

Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Carmel Valley Library, Community Room

3919 Townsgate Drive

Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call – Paul Metcalf, Remington Jackson and Marvin Gerst were excused. Tom Voss did not attend.
2. Minutes –Preston Drake motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Lisa Ross and unanimously approved (8-0).
3. Victoria Johnson asked about access through a gate to the golf course at White Horse. The board could contact the HOA about access for the community.
4. Code Enforcement along Del Mar Mesa Road – Victoria Johnson will contact with Tony Khalil about possible code compliance issues associated with a gate installation at ‘the modern house’.
5. Preston Drake handed out a CERT checklist for emergency 3-day survival.
6. Allen Kashani will investigate opportunities to improve the aesthetic condition along Shaw Lorenz fronting Del Mar Mesa Road.
7. Del Mar Mesa Preserve – Chris Zirkle presented info that was explained at the February 25 Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizen’s Advisory Committee (LPCPCAC). Chris also provided an exhibit from the Del Mar Mesa Specific Plan and noted trails were not shown in the preserve. Chris gave some background about the Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) and the purpose of the resource management plan (RMP). Chris explained the main focus on the RMP lately has been trails – and issues for the preserve are vandalism, illegal vegetation cutting, off-roading and drug activity. Chris explained the mayor has tasked his department to pursue the highest amount of trails compatible with the preserve while working with the resource agencies. Chris explained the trail selection process included mapping existing paths; then removing unsafe/ unsustainable trails and removing trails that impact or threaten sensitive species. The city also looked at long-term viability, redundancy, East/West connectivity, North/South connectivity and they compared proposed trails to the national average. Chris noted the California Department of Fish and Game has property within the preserve and they currently have a statute that does not allow ‘anything with wheels’.

Del Mar Mesa preserve (cont.)

Chris explained a community plan amendment process will be required for the trails and they will be involving the LPCPCAC, planning groups, Park & Rec Board, Planning Commission and City Council. Gary Levitt noted he has hiked trails within the preserve years before the specific plan was adopted and it is unfair to say that trails were not contemplated in the specific plan. Gary stressed the importance of a trails plan that encourages citizen support and noted that closure of the existing trails has caused new trails north of the preserve. A comment was also made about a lack of a direct east-west connection on the mesa. Lisa Ross commented about a need to push for preservation.

After comment to the city's presentation, Preston Drake motioned to approve a draft letter circulated by Allen Kashani regarding the RMP trails, seconded by Elizabeth Rabbitt, and approved (6-1-1).

8. MAD – Andy Fields from the City Park and Recreation Department explained the MAD process and noted that there are two opportunities to hire an assessment engineer: 1) 'passing the hat around' to collect \$25k whereby checks need to be made out to the City Treasurer. 2) A council policy allows for study with a petition and endorsement by at least 30% of the homeowners. Lisa Ross motioned to request the City of San Diego establish a deposit account for voluntary contributions for MAD study, seconded by Preston Drake and approved (7-1).
9. San Dieguito River Park – the board generally agreed to support not cutting open space budgets like the San Dieguito River Park.
10. Elections – The election results were Gary Levitt for Q3; Lisa Ross for Q2; Victoria Johnson for Q1 and Allen Kashani for the Major Developer Seat.
11. The board unanimously agreed to adjourn.