

Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board
February 10, 2022 6:00 PM
By ZOOM

Attendees:

Barry Cohen
Tim Guy
Ish Khan
Diane Korsh
Paul Metcalf
Shital Parikh
Wendy Poyhonen
Elizabeth Rabbitt
Jeff Tibaldi
Christian Tresize
Michael Vinson

Absent:

Derek Reeves

Call to Order:

Chairman Metcalf called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call:

See above.

Adoption of Agenda:

Chairman Metcalf called for review and approval of the Agenda. There were no changes or additions.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Metcalf called for review and approval of the January 2022 draft minutes. Tim Guy made the motion to approve as presented, Christian Tresize seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Public Safety Agencies - John Briggs, Community Relations Officer

Officer Briggs reported that a search warrant resulted in recovery in a stockpile of stolen goods that have been returned to the rightful owners. Since that occurred there has been no new activity. Officer Briggs also commented that communities are coming together to keep watch and be more aware. He has also been receiving a great number of emails and camera info which has been very helpful. All of this vigilance is paying off. He did not have any new data on impact of the presence of dogs. He reported that the break in access is primarily from the rear of the house, often using the homeowners ladder, he suggested Googling the Chilean Theft Group for information. County wide this has been an issue, including the fact that the criminals have been improving their strategy with technology such as attaching tracking devices to high end cars. Home owners are being encouraged to add motion detector lights as well as security cameras in backyards. Christian Tresize asked if these groups are using wifi jammers to interrupt security cameras. Officer Briggs said that so far he is unaware of that being the case. Christian Tresize also asked more about physical identifiers, again Officer Briggs referred board members to Google Chilean Theft Ring. Jeff Tibaldi asked about the use of drones in response to the activation of an alarm. Office Briggs reported that there are departments in which drones are in use, but not in use by the Northwestern Division. Drones fall into military equipment and must be military approved prior to use. Chairman Metcalf raised the idea of adding the role of Community Security/Safety to one of the board members' positions. Tim Guy also raised the matter of response times, which Officer Briggs addressed having only four officers on at a time and depending on their distance from the point of the call. Tim Guy also raised the matter of a recent call regarding a disturbed man in the canyon and it took three hours to respond.

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

William Pernol with the County of San Diego health and human services. He remarked that their intention is not to shut down cannabis sales operations but to bring concerns to the attention of San Diego CPGs.. The city of San Diego has current distance restrictions applied to cannabis sales operations. Council Member Whitburn has proposed shrinking the distance from 1,000 feet to 600 feet. The resolution was rushed with no feedback from any of the CPGs regarding the change. 'Getting it Right' is a group that has been involved in community protection and safety related to controls for the sale of cannabis. He reviewed a table of Cannabis locations across the county, also noting that access is not a problem or a reason for decreased distance restrictions since home delivery is readily available. There are serious concerns for the rush of the proposed amendments. On February 22 a presentation will be made at the CPC meeting. Chairman Metcalf thanked William Pernol for his presentation.

Chair's Remarks:

-Community Security Challenges/Community Security Representative

Chairman Metcalf raised the collective concern of the rate of crime and considering a representative from the DMMPB to take the lead in making sure DMM communications and concerns are coordinated. Tim Guy asked for clarification on the role of such a representative. Jeff Tibaldi commented on the small neighborhood watch they set up for their section of Alta Del Mar. Jeff Tibaldi raised the idea of a central place for communication such as a “security group” on NextDoor, also sending a broadcast for all of the HOA’s. There was additional discussion about how to disseminate and share information etc.

