

# *Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board*

March 8, 2018

Carmel Valley Library, Community Room

## **Attendees:**

**Lisa Ross**  
**Diane Korsh**  
**Elizabeth Rabbitt**  
**Michael Vinson**  
**Derek Reeves**  
**Dean Vayser**  
**Ray Ellis**  
**Paula Graubart**  
**Christian Tresize**  
**Shital Parikh**

## **Absent:**

**Tina Jackson**  
**Jim Bessemer**

## **Call to Order:**

Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 6:18.

## **Roll Call:**

Absences include Tina Jackson and Jim Bessemer

## **Adoption of Agenda:**

Lisa noted the need to add Chavelle Tate Representing Toni Atkins and subcommittee report to the agenda. Mike Vinson made the motion to approve, Dereck Reeves seconded and it was carried.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Chairperson Ross called for review and approval of the February 2018 minutes, Derek Reeves made the motion to approve, Paula Graubart seconded and it was carried.

**Public Safety Agencies - Trevor Philips:** Not present

## **Public Forum - Non-Agenda Items (Three minutes per speaker, twelve minutes per topic)**

Chairman Ross called for any comments or questions from the audience.

Kathleen Keehan Introduced herself as the representative of Air Pollution Control District for the County of San Diego. She commented on the matter of efforts to improve air quality. Including replacement of diesel equipment through a special program. Also, support is provided for traffic calming, green residential construction, street construction etc. Her email address is Kathleen.Keehan@sdcounty.ca.gov.

### **Chair's Remarks:**

**Correspondence.** Lisa Ross received communication regarding graffiti on the inside of the tunnel under Del Vino Court near Duck Pond. Kids responsible for the destruction owned up to it left a note and made an effort to clean it up. She also mentioned the online reporting system at the city for incident reporting and rapid removal. She encouraged any observers of graffiti activity to call the police. She also mentioned the swearing in of the appointment of Tony Atkins to the role of President Pro Temper of the California State Senate on Friday, April 14th at 2 pm at Jacobs Center Celebration Hall on Euclid Avenue.

### **Public Officials (Information and Announcements)**

#### **Council District 1 - Council member Barbara Bry**

Barbara Bry introduced herself and thanked the support team from the public utility department. She also noted that Hilary Nemchik gave birth about a month ago and introduced Mr. Kahn who will be filling in for her. Barbara reported that she asked that portions of the park be opened but her request was denied but that the park opening will occur in April. She met with city staff regarding the map of incomplete trails and agreed to take responsibility pending completion of a maintenance plan. She also went on to formally thank Lisa Ross and present a certificate of recognition for her long term of service in the role on the Carmel Valley planning board and the Del Mar Mesa Planning Board. She then went on to honor Gary Levitt for his service and read a statement in recognition of his commitment to the plan design and focus on keeping developers on track and responsible for following the community plan. There was applause from the board and audience for both Lisa Ross and Gary Levitt.

**Mayors office** - Not present

#### **County Supervisor District 3 - Kristen Gaspar- Jason Paguio**

Not present

#### **Community Planning: Sara Toma**

Not present

#### **CA Assembly District 77: Brian Maienschein - Robert Knudsen**

Not present

## **Congressman Scott Peters Office:**

Not present

## **Presentation/Discussion**

### **Water Billing Audit - Council Member Barbara Bry**

Barbara reported on the report beginning in November regarding the irregularities of the bills and the staggering increases. She then met with the Auditor and found that an audit was already underway the scope of which was expanded to include the water bill audit. She has been very impressed with the level of cooperation and progress. Lisa Ross noted that issues have a history dating back as far as five years. Diane Korsh noted that she has variances dating back to 2014 noting that the Fall has consistently demonstrated a significant spike pattern. **Barbara Bry's office will work with Diane Korsh and her records.**

