

**Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board**  
**Thursday, October 9, 2014**

Attendees:

Gary Levitt  
Jim Bessemer  
Elizabeth Rabbitt  
Ray Ellis  
Preston Drake  
Ken London  
Diane Korsh

Absent:

Amy Woods  
Lisa Ross  
Paul Metcalf  
Michael Vinson  
Rob Mikuteit

Call To order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Minutes September 11, 2014:

Minutes from September 11, 2014 were corrected to reflect the fact that Lisa Ross was in attendance. **Given that change the motion was made by Jim Bessemer to approve, seconded by Ken London and the minutes were approved.**

Community Member:

Yamia Benheim commented that she and her husband are planning a home to be built in the next year in the Preserve development, and expressed her interest in improving the recognition of the community as Del Mar Mesa at the bottom of Del Mar Mesa road. This led to a discussion regarding the matter of maintaining the look and feel of Del Mar Mesa in total, since it is clearly going to be up to the community as it will not be undertaken by the city. Ray Ellis suggested that it be included in the upkeep of the trails. **Chairman Levitt agreed to add the matter to a future agenda.**

Vacant Board seat:

**Chairman Levitt moved to add Diane Korsh to the board (Quadrant 1 Representative), and Preston Drake seconded, and the motion was carried.**

Park:

Plans to be complete by Christmas.

Del Vino Court opening:

Chairman Levitt commented on the matter of road striping and bike lanes and that the addition of these will result in no parking available at the trail head. The City Streets Department, Parks Department (because of the trails) Bicycle Coordinator (bike lanes) as well as Community Planning Department were all made aware of the situation, but seem to have elected not to do anything because the Community Plan has the street designed in this manner, and they do not have the ability or authority to suggest any changes be made at this time. It was agreed that Chairman Levitt would continue to attempt to get Council District Office to assist in trying to make a change prior to the opening of road as designed.

Police department:

Tracey Williams commented on the busy month, noting specific criminal arrest, as well as increased numbers of day time burglaries, home and auto, he left written information on how best to protect and prevent burglaries. Elizabeth will scan and broadcast to community. Tracey introduced Lt. Stephanie Rose. Stephanie commented on her career of twenty one years, starting at Southern Division, Internal Affairs, Vice, Operations, etc. She reported that she is very happy to be here in the northwestern division.

Supervisor Roberts - Sachiko Kohatsu:

Sachiko gave an overview of recent regulatory changes, including conversion of landscaping to low water, and the matter of lack of support for "astro turf". Changes have been proposed to make it allowable, and believe that the language was written unintentionally and should be relatively easy to correct. She also reported on West Nile, noting that 21 dead birds have been found from January to October 2014.

Vernal Pools:

Preston noted on August 27 he received an update on the progress of **the City's Vernal Pool HCP** and plans for further study of **the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service San Diego National Wildlife Reserve Vernal Pools Stewardship Project as it relates to the HCP. The latest estimate for the City's draft HCP (which has passed) was mid-September.** He also noted that several of the members of DMMPB are on the email notification list.

Carmel Valley Community Sub-Committee:

Chairman Levitt noted that a sub committee needs to be developed to oversee the investment and expenditure of the \$250,000 from Manchester Resorts. He also noted that reference to this \$250K in the City conditions for the approval of the encroachment by the resort into the open space, had been removed by Staff at the last minute before the hearing, without any warnings to the two communities involved, but Manchester Resorts did acknowledge on the record this agreement to contribute \$250,000 to the Communities during their public comments at the hearing, and have followed up since with emails etc to ensure that we know that they intend to make the payment as soon as they have the permits. C.Levitt noted that this is actually an advantage to the two planning boards in that it removes the City bureaucracy from the process when establishing rules for the control and expenditures.

The intent is for the Carmel Valley and DMM Planning Boards to jointly decide on the processes to be used to establish what types of Open Space related projects these funds are to be used to support, establish project budgets, and establish procedures for the approval of the annual budgets as well as the payment approval process for actual projects. It has been suggested that a bank-account be opened in the name of the Friends of Del Mar Mesa, as it is a legal not for profit entity, and that the signature requirements for withdrawal from this account require the signature of the Chairs of both Community Groups or their designee.

Chairman Levitt recommended that the DMMCPG authorize the formation of a subcommittee of 3 people to work with a similar subcommittee to be formed by CVCPG to meet and to establish and recommend the rules for the use and control of these funds. **Chair Levitt nominated Ray Ellis, Preston Drake and Jan Hudson to be on the subcommittee and Elizabeth Rabbitt seconded and the motion was carried.**

FBA sub committee:

Chairman Levitt reminded the board of the need to re activate this committee now that there actually a positive balance and the need for DMMPB to become involved. **Chairman Levitt will come up with a list of candidates for next months meeting.**

Alta Del Mar:

The matter of fencing being non compliant with the community plans has been addressed to Pardee, and so far no action have been taken by Pardee. Chairman Levitt requested support from DMMPB to pursue compliance with the Specific Plan and the promises and assurances received when the Alta Del Mar project was approved by this community group. At that time, plans were presented to the DMMPB reflecting solid fencing in out of sight specific areas only. **Preston Drake made the motion to do everything in DMMPB's ability to enforce the requirements of the Specific Plan as it relates to the non-conforming fencing. Ken London seconded it and it was carried unanimously.**

Traffic Calming:

Preston noted that there are no speed limit signs east of Toyon Mesa, on Rancho Toyon.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm