

**JAMUL DULZURA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MINUTES**

July 11, 2017

Approved JDCPG 8-8-17 Meeting

Oak Grove Middle School Library

7:30 p.m.

1. **Michael Casinelli, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.**
2. **ROLL CALL:** Bill Herde, Michael Casinelli, Jean Strouf, Joe Stuyvesant, Janet Mulder, Hannah Gbeh, Dan Neirinckx, Preston Brown, Earl Katzer, and George Novinger
Excused: Richard Marzec, Randy White, Eileen Poole, Judy Bohlen, Steve Wragg,
Absent:
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA for July 11, 2017, and the Final Minutes of the JDCPG June 27, 2017 meeting with corrections as mailed. Approved unanimously.**
4. **OPEN FORUM** – Opportunity for persons to speak on items not on the agenda;
 - a. **Joe Stuyvesant** – Thanked Jean Strouf for writing a letter to Supervisor Jacob about the trail on West side of McGinty and hope to hear from her relatively soon.
 - b. **Michael Casinelli** reported that the property that SDG&E purchased (Old Simpson Nursery corner) now has a huge gate on the Maxfield side. We will ask Cameron Durckel of SDG&E to inform us of their intentions as to the use of the property.
 - c. **Jean Strouf reported on the Safe Passage Across SR94 near Singer Lane across the concrete bridge.** She is now on the agenda for the Valle de Oro Community Planning Group in August and will report back.
 - d. **Dan Neirinckx** questioned the possible problem that Cal Fire would require property owners to clear their land or pay to have it cleared if it was within 100 feet of their neighbor's dwelling and how this would impact lot splits as to location of the dwelling units. **Janet Mulder** talked to **Dave Nissen, Cal Fire** and he assured her that there are no regulations that force a property owner to clear their brush if they are within 100 feet of someone else's building. The fire department will talk with the neighboring property owner but there is no regulation stating that the owner of a neighboring property must clear their land within 100 feet of another person's dwelling.
5. **County Road Improvements – Murali Pasumarthi from San Diego Traffic Engineering** will present current traffic count numbers and answer questions. He presented the traffic counts from eleven intersections taken in May, 2016 and then those traffic counts were re-taken in May, 2017 in the same locations. What shows in traffic volumes is that there is a definite spike in the number of vehicles coming on Otay Lakes Road from the South (West). In other areas, the traffic volumes did not change measurably and remained rather steady. There was a spike in the number of cars north of SR94 on Steele Canyon, but there is not a measurable change further down SR 94. **Michael Casinelli** asked why there was a jump at Jefferson Road and asked if the lack of increase between 2016 and 2017 could be the large number of casino construction related workers who at this point seem to be outnumbering the patrons today. **Joe Stuyvesant** asked **Murali Pasumarthi** if he could get the information on SR 94 to compare between the counts used in the Jamul Indian Village TEIR and today. **Hannah Gbeh** asked

Murali what the time frame is for working on the intersection at Jamul Drive/Lyons Valley Road. **Murali** said it is coming to the Board of Supervisors on August 2 and they are recommending signalization but timing would depend on funding. **Michael Casinelli** pointed out that the right turn lane should be covered by money already allocated and **Murali** said that it would also include some widening of Jamul Drive. **Hannah Gbeh** asked when the stoplight would be put on Otay Lakes Road intersection and **Murali** told us that the design team will come to the JDCPG for advice as to road safety including the possibility of the installation of the light. When a signal is installed it would be a smart signal, but the funding usually comes from private development or state and federal funds and the County to apply for those. Suggestion is we would encourage the county to work on the funding source ahead of time. **Preston Brown** asked about the realignment of Honey Springs Road and Otay Lakes Road and signalizing it at SR-94. **Bill Herde** said that the Caltrans plans did not include funding. **Preston Brown** asked about a flashing yellow light for the Jamul Drive/Lyons Valley Road intersection. **George Novinger** pointed out the importance to signalize Lyons Valley Road/SR94 outweighs the Otay Lakes Road/SR 94. The Lyons Valley Road/SR 94 intersection is part of the Caltrans EIR and is next on the list to be started. They are working on right-of-way, and we were told that SDG&E will be moving their poles in preparation for the signalization of the intersection.

