

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

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Attendees:

Ray Ellis
Michael Vinson
Tim Guy
Shital Parikh
Christian Tresize
Barry Cohen
Paul Metcalf
Wendy Poyhonen
Ish Khan
Diane Korsh
Jeff Tibaldi
Derek Reeves

Absent:

Elizabeth Rabbitt

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

See above.

Adoption of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Ellis called for review and approval of the August and September draft minutes. **Tim Guy made the motion to approve as presented, Ish Khan seconded the motion and the motion** was carried unanimously.

Public Safety Agencies - John Briggs, Community Relations Officer

Officer Briggs joined the meeting with reporting that traffic has continued to increase especially with school in person in session. There have been a few home burglaries and reminded the group to guard their homes and encouraged vigilance and surveillance cameras encouraging call to the non emergency line when suspicious activity is noticed. Getting ready to start up coffee with a cop program. Christian Tresize asked about any particular pattern related to the burglaries. Officer Briggs noted that there have been a few around the evening hours as folks head out to dinner, other than that not any particular trend.

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

None

Chair's Remarks:

Chairman Resignation:

Chairman Ellis reminded the group that several months ago he noticed the DMMPB of his residence relocation and service as the Chairman for DMMPB ending at the meeting to be held in November noting that **nomination and appointment of the new DMMPB chairman will be placed on the November meeting agenda.**

Public Officials (Information and Announcements)

Council District One - Council member Joe LaCava-Ricky Flahive

Vicky Joez Council District one Chief of staff Filled in for Ricky Flahive during his vacation and will take copious notes to share with Council Person Joe LaCava, and available during the course of the meeting to answer questions. Chairman Ellis noted the key discussion items and interest in her participation.

Mayor's office - Matthew Griffith

Absent

County Supervisor District 3 - Terra Lawson-Remer

Absent

Community Planning: Lesley Heneger

Absent

CA Assembly District 77: Brian Maienschein - Rik Hauptfield

Absent

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

Absent

Congressman Scott Peters Office:

Absent

City Park & Recreation Department - Debbie Marcott

Absent

Action Items

Redistricting Commission Del Mar Mesa Planning Board Position

Chairman Ellis invited Lisa Ross to comment. Lisa Ross noted her concern for the vulnerability of Del Mar Mesa redistricting which is filled with political agendas and need to focus on maintaining ability to serve as stewards of the protected preserved open space that surrounds DMM. District One United has been formed to represent concerned planning boards with hopes that DMMPB will also agree to join along with the other groups concerned for the continued consistency of open space protection. Lisa Ross expressed appreciation for Shital Parikh's presentation at the recent public testimony, noting that the commissioners have now handed over the instructions to the "Bean counters" for further direction via alternative plans and maps. Lisa Ross urged the DMMPB to join District One United which is focused on maintaining consistency with communities of interest. Chairman Ellis asked Lisa Ross to continue to work with Shital Parikh as the DMMPB representative on this issue. Chairman Ellis reported that he spoke with Val Hoy for advice which is consistent with Lisa Ross's comments to be involved in the recommended map process. Chairman Ellis asked Shital to comment on her observations. Shital Parikh commented on her concern for the proposed maps and the need for DMMPB to provide feedback, Lisa Ross encouraged the group to look at the commissioners website to review the proposed maps, many of which split up Del Mar Mesa. **Chairman Ellis made a motion that the DMMPB vote to align with District One United and support their proposals and maps, the motion was seconded and carried unanimously. It was also noted that Shital Parikh's testimony will be forwarded to the DMMPB members along with the information provided by Lisa Ross.**

