

Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board
February 8, 2024 6:00 PM

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Attendees:

Barry Cohen
Tim Guy
Ish Khan
Paul Metcalf
Elizabeth Rabbitt
Derek Reeves
Michael Vinson
Ron Sellemi
Kevin Bagley

Absent:

Jeff Tibaldi
Diane Korsh
Wendy Poyhonen

Call to Order:

Chairman Metcalf called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Roll Call:

See above.

Adoption of Agenda:

Chairman Metcalf called for review and approval of the Agenda. There were no changes or additions. Chairman Metcalf introduced Sharon Smith from the Department of Insurance.

Approval of January 11, 2024 Minutes:

Chairman Metcalf called for review and approval of the January 11, 2024 draft minutes. Ron Sellemi made the motion to approve as presented, Michael Vinson seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Department of Insurance:

Sharon Smith and Kevin Bagley discussed a personal experience of Kevin Bagley's in which he received notice of approval for brush clearance completed but later received notice of insurance cancellation for that very reason. Sharon Smith explained the Wildfire risk score process which must be provided to the insured at any time, and the state will assist if the carrier is being difficult. Sharon Smith introduced the California sustainable insurance initiative including

wildfire reform and response to address the evacuation of carriers due to the stress of wildfires on these regions. Reinsurance is a problem for the carriers as it has become more expensive and more difficult to obtain. Proposition 203 says that carriers are able to deny coverage if they can prove that they can not cover 100% of the areas insured and reviewed by the top twelve carriers plus the cases of “pausing” or cancelling policies. Sharon Smith also noted here are hundreds of insurance carriers. Mark Manning offered his assistance and Sharon Smith’s as an outreach analyst for the Department of Insurance. Sharon Smith reported on the loss impact related to the state of California in comparison to the rest of the country. California is considered a high risk state. The question is can residents obtain insurance? California Sustainable Insurance Strategy objectives include insurance availability for at risk areas, returning FAIR plan policy holders to Market, Cat Models and Mitigation, and California only reinsurance costs, and the Modern FAIR plan. Ron Sellemi asked the reason for the 85% requirement of distressed or at risk areas and why not 100%? Sharon Smith explained that the hope is that with the twelve large carriers participation will result in 100% coverage. Included in further review by Sharon Smith were the CDI Enforcement resources especially on the staffing needed to review the rate filing process Safer from Wildfires program which focuses on steps to protect property such as fireproof roofing, fencing and property hardening in general and the Federal FireWise program and efforts to protect entire communities. Members were provided a state 800 number (1-800-927-4357) available to assist homeowners who have been denied insurance as well as the following link to California’s “Sustainable Insurance Strategy,” <https://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/180-climate-change/SustainableInsuranceStrategy.cfm#:~:text=The%20primary%20goal%20of%20California's%20Sustainable%20Insurance%20Strategy%20is%20to%20rules%20compared%20to%20other%20jurisdictions>. Chairman Metcalf thanked Sharon Smith for her time and valuable information and contact information.

Chair’s Remarks:

Planning Department Recognition of DMMCPB as CPG for Del Mar Mesa
-Status, Diversification, City issues

Public Safety Agencies

Monthly SDPD Issues Report - Officer John Briggs, Community Relations Officer

John Briggs discussed that there have been a number of thefts that followed the similar pattern of quick access through the back of homes, and he also reported on a number of arrests that represent progress but that everyone should still be on alert. Rain has kept the department distracted but nothing catastrophic to report.

DMM Security Subcommittee Report Sellemi/Rabbitt/Guy/Vinson

Ron Sellemi reported on a potential avenue for funding of the vehicles for the RSVP crew and is working on it, but also will make sure that he does not duplicate the efforts or submissions by the Northwestern Division. Chairman Metcalf also raised the understanding that there are vehicles approaching retirement that can be converted for the RSVP use. John Briggs commented that this is consistent with his understanding as well as converting a few of their hybrid vehicles and that they are working on processing these vehicles.

Public Forum - Non-Agenda Items (Three minutes per speaker, twelve minutes per topic)

None

Public Officials (Information and Announcements)

Congressman Scott Peters Office:Priscilla Huang

Absent

Mayor Todd Gloria's office - Emily Piatanesi

Emily Piatanesi reported that the focus has been on storm watch and resources needed in the areas of devastation. She also reported on the retirement of the Chief of Police and that the Mayor will select a replacement that will be presented to the city council which will include feedback from a number of community input options as well as three different panels which are assisting in the process. Recently the Mayor has announced support for statewide amendment to Proposition 47 which reclassified many felonies to misdemeanors and the mayor's office believes that this does not work and needs to be amended. An executive order has been signed for the enhanced focus on fentanyl trade and crisis..