CPG Proposed Changes to SB 600-24 and Recommendations

Shital Parikh reviewed the matter of several changes proposed to SB 600-24 by Council Member La Cava, impacting CPGs which could be implemented on January 1, 2023, including loss of indemnification to CPG board members provided by the city, which is being rejected by all of the CPGs. According to Council member La Cava, the CPGs are not entirely legitimately set up to comply with city charter. The non compliance has not been substantiated by the present or past City Attorneys. La Cava’s over 30 proposed changes include requiring CPGs to manage their own websites, not requiring any city officials representing elected offices to attend CPG meetings, etc. Chairman Metcalf noted that the matter of loss of indemnification will prove to be the death of the CPGs. Also the city would stop presenting matters of developments and no elected office representatives will be required to attend CPG meetings, eliminating feedback or input from the communities to the city. Chairman Metcalf will prepare a letter to present to the CPC meeting on February 22. Jeff Tibaldi made the motion to approve Paul Metcalf to construct a letter on behalf of the DMMPG in objection to these changes, Shital Parikh and Michael Vinson seconded it, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Public Officials (Information and Announcements)

Council District 1 - Council member Joe LaCava-Ricky Flahive

Ricky Flahive gave a few highlights including an infrastructure town hall on We feb 16 at 6pm on the prioritizing of capital projects. Joe LaCava is working closely with Officer Briggs and many HOA’s on the development of neighborhood watch programs. Del Mar Mesa does not have any updates on the fire station or the FBA updates. Board openings are still available,

Mayor's office - Matthew Griffith

Absent

County Supervisor District 3 - Terra Lawson-Remer

Absent

Community Planning: Lesley Heneger

Absent

CA State District 39 Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins - Cole Reed:

Absent

CA Assembly District 77: Brian Maienschein - Rik Hauptfield

Rik Hauptfield mentioned Highlights about the SVP regulation which has been proposed regarding the rehousing of sexually violent predators, and conditional release into communities with distance metrics related to schools and child care centers.

Congressman Scott Peters Office:

Absent

City Park & Recreation Department - Debbie Marcott

Absent

Information/Discussion Items

Community Security - Jeff Tibaldi, Liz Rabbitt

Alta Del Mar Fire Station Issue Status - Jeff Tibaldi

Community Planning Group Reform - Subcommittee Recommendations - Shital Parikh

Specific Plan Update - Paul Metcalf

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Action Items

Election Notice for March - Secretary Rabbitt

Secretary Rabbitt reported that the election process last year using Survey Monkey will take place again this year with postings on Nextdoor and email blasts and reminded everyone to please vote. She also noted that eleven small posters have been placed around the community on dog poop stations and mailboxes and reminded everyone to try to help recruit new DMMPB members. Up for reelection this year are Barry Cohen, Diane Korsh, Paul Metcalf, Shital Parikh, Derek Reeves, Jeff Tibaldi, Christian Tresize and Michael Vinson(annual).

Presentation/Discussion

Sonja Robinson from Protect our Communities gave a presentation on the concern for clean energy, specifically the threat to rooftop solar power with a “rooftop solar tariff”. Lori Saldana

also gave an overview of the dramatic increase in cost of power for San Diego and the need for continued support of rooftop solar both as an economic and environmental solution. In November a resolution was passed during California public utilities commission session to adopt a lawful net metering solar formula continue. She asked us to call our representatives to encourage the support of this bill. Lori Saldana commented the drivers of cost which include the addition of new transmission towers. SDG and E net profit is over \$1million per day. Sonja Robinson provided an overview of the rate of growth of energy rates. Lori Saldana also commented on the difference between the costs of utility bills in San Diego which are the highest in the country as compared to Sacramento for example. The difference is due to the for profit nature of SDG and E vs a public utility. Capital costs have been increased dramatically but would have been even greater without the increased growth in roof top solar. Sonja reported that California is leading the country in the ratio of rooftop solar homes. SDG and E is proposing the increase of 600% of the current monthly minimum bill rate which will greatly hamper the incentive for homeowners to add rooftop solar power. The monopoly of the electric service delivery is working against San Diego. Sonja also presented a chart presented in 2015 with the plan to reach 100% sustainable power by 2035 which will be negatively impacted by this increase. Lori also commented on the increased number of schools that are adding rooftop solar to the great economic impact to school budgets. Sonja reported on Joe LaCava's support of this initiative and supporting a \$1M budget for a feasibility study for community power. This initiative is in need of community advocacy, including Toni Atkins office. There will e a clean energy forum on February 22.

Adjournment:

Ish Khan made the Motion to adjourn at 7:31 the motion was seconded by Shital Parikh and carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: March 10, 2022