### **Water Billing Presentation - Public Utilities Department**

Vic Young intruded himself as the lead of the PUD. He expressed his concern for resident specific issues and has staff that is able and willing to research and review. He also mentions the "Get it done" app for simple reporting of any issues of common way issues in need or attention or repairs. He also mentioned action resulting from specific human errors. As the representative of PUD he takes full responsibility for the errors and also apologized for the long wait time at the PUD Call Center. With a recent increase in staff, the wait time has been reduced to 5-20 minutes. There is also an option of having your meter tested "controversy test" at no cost. In the case of homeowners where there is no leak, the owners will be responsible only for what is considered an average monthly bill and their water will not be turned off in the event that the bill is not paid in full. He described the new process for leaving a door hanger note reflecting the fact that a meter has been read in person. Diane Korsh asked if the smart meter plan is still underway for full implementation by 2020. He gave a brief overview of the smart meter and connectivity to the homeowner for live notice of increased water usage. All water meter readers are being held accountable, with supervisor review and sign off. Additionally, an increased number of audits are underway. Testing processes have been improved with new equipment recently acquired to ensure that all meter tests are accurate. There are four workshops being held at which owners can present bills for review with most solutions expected to occur within fifteen minutes. Call center hours have been expanded until 9 pm with additional hours during the weekend. Diane Korsh asked about other areas of concern. He noted La Jolla, Carmel Valley, Penasquitos, and Rancho Bernardo as most significant. He also discussed the performance and analytics department to determine if there are additional root causes to be identified. Chairperson Ross asked the PUD to take a specific look at the DMM community in regards to the unusual ratio of spikes. Diane Korsh also asked about the cases of refund in the event that an owner paid a bill that is, for example, three times the norm. He confirmed that refunds for any amount over \$50 overpayment will be issued. In addition to the call center, there is also access online for resolution. Paula Graubart raised the matter of meters and flow rate accuracy issue. Tom Howard introduced himself and brought sample meters currently in

use, He explains how the “controversy test” is conducted with specific flow rates for specific volumes. Over the course of last year, there were 214 meters were tested with excellent results. He also presented a sample of a smart meter which includes an electronic system notifying both the PUD and the owner. It was also noted that no cases in which smart meters are in place have experienced billing issues. He gave an overview of how to test for leaks, Derek Reeves asked about new homeowners and water meters, it was confirmed that the new model will be installed along with the new smart meter technology. It was confirmed that the radio transmission technology is absolutely considered state of the art.

**Lisa ross closed the conversation by her request that DMM be reviewed, but also encouraged all concerned parties to connect with the PUD.**

### **Action Items:**

#### **Election Results:**

Elizabeth Rabbitt reported that candidates Barry Cohen-At Large, Lisa Ross Q-2, Paula Graubart Q-3 and Diane Korsh Q-1 were elected.

#### **Appoint Shital Parikh and Christian Tresize to vacant At-Large Seats:**

Elizabeth Rabbitt made the motion to appoint Shital Parikh and Christian Tresize to vacant At-Large seats, Diane seconded the motion was carried unanimously. Chairperson Ross invited the new board members to join the other board members at the board table.

#### **Appoint FBA/Community Plan update Committee/Chair:**

Lisa noted that John Dubenko is not able to complete his term on the board of DMMPG. Christian volunteer to be on the committee along with Lisa, Paula, and Elizabeth.

### **Subcommittee Reports and Discussion**

#### **Joint DMM/CV Trails Sub-Committee - Ray Ellis:**

Ray Ellis noted that the matter of the funding is still in progress.

#### **Park and Rec:**

Derek Reeves reported on park plans for dog and horse manure pick up including the emphasis of dog and horse owners responsibility. Leslie Cohn from the audience asked about the restrooms glass mirrors and suggested a preventive film that can be added which makes repair simple. Derek also brought up the matter of the local Park and Rec funds which are being centralized effective June 1 which raises concerns about lack of control for specific park needs. During this spend down period special funding requests are being submitted, but there is a deadline of March 15. If there are any issue or concern for which a funding could be requested please forward to Derek Reeves. Parking was also raised as a matter of concern. The city

planners believe that since it is not a regional park folk will be walking, not driving to the park, therefore, parking is unnecessary.

**Trail Completion: Diane Korsh**

Chairperson Ross is concerned that the city is waiting for DMM to Develop a MAD. Diane Korsh commented on the need to work with Barbara Bry's office on the clarification of the definition of roles and responsibility for completion and maintenance. She also reported on the Friends of Del Mar Mesa that is interested in helping out in special cases where the city is not responsible for maintenance and other special projects.

**Del Mar Mesa Preserve/Notch Oversight - Lisa Ross**

No report

**Liaison Reports**

**Los Penasquitos CAC**

Shital Parikh will serve as the DMMPB representative. Ann Harvey offered to connect with Shital.

**Friends of Del Mar Mesa-Diane Korsh**

Nothing new or pending at this time. Paula asked about the land which has not been dedicated to the city yet with no clear plan for conversion which leaves the property and maintenance in limbo.

**Ongoing Discussion - Active Item**

**FBA Update - Community Plan Update**

**Trail Completion**

**Traffic Calming** - The matter of the traffic after the opening of the park will become more clear.

**Trail Maintenance**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm