

Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board

January 14, 2021 6:00 PM

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Attendees:

Elizabeth Rabbitt
Michael Vinson
Derek Reeves
Ray Ellis
Paula Graubart
Shital Parikh
Christian Tresize
Barry Cohen
Kenneth Rudy
Paul Metcalf
Wendy Poyhonen
Ish Khan
Diane Korsh

Absent:

Call to Order:

Chairman Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call:

Adoption of Agenda:

Chairman Ellis called for review and received approval of the Agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Ellis called for review and approval of the November 2020, minutes. Kenneth Rudy moved to approve Christian Tresize seconded, and the motion was carried. Michael Vinson abstained due to absence in November.

Public Safety Agencies - John Briggs, Community Relations Officer

Officer Briggs spoke about the recent run of commercial burglaries, and that his team is working

hard to find the culprits, also car burglaries are still happening, reminding folks to keep cars locked, and to listen for barking dogs.

Informational Items

SDG&E Bridge Project Presentation - Vanessa Mapula Garcia, Senior Public Affairs Manager, SDG&E

Vanessa Mapula introduced this project emphasizing the importance of community involvement in the process. Maria Miller provided a slide presentation including images and maps was presented. The issue is during rainy season there is a part of the access road that is impassable. She also reviewed the specific dimensions of impacted habitat and encroachment on the creek bed as well as associated habitat restoration. She also commented on the actual benefit to the creek by providing this solution. Impact to the community will include closure of the creek bed access for about three months during excavation and installation of the abutments, also there will be cranes involved in the installation. Chairman Ellis asked how often trucks pass over that section of the road, Sean Myott noted that it is at least once a month. There was further discussion regarding the need for twenty four hour inspection access. Shital Parikh asked about how the access has taken place in the past during wash outs. It was reported that alternate access has accommodated the needs but does not allow for “one way” movement of equipment. Tamara Spear, a wetlands consultant for SDG&E also talked about the need to improve access to protect the vernal pools. The procurement of permits is still underway, and expected to take place this February. It is believed that the bridge will be the best solution environmentally. She also emphasized that they make every effort to not have to travel in a way that double backs to decrease road use.

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

Barbara Gordon - “My name is Barbara Gordon, as a youth group mentor I was concerned regarding the illegal marijuana grow was found late last year near the popular trail in the Del Mar Mesa Preserve. DEA found more than 2,000 marijuana plants valued over a million dollars and a secondary area with approximately 300 to 500 pounds of processed marijuana ready for distribution.

Marijuana grow sites are very dangerous for anyone walking into one. There are extreme environmental issues with grows like fertilizers and pesticides that will kill any animals that will eat their plants.

So much marijuana is grown either legally or illegally that our young people are now using marijuana more than alcohol. Marijuana remains the primary drug of choice for youth ages 12-17. I’m concerned that anxiety and mental health issues rise from teens who are resorting to unhealthy outlets such as marijuana use especially during this time when our teens are isolated.

Please suggest to the city that they monitor grow sites and uphold their current regulations and not increase the number of marijuana businesses keeping present policy and rules intact.”

Chair's Remarks:

None.

Public Officials (Information and Announcements)

Council District 1 - Councilmember Joe LaCava -Ricky Flahive

Joe LaCava spoke about his new role and opportunity to work with the planning groups. He is also pleased to report that Ricky Flahive is remaining as his community representative. He also spoke about the new mayor and his leadership with current focus on the current financial strain and the priority emphasis for budget reductions. President Biden has announced an aggressive \$2T Covid relief bill, including individuals and businesses.

Ricky spoke about the first meeting which was held this Tuesday and the review of the Land Use code and considerations for using private parking lots for outdoor dining on an ongoing basis. Also there was review of final stages of the Pacific Highlands Ranch project. He also spoke about the lack of updates to the PFFP noting that there are no updates. Chairman Ellis asked about the presence of the proposed fire station on the city website, Ricky Flahive will look into it. Paul Metcalf asked about the small size of the planning group in terms of number of homes but large in the size of acreage and asked if Ricky Flahive could do something to help get the mayor or one of his reps come to the DMMPB. Ricky Flahive will specifically speak with Matthew Griffith. Shital Parikh asked about the vaccine and updates for the community. Ricky Flahive noted that UCSD will be starting roll out on Monday to vaccinate those over the age of 65 and he will provide information related to the roll out.

