San Pasqual Lake Hodges Planning Group Minutes October 7, 2010

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM by Frank Konyn

Members present: Kody Songer, Bert Verger, Ernie Klemm, Joe Ferguson, Frank Konyn, Terry Parrish, Jerry Kiley, Robert McClure, Doug Read, Matt Witman, Karen Dowle, John Kowalski

Members Absent: Darlene Hansen, Marc Lindshield, Charlie Jancic, Ben Hilibrecht

Guests: Dave Martens, Mat McKellips, Susan Carter, Tom Cook, John Ly, Brian Schoenfisch, Kara Palmer, Dan Winne, Jessica Averilla

Public Comments

Pot holes on Old Milky Way and San Pasqual Road are becoming abundant. There was discussion in regards to the large amount of traffic associated with the closing of the Ramona Landfill.

Review and approval of minutes

A motion to approve the August 5 and August 27 minutes was made by Matt Witman, and a second by Jerry Kiley, passed unanimously

San Diego Police Report

No representatives present from SD Police. Meeting participants briefly discussed various thefts in the Valley as well as the dumping of stolen and stripped vehicles in the Valley.

Old Business

A motion to nominate John Kowalski as an alternate to the Rancho Bernardo seat to support Ellen's work load during her health issues was made by Terry Parrish and seconded by Robert McClure. Motion passed unanimously.

Timeline report from Ernie Klemm / Marcon Products on the river clearing project has been tabled to a later date.

Update on the updating of the 911 system has been tabled to a later date.

Dan Winne and Susan Carter gave a presentation on conceptual ideas for the Sikes Adobe. Dan has been assisting with wagon rides at the site. He would like to continue doing this for one year to hopefully create a financially winning situation for the Sikes Adobe, that it can be self sustaining financially. They would like to include a Farmers Market as well as a garden plot. The Farmers Market would be open only on Saturdays or Sundays and would offer space priority to San Pasqual Valley Farmers first, and Rancho Bernardo Farmers second, before others. The River Park is currently filling out an application for a Certified Farmers Market. There would be between 9 and 15 booths, with all products being agricultural products or home grown, no resale items. There was discussion on the parking lot being muddy in the winter, and the presenters indicated that there would not be activity during the muddy times. They are developing a Master Plan for the site which could potentially include weddings, square dances, arts and crafts show, milking demonstrations, and a harvest festival. They will get their water from the City of Escondido, and currently they have one portable bathroom, to be expanded to two in the future. The River Park has had no direct communication with any of the Valley farmers to gauge potential interest. Currently wagon rides are down to 1 Saturday per month due to the seasonality nature. There was some discussion about other River Park signage in the Valley and how up to date the information was. Susan Carter felt that all the signs were still relevant because she always attempts to be vague. A motion was made by Matt Witman and seconded by Ernie

Klemm to support the limited ongoing activity of wagon rides, garden plots, and farmers markets at the Sikes Adobe location for purposes of financially supporting the Sikes Adobe and promoting agriculture in San Pasqual Valley until the master plan for the Sikes Adobe has been reviewed and approved by this committee. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Kara Palmer, the Public Information Officer for the I 15 Express Lanes Project gave a short presentation on past current and future expansions of mass transit along the I 15 corridor. The express lanes will be free for cars with two or more occupants. The middle segment has been completed, the north segment will be completed in 2011 and the south segment will be completed in 2012. There will be a Bus Rapid Transit system in operation in 2012. Visit www.keepsandiegomoving.com for the latest project information.

City Staff Reports

John Ly reported on the ongoing developments with the pension issues in the City of San Diego. Additionally tree trimming on the curves on Old Milky Way should begin shortly. There is a request in front of the County Board of Supervisors to rename Highway 78 in front of the Safari Park in honor of Amber Dubois. Currently we remain neutral on the subject. There has been a request to re-allow wind surfing at Lake Hodges. The costs of a ranger diver need to be covered, and could force the cost for participants up to 17 dollars. Anyone needing an address for a building in San Pasqual Valley without one is urged to get in contact with John as soon as possible.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, January 6, 2011. Proposed agenda items include a presentation on the City of San Diego's groundwater program.

A motion to adjourn by Ernie Klemm, seconded by Karen Dowle, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted Karen Dowle