

Del Mar Mesa Planning Board
Thursday, June 9, 2011
Carmel Valley Library, Community Room
3919 Townsgate Drive
Meeting minutes

Attendees:

Gary Levitt
Elizabeth Rabbitt
Lisa Ross
Jim Bessemer
Paul Metcalf
Preston Drake
Trey Nolan
Ken London
Michael Vinson

Absent:

Allen Kashani
Prabod Patel
Marvin Gerst

- Call To Order - Gary Levitt called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. He called for review and approval of meeting agenda. Lisa Ross requested the addition of an update on the matter of Redistricting, with this change the agenda was approved.
- Minutes - Preston Drake made a motion to approve the minutes, Trey Nolan seconded, and the action was carried.
- Public Comments - Preston Drake asked about the status of the sinking drain on the north side of Little McGonnigle road. It was confirmed that Mel Milstein has been working with the City and an investigation has been launched and will have a report at the next meeting.
- Trail Work - No specific updates or projects, however, Gary Levitt directed Preston Drake to the potential second life of a few large abandoned pipes hidden under the evergreen trees on the north west corner of the future park, which could be used, along with large, but not round, rocks, as a possible solution to the erosion crisis near the Anderson gulch. Preston will look into it.
- Open Space Seat - Gary Levitt nominated Ken London for the open seat, noting that Ken has been attending DMMPB meetings as well as participating in the trails subcommittee meetings, Elizabeth Rabbitt seconded the motion and it was carried.

- Liaison Reports - Mel Millstein is out due to illness, and Sachiko is out of town so there were no reports.
- City of San Diego's Water Purification Demonstration Project – Gary Levitt introduced Kathy Peironi who provided a detailed presentation of the City of San Diego's water purification project. It is scheduled for completion by 2013. Tours of the facility are available.
- Redistricting - Lisa Ross provided an unbiased overview of the recent introduction of two additional plans, neither of which have been reviewed by the DMMPG. She also noted that a law suit has been filed in regards to the process. It was agreed that the original DMMPB's official position remains unchanged at this time.
- Grand Del Mar trails - Michael Vinson confirmed that the City has been in contact with officials at the Grand and he would probably have a report next month.
- MAD-Paul reported that the next meeting is scheduled at Lisa Ross's home on June 29, which will be worth attending for the bagel buffet.
- Trail plan/Preserve Management Plan - Gary Levitt reported on the recent, very well attended, subcommittee, from which a "counter proposal" concept/approach was developed, with specific concern for the lack of an East-West connection. It was agreed that rather than simply accepting the proposed plan, the existing group of interested parties would work to develop a structured counter proposal with supporting documentation and arguments for additional trails specifically addressing the East-West connection. As a result of this and other meetings and input it was agreed that the development of a 501(c)3 organization from which to raise financial support and develop a constructive approach to presenting structured recommendations to the officials involved in finalizing the formal trails plan be developed. The goal is to offer the decision makers who have to approve the plan the involvement of an organization with the financial ability and volunteers who will take on the process of installing approved signage and fencing, organizing trail work and monitoring use. While this was not a formal action of the DMMPB it was agreed that this was a fine idea. Gary expressed his appreciation for everyone's involvement including Rob Mikuteit and provided copies of a map developed by Rob, which includes expanded trail options including a West/East trail as well as a well developed map of sites for fencing, signage and bridges.
- Jerry McCaw - Proposed Land Swap - 10 Acres west of Del Vino Court – Paul Metcalf provided hand outs and a large exhibit of the ten acre parcel just west of Del Vino Court and the one acre parcel buried in the middle of the preserved area nearby. In summary, Paul reviewed the history and asked for support for the trade of the one acre in the middle of the preserve area in exchange for the ability to develop a 9/10 acre parcel on the southern boundary of the ten acre parcel which will otherwise remain in a preserve status. Trey Nolan made the motion and Ken London seconded it to support this exchange.

- Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.