

Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board
April 14, 2022 6:00 PM

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Attendees:

Barry Cohen
Tim Guy
Ish Khan
Paul Metcalf
Shital Parikh
Wendy Poyhonen
Elizabeth Rabbitt
Derek Reeves
Christian Tresize

Absent:

Michael Vinson
Jeff Tibaldi
Diane Korsh

Call to Order:

Chairman Metcalf called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call:

See above.

Adoption of Agenda:

Chairman Metcalf called for review and approval of the Agenda. .There were no changes or additions.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Metcalf called for review and approval of the March 10, 2022 draft minutes. Tim Guy made the motion to approve as presented, Shital Parikh seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Public Safety Agencies - John Briggs, Community Relations Officer

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

Marilyn Teague introduced herself as a volunteer and participant with Penasquitos Preserve. She expressed her concern for the state initiative of open space for everyone and requested the DMMPG to support and officially request the restoration of street parking to improve access to the park and the open space of Penasquitos Preserve.

Terri Senro introduced herself as having lived here two to three years, and the original founder of the Del Mar Mesa Community Garden Club. Her interest in using the park for community events related to the Garden Club have resulted in many comments of concern for lack of parking being a barrier to attendance.

Andreas introduced himself as a resident living two to three miles away and frequently is faced with no parking availability when bringing his children to the park. He asked the DMMPB to help address the matter with a plan for improved parking.

Chair's Remarks:

Public Officials (Information and Announcements)

Mayor's office - Matthew Griffith

Absent

Council District 1 - Council member Joe LaCava-Ricky Flahive

Ricky Flahive introduced himself and commented further on the understanding of the limited parking matter and recent painting and enforcement of the no parking zone, but went on to discuss the proposed blueprint of using a portion of the existing park to convert into parking. On the matter of the police department and noted that additional funds have been designated for "Neighborhood Watch" signs. There is an event being held to focus on cleaning up areas of concentrated litter and asked if he could be informed of any specific targeted areas in Del Mar Mesa. Christian Tresize will report back on areas of excessive weed growth.

Community Planning: Lesley Heneger

Absent

County Supervisor District 3 - Terra Lawson-Remer

Absent

CA State District 39 Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins - Cole Reed:

Cole Reed reported on AB 361 which provides for the continuation of meeting remotely through June 30, 2024. Also reported on AB2971 on March 31 which allows renters additional time for protection from eviction through June 30, 2022, and was the first time a California state law had been signed by a woman. Expansion of the San Diego River Jurisdiction area of oversight has been recorded. SB 1311, jointly authored by Toni Atkins, is a consumer protection bill specifically for veterans. Cole Reed reminded the attendees to contact him at any time with issues that he might be able to help with.

CA Assembly District 77: Brian Maienschein - Rik Hauptfield

Rik Hauptfield from Brian Maienschein's office reinforced Cole Reed's offer to be of assistance in any way he can. Highlights included the large number of bills that will be going to committee after Spring break. If there are any questions regarding any of Brian Maienschein or any other bills he would be happy to discuss.

Congressman Scott Peters Office:

Absent

City Park & Recreation Department - Debbie Marcott

Absent

Presentation/Discussion

Information/Discussion Items

Alta Del Mar Fire Station Issue Status - Jeff Tibaldi

Chairman Metcalf noted that Jeff Tibaldi was not able to attend, but reported no new news on this matter.