6. **PDS2017-MUP-17-006 2281 Mother Grundy cell tower.** **Hannah Gbeh** reminded us that on May 9, the JDCPG recommended against this location due to community concerns regarding aesthetics, utility problems, easement issues, noise generation, unpermitted structures onsite, wildlife risk, fall radius, EMF near occupied homes, necessity for expanded cell service in this area, etc. **Lucas Turner, representing ATT**, wanted to present another site design for the same location. The designers feel that the new idea would be less visually impactful. He presented photo sims to show the proposed design which he feels is less obtrusive than the water tower. **Hannah Gbeh** pointed out that this site is visible from Deerhorn Valley Road and that is not reflected in the photo sims. **Michael Casinelli** asked if **Denise Russell** had shown him different sites and **Lucas** pointed out that they needed the height of this site, or have to raise the tower another 15 to 20 feet above the one shown here. **Michael Casinelli** asked why ATT needs a site here as the people have ATT coverage and **Lucas** stated that the importance is that they need to provide broadband Internet signal to people. **Michael** asked about the boundary adjustment and **Lucas** said that they had a legal survey completed by a licensed engineer that shows the actual property lines, and they have a fifty-foot setback and he does not think the differential is over 50feet. **George Novinger** believes that ATT is doing what they are charged to do and he supports them unequivocally. **John Osborn, ATT Internal Affairs**, pointed out that they are bringing broadband to unserved areas and this is specifically designed to bring broadband to the home wirelessly. There are fifty areas that need wireless VOIP which gives a more robust service. **Susie Norton, resident**, lives a mile down the road and would love cell service. **Lucas** assured her that she would get cell service with this plan. **Suzanne Walker**, resident, asked if it is approved, how long it would take to get cell service. **Lucas** said that they have to get approval, and start construction about March and complete about April. **Suzanne Walker** asked if the fiber optic cable that has been installed was related to the project. **Lucas** said not at this time and would be looked at. **Tommy Young, resident**, asked since he has four bars on his phone, what good will it do for him? He suggested that another spot would bring better coverage to more people, rather than go into this residential neighborhood and bring

property values down. Isn't there a better alternative on higher ground? **Lucas** said that studies have been done to show that property values increase when cell reception is improved. A lot of engineering work has gone into the choice of this location. **Tommy** pointed out that there are six property owners adjacent to the site and five of them refused to have the site on their property. Why did you decide to go with the one who also has problems on his property? **John Osborn** pointed out that this site is intended to provide broadband access utilizing another platform to bring Internet service to the homes. **Elizabeth Kelly, resident**, asked to see the original scoping letter, as she would like to know how they are handling the unpermitted structures. **Lucas** said that the County has assessed a \$30,000 lien and the unpermitted structures either have to be removed or permits drawn. **Elizabeth** asked to see the survey to show the actual property lines. **Bodie Capagna** does site walks for ATT and has done 3500 sites in Southern California and 13 here in our area. She has not seen property values go down in her experience and she came to share. **Suzanne Walker** pointed out that the increase in Internet capability could increase the value of her property. **Dan Neirinckx** pointed out that typically the sites have air-conditioning and equipment to power the tower and he could not see it on the photo sims. **Lucas** said the building is self-contained. **Dan Neirinckx** pointed out that it is a block wall and needs something to soften it. **Lucas** suggested plantings could be added but **Elizabeth** pointed out that the water table is very low and their neighbor has dug seven dry wells so they don't have the water to keep plants living. **Bill Herde** feels the photo sims are not well done and he needs to side with the community that if they have 4G they don't need a new tower. He would support a taller tower in a different location. **John Osborn** said it looks like they could go with this location or go to another with a 60-foot tower. They could soften the visual impact but it could go to another site. **Michael Casinelli** asked about the photo sims as he felt that they were not accurate. He could not support a tower on this property. Question rose as to whether or not our JDCPG had made a decision on this item at the last meeting. **Hannah** read the motion from the last meeting which stated: **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.**

Hannah Gbeh said that she felt there were other sites including one that has a SDG&E tower that might be more suitable with less community concern. **James & Catherine Wicklund** sent a letter in opposition to this cell site, in which they brought up the generator noise and road maintenance. A letter was also received from **Linda Ogden** who is concerned about the radiation the tower would emit as well as the blockage of her view. **Joe Stuyvesant** pointed out that the Planning Group asked ATT to come back with alternative locations and they chose not to do it.

