

Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board

Thursday, January 14, 2010

Carmel Valley Library, Community Room

3919 Townsgate Drive

Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call –Victoria Johnson and Remington Jackson were excused. Tom Voss did not attend.
2. Minutes – Elizabeth Rabbitt motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim Bessemer and unanimously approved with Bob Nascenzi and Gary Levitt abstaining (7-0).
3. Council District 1 – Council Member Sherry Lightner appeared and provided an update. Gary Levitt explained issues important to the community include trails, the Meadows Del Mar open space encroachment, need for the neighborhood park, formation of a MAD and maintenance of Del Mar Mesa Road.
4. Code Enforcement on Landscaping Maintenance along Del Mar Mesa Road – Elizabeth Rabbitt and Bob Nascenzi were recognized for their physical effort removing weeds. The City of San Diego did send out a crew to remove weeds from the road surface, but not from the sidewalks areas. The community will need to continue its efforts to keep the road clear of weeds.
5. Elections – Seats up for election are Victoria Johnson (Q1); Pardee (Large Developer); Lisa Ross (Q2); Gary Levitt (Q3) and the Meadows seat (Q4). The Election date will be set at the February meeting.
6. Meadows Open Space SCR – Steven Heverly provided an update. The board did not agree with some of the feedback city staff has provided Steven. Steven agreed to meet with the board subcommittee that was part of the original discussions on the issue to learn more about the history.
7. MAD Establishment – Paul Metcalf explained Andy Fields from the City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department is able to execute our request to establish a trust fund for MAD formation contributions and handle payment for a relatively small administration charge.
8. Trails – Allen Kashani provided handouts showing the proposed RMP trails plan and offered suggestions to add rim trail and ‘tunnel 4’ in lieu of showing the SDG&E fire road as trail. Gary Levitt noted a solution that can be enforced is needed – and that includes some loops and better direct connectivity to the East. Gary also noted the plan needs buy-in from all users especially the biking community since they currently outnumber other users of the east Del Mar Mesa Preserve area. Lisa Ross noted she would like to also hear from the

equestrians. Preston Drake and Lisa Ross asked if any considerations are being made to separate bikers from horses. Allen noted considerations were made to provide rim trail for bikers/hikers and the SDG&E road for horse but has been dismissed due to environmental constraints. The board agreed to have a field meeting and to hike the area. Meet at the end of 'The Preserve Way' on January 30 at 8AM to discuss the trails plan.

9. Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee – Marvin Gerst announced that the next meeting is on January 21 and there will be a special meeting on February 18 to consider the RMP. Also, on March 18 there will be elections to fill three at-large seats. Marvin also mentioned the CAC wants to come before all appropriate community boards to amend the community plans for trails. Gary Levitt commented that this shouldn't prevent a plan that can be implemented on the ground. Marvin also mentioned on January 16 at 1PM there is a site visit to look at trail conflicts near Duck Pond. Minette Ozaki and Rob Mikuteit added that part of the purpose of the site visit is to inspect 3/4 of a mile of equestrian trails made through off limits areas.
10. The board unanimously agreed to adjourn.