Council District 1 - Council member Joe LaCava-Juaquin Quintero

-CD-1 Budget priorities for DMMCPB; DMM Surveillance cameras; DMM rd ROW Maintenance through DMME (Howard's Water Bill)

Joaquin Quintero gave an update including a review of a series of town hall meetings, and hearings about community priorities. The City budget has been revised and compiled. Chairman Metcalf asked about the status of the surveillance cameras. Joaquin Quintero reported that there will be five hundred installed this yer, Chairman Metcalf suggested that we only need two of them. Emily Piatanesi noted that there is a link she will share to show where the five hundred

will be located. Chairman Metcalf raised the matter of the City obligation for the ROW maintenance which is being ignored. Chairman Metcalf asked Joaquin Quintero to look into the matter as well as the lack of timelines of billings by the PUD. Emily Piatanesi explained that the age of the water meters or a reading that is outside of norm the resident's bill will be withheld, and that there is an effort underway to improve the system and process. She asked that any unusual bills be brought to her attention. Conversion to Smart water meters is underway.

Community Planning: Lesley Henegar

-City Planning Department CPG Recognition status

County Supervisor District 3 - Terra Lawson-Remer - Cipriano Vargas

CA State District 39 Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins - Gonzalo Rocha-Vasquez

-California insurance Regulations and the consequences related to cost and availability

-SB411 and CPG Virtual Meetings

Absent

CA Assembly District 76: - Brian Maienschein-Mark Manning

-California insurance Regulations and the consequences related to cost and availability

Chairman Metcalf asked about Brian Mainshein's run for City Attorney. Mark Manning clarified the change from the district 77 to 76, and reported further on his final year in office and introduction of eleven bills such as EB1999 to repeal income graduated fixed charge, commented on hosting of a pet adoption event at the Escondido campus on Saturday morning March 23.

Chairman Metcalf asked about Ebike regulations, which Mark Manning reported on the effort of a bill which may become a two year bill including elements such as training and certification.

Absent

City Park & Recreation Department - Debbie Marcotte

Absent

Information/Presentation/Discussion Items

-Community Plan Changes - Ad Hoc Committee - Rabbitt/Guy/Metcalf

600-24 has been revised and the DMMPB bylaws need to be updated, new operating procedures will need to be developed and accepted by the city. Chairman Metcalf commented on one uniqueness of DMM which is that its only significant commercial business is the Resort with Diane Korsh's horse boarding and training operation as a distant second. He commented on the need to have a representative at the CPC and the PQCAC which has been revised and expanded and DMM needs better representation. Chairman Metcalf commented on the need for improved representation of DMM at these meetings as well as coordination with a number of other

operational changes underway in the city. Chairman Metcalf needs board members to take on these roles. Elizabeth Rabbitt asked if DMM could participate with the CPC via Zoom, Emily Piatanesi will get back to Elizabeth Rabbitt. Chairman Metcalf encouraged members to become more invested in ways that support DMM and to not let us lose our way due to failure to speak up.

-Planning Department recognition of DMMCPB and Bylaws update(Board structural impacts vis-a-vis terms of service limitations

-Boards future plans for membership

-Board Liaison Reps to CPC, CAC, CAB FoDMM

-Coordination with CD-1, City Council Committees, Mayors office

-March Elections

Elizabeth Rabbitt reviewed the members up for reelection and the process for March which included Barry Cohen, Diane Korsh, Paul Metcalf, Derek Reeves, Jeff Tibaldi, Kevin Bagley and Michael Vinson.

Chairman Metcalf also commented on the nature of DMM and the existing specific plan which includes the charge of taking care of the DMM preserve.

There was also a discussion regarding the number of vacant seats, of which there are three.

Alta Del Mar Fires Station Status - Jeff Tibaldi

Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

DMM Subarea V OS/Trails Preservation and Improvements - Guy/Vinson/Metcalf

-Washington Plan?

Chairman Metcalf commented on the efforts underway by the Grand Del Mar and the FoDMM with the leadership of Shital Parikh.

Beautification Committee - ???

-Del Mar Mesa Road Entry from Carmel Country- The City's refusal to maintain the ROW - Bob Howard's water bill charges from PUD

Action Items:

March Elections

- Identify Open Seat Opportunities and Posting sites
- Authorize Board Secretary to Post Community Ballots

Michael Vinson made the motion to authorize Elizabeth Rabbitt to prepare the live and online balloting materials and process, the motion was seconded by Ron Sellemi and the motion was carried unanimously. Secretary Rabbitt asked her fellow board members to appeal to the neighbors of the best neighborhood in the universe to rise up and join the efforts to protect Del Mar Mesa and the surrounding open space preserves. Ron Sellemi shared his frustration that it is most common for neighbors to have high expectations without making commitments to be involved.

Michael Vinson suggested that an appeal be sent to the HOA Chairman, Chairman Metcalf asked if Ish Khan would be willing to update the HOA leadership and contact roster, and he agreed.

Board Liaison Reports

Los Penasquitos CAC - Guy

Nothing to report

Friends of Del Mar Mesa-Metcalf

CPC-Tim Guy and (Ron Sellemi Alternate)

Northwestern Police CAB - Elizabeth Rabbitt/Christian Tresize/Ron Sellemi

No meetings.

Carmel Valley Park and Recreation Council-Wendy Poyhonen

Ongoing Discussion - Active Items

Developer Signage on existing Signs

DMM Historical Documentation and Photos
Hollywood and Vine Street sign Jerry McCaw

Adjournment: Michael Vinson made the motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm and was seconded by Kevin Bagley and carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: March 14, 2024