Joe Stuyvesant moved that we affirm our original recommendation made on May 9 not to approve this ATT cell tower at this site, inviting ATT to return with alternative site proposals for their broadband.

Motion carried: 9, Yes; 0, No, 1 Abstention (Novinger).

7. **BLM Land Use and the Gate Fire.** **Bill Herde** presented a letter created at the Group's request at the last meeting. **Hannah Gbeh** received an email request from a law firm showing interest in our Planning Group's activities regarding the Gate Fire asking for a copy of our minutes. She also observed the Sheriff speaking to individuals on the side of the road at the BLM location. **Earl Katzer** appreciates the fact that the letter does not

encourage the prohibition of shooting. **George Novinger** made a suggestion to the letter which will be incorporated in the final.

Bill Herde moved that we send the corrected letter to Ryan Zinke, Secretary Dept of Interior, with copies to Dianne Jacob, Sterling White, Joyce Schlachter, Jo Ann Schiffer Burdett and Dave Nissen and attach a copy to these minutes. Motion carried: 9, Yes; 1, No (Katzner); 0 Abstentions.

8. JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE UPDATE

Michael Casinelli announced that the ABC Hearing on liquor license for Jamul Hollywood Casino would be reconvened on Wednesday, September 6, at Skyline Church with a new Administrative Law Judge since the first one was compromised by the ABC attorneys.

9. JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

a. July 17, 2017 6:30 p.m. Historic Site Board will meet to discuss three items that are part of our District 2. The three items for discussion are the Ramona Cemetery, the Wexler House, and the Hoover Plan. Eric Grant used to be our representative at the Historic Site Board meetings. We need to find someone else who is interested in maintaining the history of our County to attend representing JDCPG.

b. Bill Herde thanked everyone for helping him as he acted as Chair for Michael. We thanked Bill for his fine work as vice-chair.

10. SCHEDULED SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS: None currently scheduled. Check meeting minutes for any subcommittee meeting announcements or updates.

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Casinelli, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Mulder, Secretary

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, July 25, 2017

OAK GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

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

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Letter sent to Ryan Zinke, Secretary, Department of Interior:

Ryan Zinke, Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke,

As publicly elected representatives of the Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group in the unincorporated County of San Diego, we are writing to request your attention regarding the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property commonly referred to as a “shooting area” within our community. As you likely know, on May 20¹ 2017, the Gate fire started in a BLM area within our community of Dulzura. This fire burned 2,056 acres of land and required total fire personnel of 665 individuals.

Wildfire hazards are a major concern to our community members, as is their desire to continue recreational shooting on public lands. While we appreciate the BLM authority to offer safe, public spaces where fee-free shooting can occur, we are requesting additional measures be implemented to address fire safety hazards if shooting is allowed.

- We request additional ranger presence in the area to help assist in abating any safety hazards.
- The vegetation in the area needs to be adequately maintained, year-round, so as to not exacerbate any fire hazards.
- Garbage cans or waste receptacles should be provided so that recreational shooters are able to properly dispose of the waste they create.

The BLM may wish to consider utilizing the assistance of the non-profit community groups in our area to effectively perform clean-up and maintenance of the area. The non-profit SDMust (a local 501(c)(3)) has offered their services in assisting your local BLM staff (Sterling White, Joyce Schlachter and Jo Ann Schiffer Burdett) to provide fuel modification, clean-up and other fire safety/educational services to shooters in this area. In addition to measures you would implement, we urge you to allow your local BLM staff to utilize and coordinate with these community groups. We must make every effort to ensure this area is safe for all to enjoy and reduce the risk of wildfire.

Sincerely,

Michael Casinelli
Chair, Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group

Cc: Diane Jacob, San Diego County Supervisor
Sterling White, Bureau of Land Management
Joyce Schlachter, Bureau of Land Management

Jo Ann Schiffer Burdett, Bureau of Land Management
Mike Johnson, SDMust
Dave Nissen, Deputy Chief, Cal Fire