

Jamul-Dulzura

Community Planning Group Unincorporated County of San Diego

FINAL MINUTES

November 7, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:31 pm....
2. ROLL CALL

Present: Preston Brown, Kevin May, Michael Casinelli, Janet Mulder, Thomas Gray, Paul Dombkoski, Steve Wragg, Lisa Hodgson, Eve Nasby, Dan Neirinckx
Guests:
Excused: Ed Mollen
Vacant Seats: 2, 9, 5
3. APPROVAL: Minutes for October 3, 2023 were unanimously approved as amended.
4. OPEN FORUM
 - **Michael Casinelli** emailed code enforcement concerning the Old Simpsons Nursery Property for an update. **Michael** also asked about the progress on the code violations on 3025 Jamul Highlands Road concerning trash and 2 shipping containers that are still visible from the road. He asked if they were aware of an ADU was recently been built on site. This would require permitting for compliance with set-back codes and an onsite waste treatment system.
 - **Kevin May** said he checked out the night time activity at the Simpsons Nursery and the road crews working there were hired by Caltrans. Kevin is also waiting to hear back from **Mark Slovick** on the “cement batch” plant.
5. APG (Association of Planning Groups)-SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments)

PURPOSE: For a new “Advisory” Board Member on the SANDAG Board of Directors representing the unincorporated communities of San Diego County through a Representative from the Association of Planning Groups - San Diego County.
Paul Dombrowski (elected representative to the APG from the JDCPG) reports on the November 6 Meeting. **Paul** stated the main objective was to elect officers. **Robin Joy Maxson** (former Chair of the Ramona CPG) elected Chair, **Eileen Delaney** for Vice-Chair, **Eileen Delaney** for Vice-Chair.
SANDAG will vote to approve a new “Advisory Chair “from the APG at their December 8th Meeting. We need to get letters of support from our community. Draft Sample letters from Robin have been sent out to our group to distribute. This can include schools, associations, Fire Safe Councils, realtors, local clubs and community groups.
Kevin May said there were 18 planning Groups participating in the APG and they plan to have their 1st meeting on January 10. Meetings will be quarterly. At our next meeting we need to approve an alternate representative to be accepted as a voting member. **Michael**

Casinelli moved that **Paul** write a letter to SANDAG supporting our groups request for a seat on the Sandag Board based on Robins letter sample.

Motion passed unanimously.

Members made suggestions for contacts in our community and volunteered to contact them. This list includes school boards, churches, The Shopper, Deerhorn Valley Newsletter, homeowners' associations, the Kiwanis Club etc..

6. PARK LANDS DEDICATON ORDINANCE (PLDO) PROJECTS

The PLDO Projects are funded by “park impact fees” collected from private residential development projects. The current funds available are \$470,000. November 30, 2023 is the deadline for our submission in ranked order. Our list contains the following. Mixed use park with lights, for such things as gatherings, play, walking for exercise (humans and dogs), etc.#2 - Repave the hard court at Oak Grove Middle School with lights, used for basketball, pickle ball and tennis#3 - Baseball Diamond and Field at Oak Grove Middle School

1. *Mixed use park with lights, for such things as gatherings, play, walking for exercise (humans and dogs),*
2. *Repave the hard court at Oak Grove Middle School with lights, used for basketball, pickle ball and tennis*
3. *Baseball Diamond and Field at Oak Grove Middle School*

Generally, everyone agreed on the theme of the park as an outdoor multi-activity gathering place. It is an idea that our community has desired for many years. **Michael Casinelli** said Parks and Rec came up with some land alternatives but parking was an issue. **Paul Dombrowski** mentioned that there is no lighting for the pickle ball courts and you need to get there early. **Lisa Hodgson** asked if we could get night time lighting, but there are “dark skies” issues and the school locks down at night and that would be based on approval. **Michael** mentioned that Dianne Jacob gave 200K from her “slush fund” from the County for the tennis courts. Steve Wragg said that Sup Anderson has discretionary funds he could contribute.

