

SAN PASQUAL/LAKE HODGES PLANNING GROUP

Approved Minutes

The annual meeting with elections was called to order by Chairman Marc Lindshield at 7pm on Thursday March 1, 2007 at the Hunte Nairobi Pavilion.

Chair Comments: A special thanks and appreciation was offered to Bob McClure and the staff at the Wild Animal Park for generously hosting our annual event.

Members Present: Ernie Klemm, Frank Konyn, Jerry Kiley, Darlene Hansen, Bert Verger, Karen Dowle, Matt Witman, Robert McClure, Doug Read, Ben Hillbrecht, Rick MacDonald, Joe Ferguson, Ellen Willis, Marc Lindshield

Visitors and Guests: Lyle & Barbara Songer, Betty Verger, Bob McCullough, Billie Read, Kody Songer, Dave Martens, Brian Schoenfisch, Chris Young, Susan Carter, Dick Bobertz, Robyn Badger, Stacy Konyn, Brian Maienschein, Akka Dowle, Teo Konyn, Kiara Konyn, Taylin Maienschein, Brenna Maienschein, Mrs. Kiley, Kiki Willis

Police Report: Residents were encouraged to continue to report any incidents of theft and/or dumping occurring in the valley. Due to the recent frost damage, citrus is now a substantial target for theft. No issues were reported for Paul Lennon.

Review of Minutes: A motion to approve the draft minutes for the January and February 2007 meetings was made by Ernie Klemm and seconded by Karen Dowle. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Comment: No non-agenda comments were stated or requested.

Old Business:

Dick Bobertz/Susan Carter (San Dieguito River Park) Update/changes to the Lake Hodges Pedestrian Bike Bridge proposal: S. Carter confirmed to the group that the project has been modified to occur in two phases and the costs have been reduced. The lowered costs is due to 1) test drilling that resulted in the reduction of estimated material costs to the contractors and 2) modifying what materials will be used in the construction. Ms. Carter agreed that by lowering the standard of steel material used in the project the cost of maintenance would be higher in the long run. Members were told that any savings in costs that do occur down the line will be directed to upgrading the materials in an effort to prevent extensive maintenance costs. The \$2.5 million shortfall is being made up with

State funds (625k) and SanDag Transnet money (1.875 million). In summary, it is basically the same project structure but less expensive materials will be used.

In addition to these changes it was noted that the SDRP is only working in the CalTrans right of way since no lease or right of entry permit has been issued from the City of San Diego. Both Dick and Susan indicated that they believe such permits are forthcoming however noted that they were not in place and the possibility remains that the project may never move forward.

Members of the community and board asked questions related to the “waste of money” (as stated by some) and again questioned the REALISTIC number of people who will use the bridge. Susan also clarified that the bike path on I15 WILL remain open regardless of the new bridge due to it's limited hours.

The chairman pointed out that numerous concerns from community members and the changes to the project as reported in the local media had triggered a review. He reminded the group of the previous votes and marginal support for the project in the past and suggested to Mr. Bobertz and Ms. Carter that these changes to the project could result in withdrawing the planning groups support. It was suggested by Ms. Carter that the River Park be respected for it's efforts, noting significant “regional” support for the project. The chair acknowledged this while requesting that the City staff be respected for their efforts and concerns related to the project and not accused or questioned about the slow progress in the lease negotiations, specifically noting that his leases took over 4 years to complete.

This agenda item was taken under advisement and may be added to future agendas for review if it appears that the changes to the project allow for such an action.

Guest Speaker: Councilman Brian Maienschein

Councilman Maienschein was acknowledged for his continued support of the Valley and it's agriculture leaseholders.

Ysabel Creek Road status: *James Barwick*, (not present) Director of Real Estate Assets with the City of San Diego has issued a statement that indicates City Roads Department has added this vital road to a list for repairs, however the work is so far down in priority no date is considered at this time. He encourages residents and staff continue public pressure and investigation of alternative funding sources.

Councilman Maienschein is working on another approach to accomplish this action related to **Ysabel Creek Road** A grant from FEMA for a ‘Flood Mitigation Plan’ may come before the City's Natural Resources Committee; which the

councilman is a member of. Although not an immediate solution, it may be one way to resolve the issue at some point in time. It was also reported that the City has scheduled several community meetings regarding the above mentioned FEMA funds and project and Board members were encouraged to attend these meetings.

The councilman went on to state for the record that he did not vote to move forward with the Lake Hodges Bridge project at the JPA until all funding was identified and the project could be completed in one phase. **Councilman Maienschein** also shared with us that one last step remains before the new Agriculture Advisory Board can begin meeting. Members of the proposed board were introduced at last years annual meeting.

New Business:

Wild Animal Park “Water Master Plan” presentation: Robyn Badger, Project Coordinator: In an appreciated presentation Ms. Badger advised the audience that by leaseholders and residents joining together with the parks efforts to secure Proposition 50 funding, such funding would be greatly increased. All Valley lease holders/residents were encouraged to contact her in an effort to join forces. We were also advised that the park plans on applying for the funds made available last year with the approval of Proposition 84.

ELECTIONS

With no additional candidates presenting themselves for consideration the following qualified applicants were approved as listed on the ballot to serve the San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group for a term of four (4) years:

San Pasqual Union School Board (appointed):
(Still needs to be confirmed by the School Board)

Darlene Hansen

Rancho Bernardo CPG:
Ramona Resident:
Escondido Resident:
Del Dios Resident:
Lease Holders/Residents:

Ellen Willis
Karen Dowle
Doug Reed
Dr. Joe Ferguson
Rick McDonald
Ernest Klemm Jr.
Matt Witman
Marc Lindshield

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting of the San Pasqual/Lake Hodges Planning Group is scheduled for Thursday, April 5, 2007 in the Administration Offices of the San Diego Wild Animal Park @ 7pm.