

# Del Mar Mesa Planning Group 2020 Annual Report

## **I. Introduction**

### Members:

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

### Officers:

Chairman - Ray Ellis  
Co-Chairperson - Shital Parikh  
Secretary - Elizabeth Rabbitt

### Committees:

#### Beautification

Kenneth Rudy  
Christian Tresize

#### Park

Diane Korsh  
Derek Reeves

#### FBA and Community Plan

Ray Ellis  
Paul Metcalf  
Elizabeth Rabbitt

## **II. Administrative issues**

A total of nine meetings were held in 2020, three in April, August and December. There was one member resignation, Shane Macedo, and resignation from role of Co-Chairperson, Diane Korsh, remains as an active member but not an officer. Her vacated role was replaced by Shital Parikh. The annual election was held with no changes to members. Two At Large

vacancies were filled by appointment by Ish Khan and Wendy Poyhonen. There were no revisions to bylaws, procedures or policies.

### **III. Plan Preparation and Implementation:**

-January 2020 - Paradise Point lot number 2 was reviewed and approved for Substantial Conformance.

-October 2020 - Socol Residence - 6004 Del Mar Mesa Rd plans were reviewed by Bruce Wiegand, and were approved unanimously by the DMMPB.

### **IV. Special Projects**

Trails management

Fencing repairs and maintenance

Purple Pipe

Assessment and plan revision of the Little McGonigle 56 connector and release of funds

Traffic Calming

Elizabeth Rabbitt Park neglect

Illegal parking at Elizabeth Rabbitt park and Penasquitos Preserve trailhead

Emergency substation

Fairmont Grand Del Mar bond release

Firestation Alta Del Mar

Kiosk signage restoration

### **V. Project Review and highlights**

#### January Meeting:

-Paradise Point lot number 2 was reviewed and approved for Substantial Conformance.

-A representative from Barbara Bry's office gave an initial report on the plans being developed for an Emergency response station at the Gallop Ridge and Del Vino Court intersection.

-Letters outlining trail maintenance obligations have been issued to all non-compliant homeowners with mixed responses.

#### February Meeting:

-Chairman Ellis worked with the board to develop a response to the City on priority matters including FBA funds and expenditures, response to City consideration of Community Planning Group structure and changes, and lack of Elizabeth Rabbitt Park maintenance

#### March Meeting:

-Bi annual elections were held resulting in re election of all incumbents followed by appointment of two At Large vacancies.

-A large number of residents attended the meeting to express concern over the matter raised at the January meeting of the Fire station proposed to be constructed at the Gallop Ridge intersection of Del Vino Court

#### April Meeting:

Cancelled

#### May Meeting:

-Gary Levitt provided an in depth review of the Merge 56 project and the call for funds for road and access construction.

-After further discovery and review with the help of Ricky Flahive on the matter of the Fire Station being considered at Gallop Ridge it was agreed that a formal response be composed on behalf of Del Mar Mesa along with a request that James Gaubry attend the next meeting for further discussion.

#### June Meeting:

-Elizabeth Rabbitt presented a proposal from Terri Senroy, Del Mar Mesa Resident, for the development of a community garden in an unused location at the Elizabeth Rabbitt Park. It was agreed to continue the development of this concept under the purview of the Friends of Del Mar Mesa.

-Del Mar Mesa Beautification efforts and progress continue. Elizabeth Rabbitt and Paul Metcalf agreed to make personal contact with the owners of the Carmel View Ranch and the Gawl properties. Progress is positive and improvements are being made.

-A formal letter from DMMPB was sent to Barbara Bry on the matter of the proposed fire station, along with a request for James Gaubry to attend the next DMMPB meeting.

#### July Meeting:

-James Gaboury attended the meeting to present an overview of the proposed fire station which is still under review. He also provided statistics on volume and current vs required response times for emergency vehicles. Gary Levitt pointed out that there is a property in Torrey Hills that should be considered as a possible location alternative.

-Beautification Committee reported on significant and continued progress with special thanks to Shital Parikh on the personal outreach resulting in three of the "offenders" completing all of the needed repairs and maintenance.

-FBA review and priority considerations were reviewed, including the option of a DG emergency access road, and substation as alternative to fire station.

-Del Mar Mesa Garden Club has been formed as a subset of Friends of Del Mar Mesa and already has over thirty paid memberships and a variety of planned educational programs.

#### August Meeting:

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#### September Meeting:

-Debbie Marcott presented an overview of the budget for the Elizabeth Rabbitt Park, which provides for Park Maintenance .86 FTE or 34.4 hour per week. She also reported that at this time there are open positions that are frozen at this time so the ER park staff is being shared with other parks. During her presentation several ideas including volunteers and HOA assistance were raised, but Debbie Marcott reported that this would not be possible without a "right of entry" permit which would not be possible at this time due to the COVID restrictions. (And this is why I am a libertarian!)

At the October meeting the formal notification letter to the six non-compliant property owners was approved for issuance.

-SDGE has requested approval for a bridge crossing on the creek running into the east end of Deer Pond. No actions taken at this time, requesting further feedback from the Sierra Club and other environmental groups.

-A letter to the City of San Diego on behalf of Del Mar Mesa was approved regarding the Del Mar Mesa Public Facilities Projects.

#### October Meeting:

-Ranger Gina and Heidi Lang reported that the \$20,000 had been identified and reappointed accordingly. Budget and plans are in place for bi annual maintenance for the designated trails

with sub contractor Aztec as well as current effort to restore the trails and fences to acceptable condition is underway.

-Socol Residence - 6004 Del Mar Mesa Rd plans were reviewed by Bruce Wiegand, and were approved unanimously by the DMMPB.

-Diane Korsh resigned as the Co-Chairperson.

-Beautification progress continues including significant clean up along the Carmel View Ranch property. Aztec is also making significant progress in restoring erosion and fencing issues.

Ricky Flahive noted that the owners of the property along the NorthEast corner of Del Mar Mesa Rd and Carmel Country road will be notified by City Code Compliance.

#### November Meeting:

-Co-Chairperson vacancy was filled by Shital Parikh.

-Beautification Committee remains concerned about the condition of the undeveloped property west of Robert Loftin's Carmel View Ranch.

-Illegal parking at the Elizabeth Rabbitt park is a growing concern. Officer Briggs remains the point of contact when the condition is observed.

-Restoration of directional kiosks is being offered to each of the HOA's as a opportunity to highlight their communities.

-Elizabeth Rabbitt Park MAD concept was presented for consideration as a solution to improving the management of the Del Mar Mesa Community Park.

#### December Meeting:

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## **VI. Objectives**

Continue to address any or all of the above categories.

Recruit new board members, especially Quadrant 4.