicklund, resident**, asked the number of hours the backup battery would run in case of a power outage. **Lucas** said 24 hours and then a portable generator would be brought in. Mr. Wicklund pointed out that they would hear the generator.
- Dan Neirinckx** asked the decibel level of the generator, and Lucas did not know.
- Steve Wragg** pointed out that noise level will be very important and sound attenuation projects are very important in the outer valleys of Jamul as sound carries much farther.
- Elizabeth Kelly** pointed out the scoping letter shows the property has heavy permit issues and asked if ATT was going to shoulder the cost of obtaining current permitting. **Lucas** stated that his final scoping letter from the County does not mention the permitting, so he does not see it as a problem. **Elizabeth** also questioned what “emergency system” Lucas was referring to that he said ATT is required to fulfill with this installation.
- AJ Gonzalez** asked if ATT is planning to build the site within 50 feet of a living structure. He asked if they had looked at any other locations.
- Hannah Gbeh** questioned the need as she lives quite close to the site and has no cell coverage problems with her phone.
- Carol Riordan** pointed out that the existing house is extremely close to the property line and also asked if they had looked at another site. **Lucas** said that ATT has looked at other areas, but this one would provide the best coverage for the area.
- Hannah Gbeh moved that the JDCPG recommend that ATT look at alternative locations that would not adversely impact this number of residences and therefore recommend against approval of this project at this location. Motion carried unanimously.**

**THE REST OF THE AGENDA WAS POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING DUE TO**

**LATENESS OF THE HOUR.**

8. JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE UPDATE –
9. JDCPG OFFICER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:
10. SCHEDULED SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS: None currently scheduled. Check meeting minutes for any subcommittee meeting announcements or updates.
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**ADJOURNMENT: Bill adjourned the meeting at 10:17.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Mulder, Secretary

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

**7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, May 23, 2017**

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