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# Jamul Dulzura

## Community Planning Group Unincorporated County of San Diego

### FINAL MINUTES

**February 14, 2023**

**Location:** On-Line Zoom

**Recorder:** Preston Brown

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1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:33pm

2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Preston Brown, Kevin May, Dan Neirinckx, Janet Mulder, Ed Mollon, Rachel Vedder, Thomas Gray, Paul Dombkowski, Michael Casinelli,

**Guests:**

**Excused:** Paul Romero, Eve Nasby, Steve Wragg

**Vacant Seats:** 2,9

3. APPROVAL Agenda for February 14, 2023 and **Minutes** for

October 11 and 25, November 14, and December 13, January 10 and 24, 2023. **Dan Neirinckx** moved that we approve the Agenda for February 14, 2023. Motion passes unanimously.

**Janet Mulder** made the point that we may not be able to approve the Minutes since people who attended the meetings are not her now to approve it. Kevin will check with PDS concerning the rules on this and we will postpone the Minutes till next meeting.

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

- **Kathleen Lippitt** She is following the progress of the County Plan to develop wind and solar farms in the East County and finds this troubling. The wind turbine props kill about a million raptors a year. This is a national statistic she believes. Also, solar farms reduce vegetation areas that act as carbon sinks. She believes it is much more efficient to install solar above parking lots and on roof tops. She mentioned that Ramona has a sanctuary for injured raptors. She is also concerned the County could arbitrarily lower the Cannabis tax to zero.
- **Preston Brown** mentioned that our next meeting on February 28 is a very important meeting with the County. Mark Slovic and other Staff will present their proposals for mitigation to our group. We will be requesting that Caltrans attend this as well.

6. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICANT FOR JDCPG SEAT: Richard Young

Richard Young could not attend and we will reschedule this for next meeting

## 7. JAMUL INDIAN VILLAGE CASINO, HOTEL & EVENT CENTER UPDATE

Preston Brown gave an update on the Subcommittee work.

On Monday 13, **Preston Brown** and **Lisa Hodgson** met with **Sheriff Captain Matthew Glisson** and **Lieutenant Kenny Lawrence** of the Rancho San Diego Sheriff Department. Also attending were **Captain Mike Vargas** and **Lieutenant Brian Gonsalves** from the El Cajon CHP Office. Captain Glisson is heading up the response team in negotiating mitigation plans with the JIV and the County.

The purpose of this meeting:

- 1) To get updated statistics on crime: specifically categorized as to type, where the perpetrator actually lives, area location and time of incident etc.
- 2) Discuss logistics of protecting the casino and our community in the case of a wildland fire evacuation and shelter in place strategies.
- 3) To start a dialogue of discussing the mitigation measures need for current levels of crime and future impacts from the continued growth of the Jamul Casino.
- 4) To establish a long-term relationship with the Sheriff and the CHP with our planning group. Also, with the goal of eventually including and coordinating with the JIV and their Special Purpose Office, SPO.

We wanted to make sure law enforcement understands what we as the community are seeing as the future of the Jamul Valley. We are anticipating a very significant land use change to a casino town with long term expansion of casinos and entertainment. Increasing crime will be a consequence of this and the increase in traffic will impact everyone especially in emergency situations. We suggested that a substation for the Sheriff and the CHP would be inevitable in Jamul to deal with the growth and huge increase in assembly capacity provided by gaming floors and event centers and hotels. The current expansion proposals on 4 acres of land would allow close to an occupancy of 10,000 people.

Questions and discussion that came up:

- o Are there comparative statistics for over reservation crime with other casinos?
- o How is policing off reservation crime handles on other casinos.
- o Does the location and geography of the Jamul Casino with a small land area of 4 acres on the side of a rural highway make this a different situation than for other casinos.
- o We need an updated traffic study to understand how traffic is functioning on SR-94. In our public meeting everyone has noticed a drastic change over the last 6 years. How much is from the casino.
- o Problems in defining areas of responsibility and jurisdictions between the JIV and the Sheriff Department.

Conclusion:

- o The Sheriff and the CHP will collect and make available their statistics to us.
- o The officers present agreed that this is a good idea and that communication with the community is essential.
- o We will set up a schedule for regular meetings in the future with subcommittee.
- o Our group should think about setting a permeant subcommittee to communicate and coordinate with the law enforcement, Caltrans and the JIV.

In Correction of the Minutes (as reviewed by Captain Glisson)

- o The Sheriff Dept can provide number of calls for service, the number of reports/crime cases taken, and the number of different types of calls broken down into four general categories – Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property, Crimes Against Society, and Others but will not be able to provide information about where the suspects lived or the times of each incident. (Thank you for that clarification)

**Dan Neirinckx** shared with us that has a friend who won a sizable jackpot at the Jamul Casino and on the way home his motorcycle was run off the road and he was robbed of his cash winnings. He will try and get the report number for this and we can check it out.

## 8. SDG&E COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

- Michael Casinelli Our December 2022 regular meeting, a letter to SDG&E was approved regarding the need for better communications between SDG&E and our constituents. After the letter was sent by Preston Brown, I followed up with another email. Soon thereafter a representative called me, and we had a productive conversation about the need for improved communications pertaining SDG&E projects that entail road closures and traffic delays, as well as power shutoffs due to equipment failures and wildfire precaution. As a result, our CPG now has direct contact abilities with three SDG&E departments, i.e., poll and undergrounding projects, power shutoffs, and the regional public relations manager. They likewise have contact info for Kevin, Preston, Dan and me.
- **Dan Neirinckx** suggested that we use our Facebook page to get information out to the neighborhoods affected by SDG&E work.

9. ZOOM HOOKAH LOUNGE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE UPDATE

The ABC approved the license for Beer only for the Zoom Hookah Lounge. They have checked all the boxes: The Sheriff Dept does not think this will contribute to a negative influence of criminal activity. The application addresses the concern of the neighborhood about noise from people outside and requires no outdoor drinking or activity. No wine will be served only beer in 16 oz. **Kevin May** suggested that appealing this would not be productive and our group has no new information and have already made our points.

**Kathleen Lippitt** was surprise and said she talked to an ABC investigator and he said they were no longer approving Hookah Longue permits. She will try to contact him.

10. JDCPG OFFICER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

**Kevin May** reported on a meeting with Chairs of the planning/sponsor groups with Supervisor Anderson. The purpose of this meeting was to get his support to have one of the Chairs form these groups to get a seat on the Advisory Board of SANDAG. Sup. Anderson agreed that the east County with a population of 400,000 people needs more representation He will write an OP ED for this UT on this matter. Robin Joy Maxson, Chair of the Ramona CPG, will work on the organization and structure of the group to determine the selection process for a representative. Eventually this could lead to a voting member.

**Kevin May** informed us that there would be 2 presentations next week form the County Staff: one on the Jamul Casino, and one on the sustainable land use framework including VMT’s.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 8:44pm

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY February 28, 2023 @ 7:30 P.M.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

Meeting Minutes and Agendas can be accessed at

<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