

Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board

May 13, 2021

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Attendees:

Elizabeth Rabbitt
Michael Vinson
Ray Ellis
Paula Graubart
Christian Tresize
Barry Cohen
Paul Metcalf
Wendy Poyhonen
Ish Khan

Absent:

Derek Reeves
Kenneth Rudy
Shital Parikh
Diane Korsh

Call to Order:

Chairman Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:01PM

Roll Call:

See above

Adoption of Agenda:

Chairman Ellis called for review and approval of the Agenda. The motion was made to approve the agenda as presented and it was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Ellis called for review and approval of the March 2021, draft minutes. Michael Vinson

moved to approve as presented, Christian Tresize seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Public Safety Agencies - John Briggs, Community Relations Officer

Office Briggs noted a down turn in crime, which has made it possible to step up traffic patrol. A few arrests occurred last month, DUI's and such. Chairman Ellis raised the matter of a few significant burglaries in Del Mar Mesa and asked if there is any news to report. Office Briggs reported that there are videos from surveillance cameras that are being reviewed. He noted that most of these burglaries begin with the burglars ringing the doorbell and emphasized the importance to answer or at least yell through the door which will cause them to leave the premises. There was also a discussion about the drag racing and asked if the NW division could have more of a presence in the area late at night. Officer Briggs did note that these drag races are increasing in many areas of San Diego. There are several new approaches to tackling this situation. He discussed the gangs that organize these drag races. Paula Graubart reported that slurry permits are being pulled which is causing a difficulty related to parking. Officer Briggs directed her to the Streets Division for parking permit exception. Paula Graubart also asked about a case of a theft in the neighborhood during which the thief was caught and picked up by the police, and then returned to her car later that day. Officer Briggs reported that she received a citation but was not incarcerated. Officer Briggs reminded the group that homeowners not take matters into their own hands. Jeff Tibaldi expressed concern about whether or not there is an increased pattern of robberies. Officer Briggs directed him to a website, Crimemapping.com, which records patterns of illegal activity, but did note that the frequency remains very low in comparison to the rest of the city.

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

None

Chair's Remarks:

Meeting attendance

Chairman Ellis reminded the group to let him know in advance each month of their plans to attend the DMMPB meetings.

SDG&E Bridge Drainage Crossing

Chairman Ellis reported on an update that had been received, and will be placing this matter as an agenda action item in June.

Resignation

Chairman Ellis reported that he received the resignation of Kenneth Rudy and also noted that Jeff Tibaldi is willing to join the board and the matter will be placed on next months agenda.

Public Officials (Information and Announcements)

Council District 1 - Councilmember Joe LaCava-Ricky Flahive

Ricky Flahive reported on the annual budget process including the consolidation of the proposed budgets and related meetings, presentations and town hall meetings. May 17, 2021 at 6 pm will be an opportunity for the next general public to make comment. June 14, 2021 will be the day of the final vote. Ricky Flahive also noted that the City has several openings for volunteers for boards. If anyone is interested in participating communicate directly with Ricky Flahive.

The matter of the newly painted red curb along the Elizabeth Rabbitt Park was raised. This painting did not change the status or illegality of No Parking, just intended to highlight and clarify the fact that these areas are illegal for parking. Ricky Flahive did forward the draft blueprint solutions provided by Gary Levitt with the traffic department. Ray Ellis will forward the draft plans which could help solve the matter of the parking situation.

Action Items

Nomination for designation as a Historical Resource 5175 Del Mar Mesa Road.

Chairman Ellis noted that on May 27 there will be a hearing to designate this eight acre property as a Historical Resource and the community should be aware. Chairman Ellis asked Secretary Rabbitt to include the letter on this matter to the rest of the DMMPB.

Presentation/Discussion

Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

Beautification Committee - Christian Tresize

Christian Tresize noted that there is nothing new to report. Wendy Poyhonen reported on the draft Park survey she created to evaluate the priorities from the community and noted that she would be happy to help organize a fund raiser and with the decline of the pandemic it may be possible to organize some volunteer activity. Wendy Poyhonen also noted that she will be attending the Park and Rec meetings on our behalf. Secretary Rabbitt will add the GoogleSheets link to the minutes and forward to the DMMPB members for input and review. The survey will then be offered to HOA's and other various means of community communication.

Ongoing Discussion - Active Items

Proposed Fire Station

Chairman Ellis reported that there is no news. Mr. Hanson from the planning department confirmed that the other options are being considered. Jeff Tibaldi reported that the Sierra Club has also filed a letter in opposition to the project.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:46

Next Meeting: