

BOARD MEMBERS: Dennis Ridz, Chair; Dee Rich, Vice Chair; Sheryl Adams, Treasurer; Wayne Cox, Recording Secretary; Patti Ashton (absent); Jake Mumma; Susan Lyon (excused); Barbara Cerny (absent) Pat Whitt (absent); Troy Van Horst ; Mike Hastings (excused); Samson Gavranian; Brad Remy (absent); Lynn Shopes: eight attendees.

Torrey Pines Community Planning Board/Ad HOC DMHR-- MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, September 12, 2019

Del Mar Hills Academy, 14085 Mango Drive, Del Mar, CA 92014

Ad HOC Del Mar Heights Road SAFETY COMMITTEE

Dennis Ridz, Chair; Dee Rich, Vice Chair; Patti Ashton (absent); Adam Gevanther; Sheryl Adams; Dan Jensvold; Victoria DiCicco; Brian MacDonald and Wayne Cox.

CALL TO ORDER: Dennis Ridz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved (Adams/Jensvold) 8-0.

INFORMATION ITEM:

- 1. Dennis Ridz, the Chair, reminded the committee that in July, 2018 the TPCPB had asked Justine for a traffic study for DMHR. It was completed in July, 2019 and Traffic will present the report today at the later meeting of the full Board. There have been 9 known accidents on DMHR in the past 16 months. Some of those were discussed.
- 2. Richard (Rick) Flahive, from Councilwoman Bry's First District Office, said he is still reviewing the files he received from Justine.
- 3. Rich said a Survey Monkey poll was sent out by by the Del Mar Heights PTA in 2018 regarding options for improving safety on DMHR. There was strong support for a light. Rich and Scheffler went to the PTAs for both the Heights and Hills and discussed the survey results.
- 4. Ridz said the D1 office requested a listing from the TPCPB, in priority order, of CIP projects. The light was the first item on that list. A meeting was held (Ridz, Rich, Cox) with the Councilwoman to discuss the light and the CIP list which featured other traffic calming measures. Minutes were taken at that meeting.
- 5. Other community comments included: During construction there will be added children crossing DMHR; during construction at the Heights the class breakdown will be K through 3 at the Hills and 4 through 6 at Ocean Air; a

possible objection to the light is that it might cause people to then take a right on Boquita; a possible improvement would be to extend the two lanes to help traffic flow; the school district isnt taking a strong enough position regarding safety issues with DMHR; signs announcing that this is a school zone don't exist; and the City has disregarded this safety issue since it's inception 42 years ago.

- 6. Rich said there was once SANDAG grant money available for a traffic study but that it had been removed from consideration by the Mayor's office. She was also concerned that the 85% rule might cause a traffic study to increase the speed limit on DMHR.
- 7. Gevanther said a raised medium was once a consideration.
- 8. Adams thought that Mango has to be part of the traffic calming solution.
- 9. Van Horst said the Board should invite the Mayoral candidates to discuss what they would support doing for DMHR. He also pointed out that Solana Beach handles even more traffic on Highway 101 with a 35 MPH zone.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:15

TORREY PINES COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD

CALL TO ORDER: Dennis Ridz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.. **INTRODUCTIONS:**