CA Assembly District 77: Brian Maienschein - Rik Hauptfield

Rik Hauptfield wished the DMMPB a happy New Year. Monday was first day of new session, and focus on the budget. The current situation and demands will result in fewer bills with the focus being elsewhere. One bill of interest AB114 was introduced in 2018 including five hospitals and \$2M funding for Rapid Genome Sequencing which helps in decreased need for surgery and improved outcomes. There is also a focus on unemployment benefits.

CA State District 39 Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins - Miller Saltzman:

Miller Saltzman reported on the \$846M raised for the Project Home to rapidly purchase and subsidize 94 projects and over 6,000 housing units. \$38M of that was used to build 336 units here in San Diego. The 2021 session kicked off this week with focus on schools and affordable housing, there are six bills under review for improving affordable housing. Climate Change is considered the greatest threat with a focus on flooding due to sea level rise. Covered California is also a focus.

Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

Joint DMM/CV Trails Sub-Committee - Ray Ellis

Nothing new to report

FBA Update -Community Plan Update - Ad Hoc Committee

Letters that had been sent earlier to Barbara Bry have been also sent to Joe LaCava and **there will be a meeting tomorrow to review the issues outlined in the letter.** Next month there will be more to report.

Del Mar Mesa Preserve/Notch Oversight - Shital Parikh

None

Neighborhood park update - Diane Korsh

By-Laws - Elizabeth Rabbitt

Elizabeth Rabbitt raised the matter of the March board meeting which will include the election and the need for members of the board to assist with recruiting and identifying potential candidates, with especially a need for a rep for the Meadows. Over the past sixty days she has set about to campaign the neighborhood via Nextdoor and also private emailage, with one potential interested community member, Rachna Argarwalla who was present for this evening's meeting.

Beautification Committee - Christian Tresize

Shital noted the peeler pole that fell down along Del Mar Mesa Rd. after being pressure washed. Christian Tresize will contact Ranger Gina.

Park MAD

Christian Tresize raised the status of the MAD discussion at the meeting in November for clarification on the process of a MAD for the Park. Elizabeth Rabbitt commented on the emails and discussions that followed the November meeting including the observed impact of the DMMPB's focus and evidence that the conditions are improving and that to pursue a MAD would be premature. Shital Parikh and others agreed that was there understanding as well and at this time further efforts related to the Elizabeth Rabbitt Park MAD be put on hold. **Derek Reeves suggested and agreed that Wendy Poyhonen replace him as the DMMPB representative for matters related to the Park and Rec board.**

Liaison Reports

Carmel Valley Recreation Council-Derek Reeves

Derek Reeves suggested that Wendy Poyhonen replace him as the representative to the Park and Rec board.

Los Penasquitos CAC - Shital Parikh/Paula Graubart

There have been no meetings. One is scheduled, soon so there will be a report at the February 2021 meeting.

Friends of Del Mar Mesa-Diane Korsh/Shital Parikh

FODMM is continuing to receive good financial support for the entrance to DMM. Diane Korsh also reported on the amazing work of Shital Parikh and the DMM Garden Club. Diane Korsh also commented on the interest in the park by the DMM Garden Club and efforts in the future for volunteer activities.

SDPD Citizens Advisory Committee - Elizabeth Rabbitt/Paula Graubart

Elizabeth Rabbitt noted that she reported on the matter of the illegal parking situation at the Park and the trailhead. Kenneth Rudy raised the concern for this situation which is expected to grow and that solutions for mountain biker parking should not include using the lot at the Elizabeth Rabbitt park.

Ongoing Discussion - Active Items

Proposed Fire Station

Chairman Ellis noted that there is nothing new to report but it will be reviewed at the meeting tomorrow with Council Person Joe LaCava

Traffic Calming - Del Vino Court and Del Mar Mesa Rd

Little McGonigle Ranch Road Update (Fence, Landscape and trail) - On hold until ownership is determined by Alta Del Mar HOA

Developer Signage on existing Signs - Kenneth Rudy

Ten letters were sent, four HOA managers have responded. Kenneth Rudy plans to report more at next month's meeting. Paula Graubart reported that Alta Del Mar board did approve the concept and will be responding to Kenneth Rudy.

Adjournment:

Kenneth Rudy made a motion to adjourn, Christian Tresize seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Next Meeting:

February 11, 2021