

Jamul-Dulzura

Community Planning Group

Unincorporated Area of the County of San Diego

FINAL MINUTES

June 17, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:02 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Kevin May, Preston Brown, Michael Casinelli, Thomas Gray, Lisa Hodgson, Ed Mollen, Paul Dombkowski, Darla Kamedo, Courtney Etnyre, Dan Neirinckx, Eve Nasby, Steve Wragg

Guests:

Excused: Janet Mulder

Vacant Seats: 5, 13

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for June 4, 2024

Motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN FORUM

Preston Brown reported that June 11, the Nature Conservancy held a celebration at the Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve for the acquisition of Proctor Valley to preserve and protect in perpetuity. This conservation win is the result of years of hard work and deep partnership at the local, state and national level.

5. AT&T CELL TOWER: PDS2023-MUP-34-001. Assessor's Parcel #652-020-10-00, 1020, Barrett Lake Road, Dulzura, CA.

Sam Gudino, representing the contractor Public Safety Towers, appeared via zoom to answer questions. Sam said that in addition to the generator there is a 2nd back up system of batteries that provide 8 hours of emergency operation. These are tested routinely possible monthly. Every site has to have backup systems to be able to provide 1st responders with a network for emergencies. **Eve Nasby** asked if the gate was made of steel. ANS: Yes.

Kevin May said we talked about the fence facing the road. Decibel reading taken by the gate were 38 dB and 44 dB on the south wall. These decibel readings are equivalent to a refrigerator. Human conversation is around 60 decibels. **Kevin** asked if we can approve this with the condition that if it is too loud they will put sound deadening material on the gate. ANS: Yes.

Ed Mollen asked if there were any equipment on the tree or all in a cabinet on the ground. ANS: There are no fans or active equipment in the air. **Steve Wragg** asked if there are any AC on the equipment. ANS: No, not on these. Those are for when you have radios in a shelter. Here the equipment is already outdoors.

Kevin moved that we approve the cell tower with the following conditions:

1. That its height is restricted to 50 Ft., and limited to 2 carriers. That if it is too noisy sound proofing will be installed.

Motion passes unanimously.

6. Climate Action Plan

Preston Brown said he attend the Planning Commission Hearing on the County Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update on June 14. The commission was in a bit of disarray. County Staff was in full attendance and answering questions but the commissioners were having trouble understanding the details of how the CAP would work. Finally, they decided to hold another Hearing next month to give themselves more time. **Preston** said the Sierra Club strongly supported the “Firesafe and Low VMT Alternative”. He said this makes sense for our rural area as it would prevent development in the High and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and would be effective in reducing GHG. He suggested we review the Update and all the Alternatives and we should make our recommendation to the Planning Commission or at least be ready for the BOS Hearing in September.

Kevin suggested we get a subcommittee to work on this and draft a letter. **Preston, Eve** and **Courtney** will be on the subcommittee.

7. Association of Planning Groups (APG)

Paul Dombkowski reported that SANDAG had recently allocated 2.6 billion dollars for infrastructure improvements in the Unincorporated County. **Paul** talked with **Robin Joy Maxson** about organizing a meeting with SANDAG and Caltrans officials to study Highway 94. **Robin** had recently done this for her area, highway SR-67 in Ramon. Paul suggested including a tour of Proctor Valley. We do not have a specific date for this yet. We should try to get a letter out to Mario Orso, CEO of SANDAG, after July 1st on the need for the widening SR-94 for wildfire safety and realigning the Otay Lakes/Honey Springs roads and SR-94 intersection. **Janet Mulder** said we also need to emphasize the increase in traffic on Jamul Drive and the High School. There is bumper to bumper traffic all the way from Jamul to Rancho San Diego. These roads get clogged for hours. **Paul** said we can show them the traffic at the busiest times. **Preston Brown** said we should add the turn off entrance to the Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve. **Jill Terp** (USFW) said that they have been trying for over 20 years to get Caltrans to fix the entrance and permit it public access.

8. Jamul Casino Hotel and Entertainment Center Expansion Project

There are no updates.

9. “Jamul Indian Village Land Transfer Act” H.R. 6443, Bill sponsored by Rep. Darrel E. Issa (R-CA-48), and associated Senate Bill S 3857, sponsored by California Senator Axel Padilla

Kevin May said that he and **Preston** visited the downtown office of Senator Padilla. He was not there but we got the email for the field representative to arrange for a meeting with staff.

10. Public Safety Subcommittee: Emergency Evacuation, Traffic and Crime

Darla Kasmado said that we should follow up with a meeting with the Rancho San Diego Sheriff Department and meet with Captain Amber Baggs.

11. Facebook Page

There are no Updates.

12. Jamul Shopper Ad

Kevin said the County has not paid their bill for our Jamul Shopper Add. He will follow up on that.

Lisa Hodgson moved that we submit a survey in the Shopper to get feedback from the public on the “Jamul Indian Village Land Transfer Act”.

Motion passed unanimously

13. Off-Highway Vehicle Park (OHV)

Lisa said that Emmet Aquino will update the website but has not done so yet.

Update - For more information go to the link below:

<https://www.sdparks.org/content/sdparks/en/park-pages/OffHighwayVehicles.html>

14. JDCPG Officer’s Announcements and Reports:

Kevin said California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) proposed rejection of AT&T’s request to withdraw as Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) – CPUC’s June 20 Voting Meeting – 11:00 am. See Link below:

<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/events-and-meetings/cpuc-voting-meeting-2024-06-20>

Kevin commented that the CPUC could change the rules which could result in eventually accepting AT&A’s proposal.

15. Adjournment 8: 23 pm

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday July 2, 2024 @ 7:00 pm.

Jamul-Dulzura Union School District - Jamul Education Center
14581 Lyons Valley Road, Jamul, CA 91935

Hybrid Meeting: Both In-Person and Zoom Attendance

Meeting Minutes and Agendas can be accessed at

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

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JAMUL DULZURA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

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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.*