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# Jamul Dulzura

## Community Planning Group

### Unincorporated County of San Diego

#### “ Final ” MINUTES

#### October 3, 2023

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1. CALL TO ORDER 7:33pm

2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Preston Brown, Kevin May, Michael Casinelli, Steve Wragg, Ed Mollen, Thomas Gray, Paul Dombkoski, Lisa Hodgson, Eve Nasby,

**Guests:** Darla Kasmedo

**Excused:** Janet Mulder, Dan Neirinckx

**Vacant Seats:** 2, 9, 5, 13

3. APPROVAL: Agenda for October 3, 2023

4. OPEN FORUM

- Simpson Farms Update. **Paul Dombrowski** said there are sand piles, loader trucks and heavy equipment on the property and there is road work happening from 6pm to 3am. **Michael Casinelli** said it could be preparation for the concrete Batch Plant for the Casino. He will follow up with Code Enforcement. Miguel Zagora is the owner and was the former owner of the Jalisco Restaurant. Kevin May added that work is happening this evening.

5. SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments)

In our last Meeting of October 3, the group unanimously voted to join the Association of Planning Groups (APG). This group will give the Community Planning Groups of the Unincorporated County a “Advisory Seat” on the SANDAG Board.

**Kevin May** said our group now needs to elect a representative to represent our group and attend regular meetings of the APG. **Paul Dombrowski** volunteered to fill this role.

**Kevin** moved that we approve **Paul** as our representative.

The vote was unanimous.

6. RE CANDIDATE TO FILL SEAT #2 VACANCY ON THE JAMUL-DULZURA CPG

**Kevin May** introduced **Darla Kasmedo** who is applying to be a member on our group.

**Darla** said she has worked alongside this planning group for years and participated with the Jamul Action Committee during the era of the Jamul Casino development, even making a trip to Sacramento to meet with the Tribal Liaison for the Governor to discuss the many issues of concern that will impact the community. I have worked for Qualcomm 20+ years. I have a passion for getting involved in ways to keep our community safe and now felt like the right time to join the planning group following years of encouragement to do so. I am particularly concerned about the increase in crime in my neighborhood in Proctor Valley following the Casino being built including home break in's, thefts, and mailboxes being vandalized. This last year we have been impacted by a spike in vagrancy and parked cars with people drinking and using drugs and passed out. Our neighborhood is used as a parking lot for people that then walk to the casino.

**Michael Casinelli** said Darla had worked very hard on the community response letters on the first Jamul Casino and held numerous meetings at her house. **Preston Brown** said he has worked with Darla on the public safety issues of the casino and felt sure she would join our group one day.

**Ed Mollen** moved that we approve Darla Kasmado as a new Board Member.

The vote was unanimous.

#### 7. PARK LANDS DEDICATON ORDINANCE (PLDO) PROJECTS

**Kevin May** announced that we have a November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for submitting our list of proposals for the use from our current available PLDO Funds of \$470,000. Our last submission on 12-14-2021 offered 2 ideas.

1. *Community Center with Park like facilities purchased and maintained by CINA funding.*
2. *Continued improvement of athletic facilities at local schools for public use through a "memorandum of understanding"*

**Kevin** said he has spoken to **Liz Bystedt**, the Superintendent of the JDUSD, and said the school would like to pave their basketball court (estimate cost of \$700,000) and upgrade their baseball diamond (estimate coast of \$350,000 to 500,000). The last project to repave the tennis courts turned out very well. **Paul Dombrowski** said it includes pickle ball and is up and running.

**Michael Casinelli** said to his knowledge, going back to a 1985 allocation to the Jamul Primary and Intermediate Schools, local schools have been the sole beneficiary of all our PLDO allocations; including about \$350,000 to Steele Canyon HS and over \$600,000 to Oak Grove. , going about to 1985. **Ed Mollen** remembers AYSO and Dianne Jacob worked together for the soccer field

**NOTE:** The discussion centered on the possible alternatives to just funding school athletic initiatives. The idea of a community center of some kind has always been tossed around but needs land and will be more expensive. The drawback to funding athletic projects is that there is time limitation of 20 years for guaranteed public access. Some type of community center or park would be forever and it would be maintained with CINA funding.

**Ed** suggested a dog park. **Steve Wragg** reminded us that **Jean Strouf** had proposed a horse park for riding events and show. **Preston Brown** suggested we could have an outdoor park area that combined a number of activities and uses like barbecues, meetings areas, kids play areas, dog run etc. **Ed** said we have a fair amount of athletic field areas but we do not have open space park for numerous activities and asked if maintenance would be covered. **Kevin** said that there is funding for maintenance.

**Kevin** said we will keep coming up with ideas and we can update our list at the next meeting and vote on a ranked order.

#### 8. JAMUL CASINO, HOTEL AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT

- **Kevin May** contacted PDS about the Batch Plant and Caltrans will not get involved in regulating the traffic on SR-94. He asked **Mark Slovick** for a copy of the "County Permit" It should show the route for trucks as they exit Peaceful Valley Road and cross SR-94 to get to the Casino. We will try to get an update on the Graveyard Law suit next by next meeting. **Michael** said **the** Catholic Church gave the cemetery land to the Jamul Casino to allegedly shed property to reduce their assets when the courts calculate the church's financial liability in the pedophile lawsuits. It's been reported that there is a total of 445 other properties that have so far been identified where the church has transferred real estate assets off their books. The lawsuit filed by **Pat Webb** concerning the graveyard is that under California law you cannot "give away a cemetery".

#### 9. JDCPG OFFICER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

- San Diego County’s Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) fee waiver program for septic permits will be end 1/9/2024. Questions: [lwqduty.deh@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:lwqduty.deh@sdcounty.ca.gov).  
**Kevin** reminded that if you get plans in before you can still get the waiver.
- SD County Dept. of Public Works 2025-29 Capital Improvement Plan Outreach Zoom meeting, 11/1/23 – learn about plans in your area like road improvements, street paving, etc.  
<https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/embeds/projects/20859/survey-tools/18415>

10. ADJOURNMENT 8:29 pm

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @ 7:30pm**  
**Jamul-Dulzura Union School District - Jamul Education Center**  
**14581 Lyons Valley Road**  
**Jamul, CA 91935**  
***Hybrid Meeting: Both In-Person and Zoom Attendance***

<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.*