

Del Mar Mesa Planning Group 2021 Annual Report

I. Introduction

Members:

Barry Cohen
Ray Ellis (resign as of November 2021)
Tim Guy
Ish Khan
Diane Korsh
Paul Metcalf
Shital Parikh
Wendy Poyhonen
Elizabeth Rabbitt
Derek Reeves
Jeff tibaldi
Christian Tresize
Michael Vinson
Wendy Poyhonen

Officers:

Chairman - Ray Ellis through November, 2021
Chairman - Paul Metcalf beginning December, 2021
Vice-Chairperson - Shital Parikh
Secretary - Elizabeth Rabbitt

Committees:

Beautification

Christian Tresize

Park

Diane Korsh
Wendy Poyhonen

FBA and Community Plan

Ray Ellis
Paul Metcalf
Elizabeth Rabbitt

II. Administrative issues

A total of nine meetings were held in 2021, dark for April, July and December. There were two member resignations, Kenneth Rudy, Member and Ray Ellis, Chairperson since he moved out of the Del Mar Mesa Community. His role as Chairperson was filled by Paul Metcalf. Tim Guy and Jeff Tibaldi were appointed to vacant member seats. The annual election was held with

no changes to members. Two At Large vacancies were filled by appointment by Ish Khan and Wendy Poyhonen. There were no revisions to bylaws, procedures or policies.

III. Plan Preparation and Implementation:

-There were no plans presented for approval in 2021

IV. Special Projects

Update Del Mar Mesa Specific Plan - PFFP

Purple Pipe installation for DMM

Assessment and plan revision of the Little McGonigle 56 connector and release of funds

Traffic Calming

Elizabeth Rabbitt Park neglect

Parking issues related to the Elizabeth Rabbitt park and Penasquitos Preserve trailhead

Emergency substation

Fairmont Grand Del Mar bond release

Fire station Alta Del Mar

Kiosk signage restoration

SDGE drainage bridge crossing

Del Mar Mesa Garden Club, a program of Friends of Del Mar Mesa has been doing monthly gardening activities with community engagement and support

V. Project Review and highlights

January Meeting:

-SDGE representatives presented a plan for a bridge crossing to accommodate the maintenance trucks at the north canyon of Cardiac Hill and Del Mar Mesa Preserve.

-Secretary Rabbitt reminded the group of the upcoming elections and need for constant surveillance for potential community planning group members.

-Wendy Poyhonen replaced Derek Reeves as the representative to the Park and Rec meetings.

February Meeting:

-Mayor Todd Gloria attended the meeting to discuss the latest City priorities including the Covid-19 response, homeless crisis, extended moratorium on evictions and an expected \$100M budget deficit for the city for FY 2021. He also agreed to become engaged on the matter of the proposed Alta Del Mar Fire Station.

-Julia Sauer presented an overview of the Affordable Housing Plan for 2022 of over \$20M. Model programs with funding allocations include rental housing finance support, new construction of affordable rental housing, companion units, loans etc. Over 8,000 units have been created and 22,000 homeless have received assistance.

-Susan Baldwin of Parks and Recreation Coalition presented concepts on the development of a master plan for park development and restoration as well as the distribution or reallocation of FBA funds to meet the needs of underserved communities.

-Chairman Ellis reviewed the meeting with Jo LaCava regarding the Community Plan Update priorities including the recording of the cancellation of the 56 Connector, the Gallop Crest Fire Station, and purple water. Joe LaCava was reported to have an exceptional understanding of the matters and supportive.

-Beautification Committee reported concerns for faded no parking signage and the man peeler poles and posts that have toppled over.