Kevin May moved that we vote to approve the list.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD: Consideration of acquisition of Proctor Valley

On November 15, the WCB will consider the “Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, Expansion 6” which involves the purchase of Village 14 and Planning Area 16 and 19, approximately 1,291 acres. The entire cost is 60 million dollars. The WCB will put in 30 million dollars, the Nature Conservancy for \$2,500,000, U.S. Department of Homeland Security for \$25,000,000, the USFWS Section 6 for \$2,500,000. **Preston Brown** drafted letter of support from our planning group.

In discussion, **Lisa Hodgson** brought up the idea often times when lands are taking into Conservancy restrictions are often place on public access for recreation in the wilderness areas as she believes could happen in the purchase of the multiple parcels totaling 598 acres in the Lawson Valley area. **Steve Wragg** added that this happened when the USFW acquired a parcel of land in Echo Valley where access that had originally existed on trails was now closed. **Janet Mulder** wrote out a statement to add to the close of our letter.

“The Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group voted to support this purchase **contingent** upon the requirement that residents have non-motorized access for recreational use to the property through existing and future trail systems.”

Lisa moved for a separate vote on who supports the purchase by the WCB outright. All voted in favor of the purchase except Lisa. Then we held a 2nd vote to approve the letter to the WCB supporting the purchase of Village 14.

Motion passed unanimously.

SEE ATTACHMENT I: JDCPG Letter to the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

8. **JAMUL CASINO, HOTEL AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT**
No updated at this time.

9. **PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE: Emergency Evacuation, Traffic and Crime**
Preston Brown proposed that we form a subcommittee called the “**Subcommittee on Public Safety**” that deals with all the issues of emergency evacuation, traffic and crime. The goal is to make this a permanent subcommittee that meets quarterly with representatives from the Sheriff Department, CHP, Caltrans, and San Diego County Fire Authority and Calfire.
Eve Nasby move that we make subcommittee called the Public Safety as an “ad hoc” committee until it can be organized and set up.
Motion passed unanimously.

10. **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: lwq duty.deh@sdcounty.ca.gov.
- San Diego County Fire’s Community Emergency Response Team (SDCF CERT) Program is hosting an Active Threat Survival Training on **November 18**, at Mt. Empire High School in Pine Valley. The FREE training for residents and CERT volunteers is made possible through the Listos CA CERT Support Grant. For more information contact: Angie Good, SDCF CERT Program Manager at: sdcfcert_southern_division@sdcfd.com

11. **ADJOURNMENT 9:44pm**

ATTACHMENT I: JDCPG Letter to the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

November 7, 2023

Wildlife Conservation Board
California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Item # 46 - Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, Expansion 6

Dear Secretary Ahern, Chair Bokde, and Board Members,

At our regular meeting on November 7, the Members of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group reviewed the purchase proposal of Proctor Valley’s Village 14 and Planning Areas 16 and 19. We are publicly elected to serve in the best interest of the community

regarding land matters and as representatives from our community, a subregion of the Unincorporated County, it is our function to advise and assist the Director of Planning & Development Services, the Zoning Administrator, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

We want the WCB Board to know that the Jamul-Dulzura subregion is unique among all the planning areas, and it is the expressed goal of our Sub Area Plan to “*protect and serve resources for future generations*”. For over three decades, numerous conservation organizations have worked steadily to preserve the most biodiverse area in the continental United States. Adding Proctor Valley to this collective of mutually supporting ecosystems would unite the Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, the “crown jewel” of California Fish and Wildlife conservation projects, with the USFW lands to the north.

The Jamul-Dulzura subregion serves an equally important role for urban dwellers to easily escape to nature and enjoy wilderness recreation through the ascending valleys into high maritime chaparral. The abrupt transition from the urban coastal communities to the wilderness landscape is breathtaking. Proctor Valley offers a once in a lifetime opportunity as the last great piece of the puzzle.

The Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group voted to support this purchase **contingent** upon the requirement that residents have non-motorized access for recreational use to the property through existing and future trail systems.

Respectfully,

Kevin James May
Chair, Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

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.*