
Jamul Dulzura

Community Planning Group

Unincorporated County of San Diego

Final MINUTES

April 25, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:36 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Janet Mulder, Steve Wragg, Preston Brown, Kevin May, Dan Neirinckx, Ed Mollon, Rachel Vedder, Thomas Gray, Michael Casinelli,

Guests: Lisa Hodgson

Excused: Paul Romero, Paul Dombkoski, Eve Nasby,

Vacant Seats: 2,9,6

3. APPROVAL Minutes for March 28, 2023

- Dan moved, Motion passed unanimously

4. OPEN FORUM

- **Ed Mollen** reported on the Jamul Highland road infrastructure. The road crews recently repaired it and it broke apart very quickly. It could be an expansion of the clay. Normally the upgrades have lasted 15 years.
- **Michael Casinelli** reported the trailers at Simpson Nursery are still there. At the house on 3025 Jamul Highlands with all the yard trash, there is more activity and a lot of digging. Calfire will write up an order for cleaning it up.
- On the Simpson's Subdivision Property, The JIV or someone is dumping rubble behind the Barrett house.
- **Miguel and Sandra Aguirre**, owners of Steele 94 Café and members of the FSC, expressed concern on fire safety and evacuation and suggested one way to relieve congestion is to open the Tecate border crossing for the full 24 hours. He said Joel Anderson has also advocated for this.
- **Lisa Hodgson** reported that 540 acres in Lawson valley are up for sale. There are multiply parcels and can be purchased as a whole or individually. We need to know the County's intention for this area. Suggested making this a n Agenda item for next meeting. **Connor Magee** suggested contacting Parks and Recreation.

5. SOCIALLY EQUITABLE CANNABIS PROGRAM – San Diego Public Outreach Program

- PRESENTATION by County Staff: **Connor Magee** and **Lynnette Santos**. They are seeking public input on the following topics
 - Cannabis facility design guideline checklists
 - Limits, or caps on the number of cannabis facilities
 - Defining cannabis events
 - Establishment of a Community Equity Contribution Program

They have been working for 2 ½ years on this program since Board of Supervisors action in 2021. They will continue to do outreach and hold public meetings into 2024 to get ideas for the guidelines for implementing this program and will update the Board later this year. They are looking at all the impacts in the entire range of the process of recreational use of cannabis. They have formed an office of equity and social justice to study communities impacted by drugs.

- **Lisa Hodgson** asked if they were starting from scratch. **Ans:** They have hired a consultant and this process is being done state wide and they are trying to learn from other programs and apply it to our area.
- **Ed Mollen** asked if the potential impacts on ground water would be reviewed in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Wells are drying up out here and pot consumes a lot of water. **Ans:** We can make our comments when the Notice of Preparation (NOP) comes out.
- **Michael Casinelli** mentioned that this business is totally dependent on cash for transactions because of Federal Law restrictions. Would dispensaries be required to have armed guards, which many do currently? **Ans:** That would be something to consider.
- **Rachel Vedder** asked if these rules would apply to reservation lands. **Ans:** this would not regulate these businesses on reservation land.
- **Dan Neirinckx** asked concerning ground water, would there be a requirement that if water goes below a certain level that they would have to stop pumping. **Ans:** That would be handled as a request to monitor ground water. **Janet Mulder** suggested that this should be the client's responsibility.
- **Michael Casinelli** asked if the County policies would override policies in the Incorporated cities? **Ans:**
- **Dan Neirinckx** asked what "Events" are and what does this mean. **Ans:** These would be regulated at the State level and would cover a wide variety of possibilities.
- **Eve Nasby** asked about the provision in Prop 64 on adult cannabis use that would let local communities decide if they wanted it to be in their communities. **Ans:** This is being interpreted as having been passed as a "County wide" measure, therefore not giving the smaller areas of community their own decisions.
- **Dan Neirinckx** said it seems like they will set their own rules regardless of us in a defined area. **Janet Mulder** stated that the County needs to follow the law and they choose not to with this interpretation. **Ed Mollen** added so they are defining this as San Diego County and we are in that area of the defined locality. There may be nothing we can do legally. **Ans:** We as Staff cannot decide these things or get involved in this. Miguel Aguirre added that tax revenue is driving these decisions.
- General question on distribution from tax benefits of whether the community should get the lion's share of this or does this go to the General Fund. **Ans:** Benefits would go back to the Social Equity Program and will help folks impacted by drug addiction. There will be a hybrid approach to allocation and we have other models to look at across the nation.

For further info: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Cannabis.html>

6. JAMUL CASINO, HOTEL & EVENT CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT

- County Update: Negotiations and Agreements with the Jamul Indian Village (JIV),
- Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group Subcommittee updates and recommendations.
 - **Preston Brown** and **Lisa Hodgson** will follow-up on the crime's stats with Sheriff Bragg. We should start to think about phasing in a permanent subcommittee to meet with Sheriff and CHP and Caltrans on a quarterly basis to establish on going communication.
 - On the question of the start of construction of the casino expansion project. **Thomas Gray** said he has noticed a lot of trucks and construction activity on site. Preston Brown suggested that the delays in construction are due to the continued negotiations with Caltrans and difficulties raising capital. There was a recent press release from the JIV listing banks that could be investing in the project.

- **Michael Casinelli** said there is lawsuit that has been filed by Pat Webb claiming the Catholic Dioceses cannot give away cemetery property to any entity, and that the lawsuit alleges that the intent of the church’s action was to rid itself of assets pending the settlement of pedophile lawsuits. There will be a Hearing on this matter in May for a “Restraining Order”.
- So far there has been no response from the County to our group letter. Kevin will contact **Mark Slovick**, Deputy Director PDS, and ask for an update.
- There has also been no response from Caltrans who has stated they are still in negotiations with the JIV.

7. 2023-2028 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- Discussion of the presentation by the Department of Public Works: **2023 – 2028 Draft Capital Improvement Plan: Learn about infrastructure plans in unincorporated San Diego County.** Thursday, April 20, 2023, 6-7:30 pm.
- **Kevin May** shared a tip for using the website. You can click on the map with various symbols for different types of projects and it will update you on specifics. It shows that the County has estimated the total cost to be 12 million to the roundabout intersection at Otay Lakes Road and SR-94. The JIV has committed \$700,000 million for a traffic light for this intersection. Kevin May made the following meeting announcements and encouraged anybody that could, to attend and report back at the next meeting.
 - There is some progress on the Lawson Valley Bridge. Dan Neirinckx pointed out that the current width of the bridge does not allow 2 trucks to pass safely.
 - In our next meeting we can put our list together for the CIP and send it to the PDS. In the past we have placed an ad in the Shopper to get public input.

8. JDCPG OFFICER’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Kevin May made the following meeting announcements and encouraged anybody that could, to attend and report back at the next meeting.

- Rural USDA development grants, for facilities in rural areas, education, gardens etc.
- May 23 Housing Ordinance update new construction fees for 2023-24.
- May 9 Septic Program “Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS), regional water 830 -11, meeting on regional water equity, Storm water, grey water and conservation.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Passed unanimously: 9:38pm

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 @ 7:30 P.M.

Oak Grove Middle School Library

14344 Olive Vista Drive

Jamul, CA 91935

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.*