

SAN PASQUAL/ LAKE HODGES PLANNING GROUP MINUTES

The January 4, 2007 meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Chairman Marc Lindshield.

Members Present: Marc Lindshield, Frank Konyn, Joe Ferguson, Ellen Willis, Bert Verger, Jerry Kiley, Ben Hillibrecht, Ernest H. Klemm, Charlie Jancic, Robert McClure, Michael Smith, Jerry Kiley, Doug Read, Rick MacDonald.

Guests: Brian Schoenfisch, Dave Martens, Chris Young, Susan Harris, Andrew Klotz, Jim Barwick, Roger Gordon, Terry Parrish, John Frederickson, Kevin McLin.

Public Comments: n/a

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the 11/2/06 meeting minutes was made by Bob McClure and seconded by Ben Hillibrecht. Minutes were approved as submitted by the members present.

Guest Speaker

James Barwick, the new Director of the Real Estate Assets Department at the City of San Diego was introduced to the group and the residents of the Valley in attendance by Chairman Lindshield. His background includes a storied career including navy pilot, airline pilot, and 25 years in commercial real estate. Mr. Barwick stated that his goal/purpose is to build a relationship with the lease holders in the valley and continue working closely with Water/Utilities Department to preserve the San Pasqual Valley Watershed. He finds that his greatest asset is the staff of the Real Estate Assets Department.

The Real Estate Assets Department manages 3400 pieces of property and 680 leases. Mr. Barwick feels that his Department has 3 functions; a. acquire properties, b. asset management, and c. corporate services. Currently they are doing a major universal appraisal of all agricultural leases; second, they are working towards a uniform lease among agricultural leases. The goal of the Water Department is not to create the highest income, but rather preserve the quality of the water shed.

There was discussion on the uniqueness of the valley and factors that should be considered when this 'fair market value' of leases is determined. Issues specific to the San Pasqual lease holders include educational operations, and individual tenant circumstances such as the inability to locate various aspects of production necessary to operation close to existing leases. Mr. Barwick quoted that real estate is about two things, "Relationships and money. Relationships open deals, and money keeps score."

Special appreciation was voiced for the continued support and assistance provided by Dave Martens of the Water Department.

Mr. Barwick was also alerted to the many problems in the Valley related to Fire/Police protection, sporadic / nonsensical Code Enforcement, the lack of any land use communication with the residents, and the issue of Ysabel Creek Road.

On the job less than 6 months, Mr. Barwick was not aware of the problem that we have had with the city in getting this vital road re-opened. In addition to the economical costs to the residents the closure of this road is a traffic issue and most importantly a safety concern. He assured the group that he would look into this and get back to us within 60 days-if not sooner.

A question was asked about how he would prioritize the properties the Department intended to sell. First they evaluate which properties they would never expect to need, second they must allow any other governmental organization to have an opportunity, and third they would want to quickly get rid of nuisance properties, (properties that are consistently used as dumping grounds). The sale proceeds can not go into the General Fund, and must be used for upgrades on other properties.

Old Business

Options for speed control /Lake Hodges Launch Ramp access road.

Action to use group funds available has been tabled one month pending a status report on Ysabel Creek Road.

Ysabel Creek Road-Update: James Barwick will look into the issues surrounding the city's lack of action to open this road.

Next months meeting will include a discussion on the possibility of using funds available to address both road issues.

(Lake Hodges) Pedestrian Bridge right of entry permits: No lease is in place. As a condition of approval all funding needs to be in place before construction can begin in May 2007. Chris Young advises that the project is 2 ½ million short. The Group will not agree to JPA's suggestion that construction begin in 'phases', and that Phase one be reduced to just the south abutment.

River Channel Clearing: Ernest Klemm advises that he has met with the city and there is movement on the project.

Update

Burns Property: With no notice given to area residents the property is receiving power from a mile away through a series of 27 poles; impeding traffic, ag operations and blocking view sheds.

Vision Plan Task Force: Chris Young advises that they should be meeting within the next month.

Member comments: Marc Lindshield reminded everyone that it is very important to report any and all acts of illegal dumping.

Committee Reports: n/a

Correspondence: n/a

Motion to adjourn was made by Frank Konyn and seconded by Earnest Klemm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm

NEXT MEETING OF THE SAN PASQUAL/LAKE HODGES PLANNING GROUP WILL BE ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2007