Community Planning Group Reform - Shital Parikh

Shital Parikh noted that there is nothing new to report

Specific Plan/PFFP Update - Paul Metcalf

Chairman Metcalf noted that impacting the ability to address the ER Park parking is the update of the Specific Plan and PFFP. Chairman Metcalf commented that Joe LaCava is engaged and will be supportive of DMMPG directives. Chairman Metcalf reported that the revised plan be reviewed at the May 2022 DMMPB meeting for approval. Wendy Poyhonen asked the question about the current status of the DMMPB's position on the parking issue, and asked the question about the community at large being surveyed for their opinion on the matter of parking. Her concern for increased access for parking the space will be occupied by Los Penasquitos hikers and bikers and actually not improve the parking for the neighborhood. Barry Cohen commented that he agrees that the parking should be for the park, and not by the preserve access. Danielle Koeble commented on the need to keep the park special as a boutique park for the community, not for the Los Penasquitos access parking. She reported that a petition had been circulated and has been signed in the community asking for increased parking spaces, reporting that even only four or five additional spaces would make a big difference. She agreed with Wendy that a survey should be conducted of Del Mar Mesa homeowners. Christian Tresize raised the matter of the physical location of the park with the access into the park being very tight in proximity to the entrance to the intersection, and entrances to Duck Pond and Alta Del Mar. He suggested that the city needs to address the location of the trail head and requested that parking be specifically separated from the proximity to the park. Tim Guy commented on the Cobbles access into the Los Penasquitos Preserve as being popular due to its gradual comfortable grade as compared to other trailheads which are steeper and less friendly. His concern is for the result will be that increased parking spaces will result in more cars and there will still be a lack of parking. Chairman Metcalf asked the question about what question the survey would ask. He recognized the concerns raised by Christian Tresize and others. Chairman Metcalf expressed his concern that added spaces will be filled with trail head users. Barry Cohen stated that his flag football team was told he could not use the park for practice. Shital Parikh stated that was in fact not true. Christian Tresize supported the idea of relocating the trailhead, but also noted that it seems obvious that the street may be the only solution and suggested time restrictions on the parking. Tim Guy reported on the thousands of parking spaces with access to Los Penasquitos away from the Del Mar Mesa. Marylyn Teague Raised the matter that the only thing being requested is the restoration of the street parking. Christian Tresize clarified that the referred to parking has never been legal, and simply has been painted red. Danielle Koeble noted agreement but specific reference to a small area that could be set aside for parking. Christian Tresize commented on the city and engineering requirements for "line of sight". Chairman Metcalf noted that this is not an easy problem to solve and agrees that there is a risk of added parking is

going to result in added volume of cars for Los Penasquitos not the neighborhood park. He also commented all of this is interrelated to the Specific Plan update including the reclassification of roads, but the DMMPB must come to agreement for the plan revision to be approved and presented. Ricky Flahive further confirmed that the space between the End of No Parking sign is actually to be occupied by Bike Lane, and therefore "no parking". Tim Guy asked if the matter of if the DMMPB could agree or take action on whether or not the DMMPB is willing to vote to agree that no green space of the park is to be used for additional parking. **Chairman Metcalf will place this matter as an action item on the May meeting agenda. A group including Wendy, Tim, Elizabeth, Danielle, and Christian will meet to discuss options.**

Rabbitt Park Parking- Paul Metcalf

Action Items

DMMCPB 2021 Annual Report

Shital Parikh will forward her suggestions for inclusion of reference to Friends of Del Mar Mesa and the Del Mar Mesa Garden Club. Elizabeth also thanked the group for feedback on the new and improved roster which has been submitted to the city.

Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

Joint DMM/CV Trails Sub-Committee - Ray Ellis

Del Mar Mesa Preserve/Notch Oversight - Shital Parikh

Beautification Committee - Christian Tresize

Christian Tresize reported that this time of year the big issue is the explosive growth of weeds. Ricky Flahive asked for specific location of the weeds to see if the City could be of help.

Liaison Reports

Los Penasquitos CAC - Shital Parikh

Friends of Del Mar Mesa-Diane Korsh/Shital Parikh

Shital Parikh reported that there is nothing to report, she reported that over seventy people attended the earth day event in the Elizabeth Rabbitt Park. Marilyn did report Elizabeth Rabbitt asked about the new port a potty. It was reported that it was related to a biking event, the

Archipelago Ride, and is meant to be removed. **Tim Guy will follow up with them to make sure they are aware**

SDPD Citizens Advisory Committee - Elizabeth Rabbitt/Christian Tresize

San Diego Parks and Rec

Wendy reported that the last meeting was cancelled. She also reported that she reports multiple times per week with photos asking for support with trash, weeds, etc.

Grading continues at the Toyon project, and houses are expected to begin construction in August.

Chairman Metcalf also reminded the group of the upcoming vacation season and the need to plan ahead

Ongoing Discussion - Active Items

Developer Signage on existing Signs

Chairman Metcalf mentioned that the new developer would be interested in reviving the existing signage.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Next Meeting:
May 12, 2022