Presentation/Discussion

Traffic Study

Chairman Ellis commented on the analysis by the Streets Department that had been forwarded to the DMMPB and his concern for the repeated reference to the 40 miles per hour speed limit in their analysis, noting that it is actually twenty five miles per hour approaching the park. Chairman Ellis invited Tim Guy to comment. Tim Guy noted that the report claims that street parking is not an option and commented on his multiple times per day observations of the increase business of the park and occasional overflow of up to twenty cars and the matter of limited supply in comparison to growing demand, also noting that 95% of the time the parking is adequate, and his concern that increased parking will drive increased demand which could be endless. Shital Parikh commented on the cursory and flawed report by the Streets Department in comparison to her detailed analysis which she has submitted for Mr. Hughes via city council and recommends challenging the report and position of Mr. Hughes, and referenced the overwhelming emails of neighbors concerned for lack of adequate parking and the need for using the park for building community which is the only gathering place for Del Mar Mesa which is very spread out. Shital Parikh would like to forward her findings to the DMMPB members to support the need for additional parking. Wendy Poyhonen commented on her concern for increased parking to the advantage of mountain bikers and hikers, not to the members of the community. Wendy Poyhonen also noted that she has never heard complaints or seen actual complaints for lack of parking. Chairman Ellis noted that at the time of the painting red of the curb he did receive maybe ten plus emails but has had no further evidence of complaints to date. Chairman Ellis also noted that at this time there are varying opinions among the Del Mar Mesa Planning Board and appears that at this time there is no agreement that could be attained. Christian Tresize commented on the matter of the ongoing liability given the fact that illegal parking has continued on occasion to be a problem which means that the “no parking” is being ignored. Officer Briggs did note that they have been trying to have a greater presence in the area and is interested in the level of appetite for more aggressive ticketing. Shital Parikh commented further on the Del Mar Mesa Garden Club and that it is the only meeting place for the members and is also concerned that she has not heard from the silent board members and making the point that a vote would at least reveal the positions of the board members. Shital Parikh also commented on the fact that to date there have been no incident reports that would support the need for safety concern expressed by Christian Tresize and that Mr. Hughes report reflects a lack of safety concern. Shital Parikh also commented on the parking alternative plan submitted to the city by Christian Tresize with further comments about ADA and went on to read from the ninth circuit findings which are lacking specifics, but went on to review the City of San Diego’s plan for provision of street parking. There was a request to forward the reference materials which she will forward to Ray Ellis. Paul Metcalf commented that the DMMPB has not been able to pull together a plan of action and that they should and agreed with Tim Guy that increased parking will drive increased demand with resulting ongoing problems, also noting that the solutions are going to be limited due to resources. Paul Metcalf urged the board to work together to exploring and coming up with an proposal for an action plan also noting that there are funds available in the FBA account to assist in this solution. Jeff Tibaldi asked the question about the alternative of using the existing unused space and horse corral to create more space as an alternative to relying on reconfiguring the street to accommodate more cars. Paul Metcalf agreed that should be an element of the considered solutions. Chairman Ellis commented on the city report which did

include using part of the park, not even including the Horse Corral, or the weed corral for additional space, but closed his comments by noting that it is too early for a vote at this time and there is a need to continue to push ahead with ideas until the DMMPB comes up with a solution which it can agree on and propose to the City. Michael Vinson reminded the group of Gary Levitt's plan, which Paul Metcalf has which can be reviewed among the options. At this point Chairman Ellis closed the discussion on this matter with the understanding that Shital Parikh and Christian Tresize will continue to work together to formulate an option to forward to the City with the approval of the DMMPB.

December Meeting Cancellation

Shital Parikh made the motion to cancel the December DMMPB meeting, Barry Cohen seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Rancho Toyon Place Project

Chairman Ellis noted this topic was placed on the agenda by Elizabeth Rabbitt due to the new activity at the site and the number of inquiries from the neighbors. Paul Metcalf reported that this plan was approved well before 2005 and had an original start date of 2006, and went on to report on the 26 lot division and compared it to bougainvillea in terms of similar lot and home sizes, ranging from 12,000 square feet to the largest at 2.5 acres. Working with the city has been extremely challenging and difficult. The permit for the first phase has been approved which is why there has been the beginning of activity. Paul Metcalf also noted that it will be about eight months for preparing the lots with home construction timing will occur with the timing of the lot sales, but is expecting the process to take at least two and a half years after completing the lots. Christian Tresized asked about the management of the dirt and Paul Metcalf noted that this project is dirt neutral so there will not be a convoy of dirt trucks up and down Del Mar Mesa Rd. Derek Reeves asked about the entrance to the project which will be Rancho Toyon. Paul Metcalf noted that there are other driveway access point along Rancho Toyon Place as well, but that the city plan for the streets included inclusion of this traffic.

Informational Items

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 has been working with Get it Done and that even though they have been closed on by the city, he is still working on it.

Liaison Reports

Carmel Valley Recreation Council-Wendy Poyhonen

Los Penasquitos CAC - Shital Parikh/Paula Graubart

Shital Parikh reported that the LPCPCAC is working on a few construction projects, but not needing any support from DMMPB.

Friends of Del Mar Mesa-Diane Korsh/Shital Parikh

Nothing to report

SDPD Citizens Advisory Committee - Elizabeth Rabbitt

No meetings.

Ongoing Discussion - Active Items

Proposed Fire Station

Chairman Ellis noted that there seems to be nothing new other than a discussion with Matt Griffin from the Mayor's office and the need to elevate the matter to the attention of Todd Gloria but has not heard back yet at this time. Jeff Tibaldi is working on getting another story out by Karen Billings including the forty foot retaining wall that will be required.

Developer Signage on existing Signs

Paul Metcalf will be in contact with Christian Tresize about contributing to the Kiosk project.

Adjournment: Mike Vinson made the Motion to adjourn at 7:08 PM and seconded by Shital Parikh and the motion was carried unanimously.

Next Meeting:

November 11, 2021