- 1. Officer John Briggs, jbriggs@sdpd.sandiego.gov, 858-523-7031, said A). there are 4 officers in 41 sq. miles in our district; B). burglaries and break-ins are down for the past few months; and C). many of the accidents on DMHR go unreported because they don't involve another vehicle.
- Richard Flahive, Community Representative for District One, <u>Rflahave@sandiego.gov</u> A). invited all attendees to the Brews with Bry event scheduled for Thursday, September 19 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Bushfire Kitchen; B). distributed the August, 2019 The Bry Bulletin; and C). said he was still reading the files that Justine had turned over to him.
- 3. Mathew Gordon, Field Representative for Todd Gloria, Assemblymember for the 78th District, <u>www.assembly.ca.gov/Gloria</u> A). announced that legislation limiting gun sales at the fairgrounds was on the Governor's desk; B). stated that a Hep A bill was in the final stages of development; and C). informed that legislation that will cap rent increases is favored by the Assemblyman and appears to be headed to the Governor's desk in about a week.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Julia Schriber and Lil Nover, from the Sorrento Valley Town Council, discussed, as information only, a letter that the SVTC had sent to the TPCPB on September 12, 2019. The letter asked what the TPCPB thought about including the portion of Torrey Pines that abuts Sorrento Valley and is South of the lagoon, into the Mira Mesa Community Plan. (The Board does not respond to Non-Agenda speakers, per City Council policy).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved (Adams/Cox) 8-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Approved (Lyon/Rich) 8-0.

REPORT BY THE TREASURER: Adams reported that there is a current balance of \$444.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 1. The Chair discussed the need for a current Torrey Pines Community Plan. Two adjoining communities are undergoing a CPU. TP is not on any forcasted update lists.
- 2. The Ad HOC DMHR committee met prior to this meeting. Joe Jimenez from Traffic and Engineering with the City of San Diego presented an overview of the traffic study his agency completed in July regarding a traffic light and crosswalk for DMHR. Their conclusion was that the light should be located at Mercado. A traffic or street stiping review is underway but was not included in this study. He answered multiple audience questions. A partial list of participants were: Richard Caterine; Katrina Heffinger (Del Mar Heights PTA); Aziz Gholmieh; Julie Sunot; and Diana Scheffler.

A. City: Data didn't support Recuerdo. Every intersection is an implied crosswalk. The street traffic study is due by end of year.

B. Van Horst: A similar study four years ago arrived at the same conclusion.

C. Rich: It has been difficult in getting information regarding accidents for this area. Does reducing lane width help? City: Yes.

D. Isabell: Is a roundabout feasible? City: Blending two lanes into a roundabout is very difficult.

E. Gholmieh: What will the impact of having a light and crosswalk be to the side streets and what can be done to mitigate these issues?

F. Rich: About 240 more children will cross DMHR twice each day starting in September because of the work being done at the Heights campus.

G. Sheffler: A previous SANDAG grant for \$255,000, with an additional \$85,000 match from the City beyond the requirement, was turned down by the City. A ballot measure failed in the past because it asked for \$20 per

homeowner. There was no assurance that this surcharge could not be increased.

H. Catrine: What other methods can be utilized to mitigate speed and improve safety?

I. Heffinger: The full neighborhood should be notified about a decision about a light and crosswalk.

J. Steve Hadley from the D1 offfice assisted Joe Jimenez in responding to many of these questions. He started by asking "What are you looking for from us?" He answered questions about how a light and crosswalk would be funded (Both DIF and CIP), encouraged one more (well advertised) community meeting on the subject, and concluded that Councilwoman Bry needed a TPCPB final decision once the community had clearly had their opportunity to review the presentation by Traffic and Engineering.

- 3. The City Council will hear an appeal for an MO at 11198 Sorrento Valley Rd., Ste. 3, on Monday, September 16th at 2;00 PM.
- 4. The City Council will hear an appeal for a SFR driveway entrance/exit onto DMHR at 13796 Durango St. on Octoger 8th at 2;00 PM.
- 5. A poll, to serve as information for the D1 office, was taken to once again approve a light/crosswalk for DMHR (Cox/Rich). Approved 7-1. The negative vote reflected that the item had not been on the Agenda, not that it was disapproved.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. The Chair requested that a vote on 10325 Roselle St. be delayed to the October meeting because of a tight remaining schedule at this meeting.
- The Chair requested approval for him to appeal the CEQA approval for the Peace Law Firm project at 2236 Carmel Valley Rd. if the notice to appeal were to expire prior to the October TPCPB meeting. Approved (Rich/Gavranian) 8-0.

Adjournment: 9:15.