March Meeting:

- Biennial elections were held resulting in reelection of all incumbents:Ray Ellis - At Large, Elizabeth Rabbitt - At Large, Kenneth Rudy - At Large, Ish Khan - At Large, Wendy Poyhonen - At Large, Michael Vinson -Resort
- Members were encouraged to recruit potential future Del Mar Mesa Planning Group members.
- Josh Chatten-Brown presented an overview of the matter of Alta Del Mar's objection to the proposed development on a parcel that is set aside as preserve, including the facts that the property is mitigation, included in the multi species plan, DMM plan and the Coastal Act, all of which argue against the ability to develop this property. If the city were to decide to continue to move forward it will be forced to complete a full environmental impact report (EIR), this project will clearly create significant environmental impact.
- On the matter of the PFFP and Community Plan Update the community priority is first the to address the Little McGonigle Ranch road connector which is reflected as abandoned on the plan which must to re established in order to be recognized in terms of investment by the community and the need to reapply the funds to an emergency connector road. Second priority is the purple water system to be brought to the entire DMM community, which will require studies engineering and installation.

April Meeting:
Cancelled

- May Meeting:
- Chairman Ellis reported on a hearing to designate 5175 Del Mar Mesa Rd, an eight acre property as a Historic Resource.
 - The Sierra Club has filed their objection to the proposed Fire station in Alta Del Mar.
 - The south bound No Parking lane along the Elizabeth Rabbitt Park has been painted red as a reminder that this is a no parking zone.

- June Meeting:
- A proposal by SDGE to install a bridge at the bottom of Cardiac Hill trail was reviewed and approved contingent upon the restoration of the upper trails that have significant damage from the passage of the SDGE trucks.
 - Ray Ellis, Chairperson announced his impending move out of Del Mar Mesa.
 - Jeff Tibaldi was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Kenneth Rudy.
 - Ray Ellis reported on the increased number of community complaints over no parking lane being painted red at the Elizabeth Rabbitt Park, a subcommittee under the Beautification Committee umbrella with guidance of Christian Tresize was formed to assess the matter and report back to the DMMPG.
 - Laura Fleming presented the redistricting process.
 - Chairman Ellis reported on the official stand by the League of Urban voters against the proposed fire station in Alta Del Mar.
 - Wendy Poyhonen continues to struggle with the deteriorating conditions at the Elizabeth Rabbitt Park.

July Meeting:
Dark

- August Meeting:
- Officer Briggs noted a significant home burglary on Silver Acacia Road and step up in patrol surveillance.

- Lisa Ross gave a report on the concerns for the impact of propose redistricting maps which include the division of Del Mar Mesa Community and called for support from the DMMPG and community members.
- Monthly meetings will continue to be conducted using Zoom which has been successful in improved attendance and efficiency.
- Chairman Ellis was directed by the DMMPG to write letter to Friends of Del Mar Mesa to assume the responsibility for the outstanding pledge from Manchester Financial.
- Tim Guy was appointed to a vacancy, resident of Duck Pond.

September Meeting:

- San Diego redistricting was reviewed as an ongoing concern with specific concern for the division of the Del Mar Mesa Community and the Del Mar Mesa Preserve.
- Ongoing concern for limited parking was addressed by Vice-chair Shital Parikh.
- Chairman Ellis provided an update on the discussion with the City of San Diego regarding the update and amendment of the Community Specific Plan and the Public Facilities Financing Plan to reflect the needs and priorities of the community and a motion was approved to formalize and advance the Del Mar Mesa Planning Groups requests to the City of San Diego.
- Progress of the fire station to be located in Alta Del Mar continues and is of grave concern.
- Community complaints due to parking restrictions along Elizabeth Rabbitt Park were addressed by Vice Chairperson Shital Parikh.

October Meeting:

- District One United has been formed to protect and preserve the current boundaries of District One and affiliated community planning groups. It was agreed to support District One United with the help of Vice Chairperson Shital Parikh representing Del Mar Mesa interests.
- An updated Traffic Report included findings that did not recommend the resumption of street parking for the Elizabeth Rabbitt Park.
- Rancho Toyon project with plans for twenty six lots was reviewed as approved years ago by the city and the planning group.

November Meeting:

- The matter of redistricting was of continued concern over the proposed split of Del Mar Mesa.
- Reviewed the potential impact of ADUs.
- Replaced Ray Ellis as Chairperson with Paul Metcalf.
- Council Member Joe LaCava met with Mayor Todd Gloria to discuss the concerns and issue of the proposed fire station.

December Meeting:

- Dark

VI. Objectives

Continue to address any or all of the above categories noted under Special Projects:
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Recruit new board members, especially Quadrant 4.