

Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board

March 12, 2020 6:00 PM

Ocean Air Recreation Center, 4770 Fairpoint Way, San Diego, 92130

Attendees:

**Elizabeth Rabbitt
Michael Vinson
Ray Ellis
Paula Graubart
Shital Parikh
Barry Cohen
Paul Metcalf
Diane Korsh**

Absent:

**Kenneth Rudy
Christian Tresize
Derek Reeves**

Call to Order:

Chairman Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Roll Call:

See above.

Adoption of Agenda:

Elizabeth Rabbitt moved to approve as presented, Michael Vinson seconded the motion and it was carried. Elizabeth Rabbitt also noted that she contacted Ricky Flahive regarding city policy on telephonic meetings given the coronavirus and will report back to the DMMPB members as soon as she receives a response. Shital Parikh also noted that she will take the lead in contacting the City and/or CPC regarding any change in policy related to provisions for telephonic meetings.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Ellis called for review and approval of the February 13, 2020, draft minutes. Michael Vinson moved to approve as presented, Paula Graubart seconded it was carried.

Public Safety Agencies - John Briggs, Community Relations Officer

Officer Briggs introduced himself to the near record breaking audience and spoke about the Northwestern division, noting the regional focus on traffic, home and auto burglaries. Also emphasized, “if you see a crime report a crime”.

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

See discussion under action items.

Public Officials (Information and Announcements)

Council District 1 - Councilmember Barbara Bry-Ricky Flahive

Absent due to Corona Virus.

CA Assembly District 77: Brian Maienschein - Rik Hauptfield

Creek to bay clean up will take place this year at the Ocean Air Rec Center. He will work with DMMPG for Del Mar Mesa communication. AB1933 is making progress related to student athletes and physical support, evaluation, and or examination. He also noted his ability to assist the community in the procurement of a real ID.

Action Items

Letter to its regarding concerns expressed by Alta Del Mar Neighbors to DMMPB on potential site selection for a Fire Station

Chairman Ellis welcomed the large turnout from Alta Del Mar and opened the discussion with a summary of his conversation with Barbara Bry’s office regarding the concern for the addition of a fire station at the location noted across the street from Alta Del Mar at the intersection of Del Vino Court and Gallop Crest Court. This matter was raised to the board simply as a concept or idea only a few meetings ago. Jeff Tibaldi raised his concern for the effect on the environment which would be negatively impacted by the presence of a fire station in the middle of a preserve and rural community. With consideration for potential locations, the presence of a fire-station on the west side of Torrey Hills would make more sense both in terms of impact and access to a greater number of homes. A fire-station is clearly in conflict with the community planning guidelines established by the city for the Del Mar Mesa Community. Locating the fire-station in this preserved area would clearly be against the zoning. Added comments included the mater of the premium which is charged per home construction and its rural low density environment would be clearly compromised and discounted. The city should not be able to change the zoning from the current preserve status to that which is required to accommodate a fire-station. Del Mar Mesa homeowners rely on the city’s commitment to a preserved rural setting. Chairman Ellis asked Jeff Tibaldi if anyone from the HOA has been in contact with Pardee about the matter.

Pardeep and Paula Graubart are on the HOA board and will develop a plan and a subcommittee. Chairman Ellis suggested that he reach out to the chairs of Torrey Hills and Carmel Valley Community Planning Boards on the fire station issue and get their input. Paul Metcalf and Ray Ellis both noted to keep in mind that this is early in the city process. Paula also noted the timing of the turning over of the preserve land which includes a vernal pool that is owned and controlled by Alta Del Mar. She has been in touch with Kevin Ester and Ames Gaboury of the Fire Department who have provided more detail to her on the considerations. The process and timeline of this concept is unknown. Paul reinforced that this is early in the process and that the community needs to stay on it, but noted that processes like this are complicated and lengthy. He also noted that he took a look at the alternative locations raised in Jeff Tibaldi's letter and agree that they are superior. Jeff Tibaldi expressed his concern for the plan for zoning change scheduled for this summer. Paul Metcalf did emphasize the need to contact the city planning department directly to confirm this and or get a status update on the process. **Chairman Ellis noted that this matter will be further discussed at the April meeting to determine the official position and plan of action of the Del Mar Mesa Planning Board.**

Redistricting Commission

Diane Fuentes from the city representing the redistricting commission provided brochures on the process which occurs every ten years. She reviewed the structure of the commission and role in reviewing the population shifts and changes in the district structure which will take place after the completion of the census which will be over a year from now.

Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

Del Mar Mesa Preserve/Notch Oversight - Shital Parikh

Shital Parikh noted no updates and commented further, with emphasis, about the lack of involvement by Alta Del Mar as a total no show when it came to the protection of the Preserve zoning and the “notch” project.

By-Laws and Board Opening(s) - Elizabeth Rabbitt

Michael Vinson presented the election results which resulted in reelection of all candidates, including Diane Korsh, Shital Parikh, Christian Tresize, Barry Cohen, Paula Graubart, Derek Reeves, Paul Metcalf, and Michael Vinson. **Elizabeth Rabbitt reported on the recent resignations of Shane Macedo and Tina Jackson and made the motion to appoint Ish Kahn and Wendy Poyhonen to two of the three open At Large seats. Shital Parikh seconded the motion and the motion was carried.**

Liaison Reports

Los Penasquitos CAC - Shital Parikh

Community Planners Council - Chair or Vice Chair

Friends of Del Mar Mesa-Diane Korsh

SDPD Citizens Advisory Committee - Elizabeth Rabbitt/Paula Graubart

Paula reported on the increase in burglaries, and noted the new opening of the office to walk-ins with a real person at the front desk, not just a doorbell to ring and wait, and are able to accept drug and gun drop offs.

Ongoing Discussion - Active Items

Dog Trash Bag Recepticals

Shital Parikh has raised this as a need for Del Mar Mesa Road. Diane Korsh reported on her findings in the city of Encinitas which manages the pick up of waste. It was also suggested that the HOA's along Del Mar Mesa Road be contacted for installation and management of dog poop station.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Next Meeting:

April 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM