

San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC)
MINUTES of JUNE 9, 2006 PUBLIC MEETING

(Draft Minutes for Approval August 11, 2006)

Chairperson Frye called the June 9th, 2006 Meeting of San Diego River Conservancy to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Members Present:

Donna Frye, Chair (*City Council of San Diego*)
John Minan, Vice Chair (*San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Designee*)
Toni Atkins (*Public at Large, Appointed by Assembly*)
Jim Bartell (*Public at Large, Appointed by Governor*)
Dr. Susan Hector (*Public at Large, Appointed by Governor*)
Jim Peugh (*Public at Large, Appointed by Senate*)
Norman Roberts (*Public at Large, appointed by Governor*)
Mayor Jerry Sanders (*Mayor City of San Diego*)
Karen Scarborough (*Secretary of Resources Agency Designee*)
John Lloyd (*Director of Finance Alternate Designee*)
John Donnelly (*Wildlife Conservation Board Alternate Designee*)

Others Present:

Deborah Jayne, Executive Officer
Hayley Peterson, Deputy Attorney General
Lissa Adams, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Anne Sheehan (*Director of Finance Designee*)
Al Wright (*Executive Director, Wildlife Conservation Board*)

2. Approval of Minutes

Board Member Peugh moved approval of the minutes of the March 24, 2006 public meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Sanders and adopted by a voice vote of 9-0.

3. Public Comment

Any person may address the Governing Board at this time regarding any matter within the Board's authority which is not on the agenda. Submission of information in writing is encouraged. Presentations will be limited to three minutes for individuals and five minutes for representatives of organizations. Presentation times may be reduced depending on the number of speakers.

Students from High Tech Middle Media Arts in Point Loma gave a presentation on a book they wrote and illustrated titled “Nico the Gnatcatcher and the Upside Down River”. The students wrote the book for an audience of third grade readers to help raise awareness about the San Diego River and to help protect this wonderful natural resource. The students presented a signed copy of the book to the Governing Board.

Jay Wexler, President of Discovery Group, gave a brief presentation on the Centerpointe at Grantville project. Mr. Wexler handed out a package to Board members that summarized the 13 acre, mixed-use redevelopment project.

4. Chairperson’s and Governing Board Members’ Comments

These items are for Board discussion only and the Board will take no formal action.

Chairperson Frye introduced Mr. John Lloyd from the Department of Finance and Mr. John Donnelly from the Wildlife Conservation Board. Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Donnelly took the oath of office and were sworn in as new Board Members by Deputy Attorney General Hayley Peterson.

There were no other board comments.

5. Executive Officer’s Report (Deborah Jayne)

The following topics *may* be included on the Executive Officer’s Report. The Board may take an action:

- a) Status of ongoing projects:
 - White property donation
 - Other acquisitions and conservation easement
 - Three applications for Prop 40 River Parkway funds currently under review (1 bike path, 1 restoration, 1 acquisition) totaling approx \$3 million
 - San Diego River Watershed Hydrology Assessment
- b) Application for remaining \$5 million of Prop 40 River Parkway funds
- c) Hired new (second) environmental services consultant
- d) Donations to San Diego River Park Foundation and Lakeside’s River Park Conservancy for River Day
- e) Other Executive Officer activities

The Executive Officer recommended this item be deferred.

6. Deputy Attorney General’s Report (Hayley Peterson)

This item is for Board discussion only and the Board will take no formal action.

The Deputy Attorney General had no comments.

CONSENT ITEM

7. Change Meeting State Time

The Board will consider changing the Board meeting start time from 9:00 am to 9:30 am. (*Deborah Jayne*)

Board Member Atkins moved adoption of new meeting start time. The motion was seconded by Board Member Bartell and adopted by a voice vote of 9-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Capital Outlay Budget Change Proposals for FY 07-08

The Executive Officer will inform the Board of seven Capital Outlay Budget Change Proposals (COBCPs) recently submitted to the Resources Agency. Based on the Conservancy's Five Year Strategic and Infrastructure Plan, each proposal requests budget increases for FY 07-08 (in capital outlay funds or budget authority). Information only, no Board action. (*Deborah Jayne*)

The Executive Officer submitted 7 COBCPs to the Resources Agency requesting \$6.25 million in capital outlay funds. Resources approved and forwarded 2 of the COBCPs to the Department of Finance for review. If approved by the Department of Finance, these two increases will go into the Governor's proposed 07/08 budget. The Executive Officer would then defend the requests before the legislature. The two approved COBCPs request unappropriated Prop 40 funds for 1)Repairing Old Mission Dam damage and protecting tile flume - \$1.6 million; and 2)Hydrology Assessment of San Diego River Watershed - \$600,000.

9. GIS Web-Based Parcel Inventory and Map

Presentation by Executive Officer and Mark Carpenter (KTU&A Planning and Landscape Architecture) on the GIS web-based, parcel inventory and mapping tool developed for the Conservancy. Information only, no Board action. (*Deborah Jayne, Mark Carpenter of KTU&A*)

Chairperson Frye recommended postponing this item to a future date.

10. Annual Accomplishments

The Executive Officer will present an overview of the Conservancy's annual accomplishments. Information only, no Board action. (*Deborah Jayne*)

Chairperson Frye recommended postponing this item to a future date.

11. Executive Session

The Governing Board will adjourn into closed session to conduct the Executive Officer's performance evaluation. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a)(1).

Before the Governing Board adjourned into closed session they heard a number of speakers give testimony regarding this item. Following is a list of the speakers who gave testimony with a brief synopsis of their comments:

Mr. Bill White expressed his support of the Executive Officer and that he was very pleased with the results the Conservancy had accomplished under her leadership.

Ms. April Pinera of the City Parks and Recreation Department read a letter into the record from Carol Wood of the Park Planning Division commending Deborah Jayne for her outstanding work as Executive Officer of the Conservancy.

Mr. John Robertus, Executive Officer of the Regional Water Quality Control Board expressed his support of Deborah Jayne and the great accomplishments the Conservancy has enjoyed under her leadership. Mr. Robertus also read a letter of support for Ms. Jayne into the record from Art Coe of the Regional Board.

Elizabeth Polling of the San Diego Surfrider Foundation and San Diego Coastkeeper testified in support of Deborah Jayne and the positive work the Conservancy has done under her leadership. She also read a letter of support for Ms. Jayne from San Diego Coastkeeper into the record.

Nat Cohen, member of the San Diego River Park Coalition, Mission Valley Unified Planning Committee, and Mission Valley Community Council commended Ms. Jayne for her skill and professionalism, for her many accomplishments with such a limited staff, and for being an eloquent spokesperson for the San Diego River.

Deborah Jones, Executive Director of Lakeside's River Park Conservancy, spoke in support of Ms. Jayne and read a letter of support into the record. Ms. Jones urged the board to maintain their course with Deborah Jayne at the helm.

Bruce Reznik of San Diego Coastkeeper expressed his appreciation for the important work Ms. Jayne has done and read a letter of support for Ms. Jayne from Laura Hunter of the Environmental Health Coalition into the record.

After all public comments were heard, Chairperson Frye adjourned into executive session.

12. Administrative Matters

This item is for minor administrative matters only and the Board will take no formal action.

No administrative matters were heard.

13. Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment Friday August 11, 2006

9:30am to 12:00pm

Location: 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100

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