

Del Mar Mesa Community Planning Board

November 12, 2020 6:00 PM

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Attendees:

**Diane Korsh
Elizabeth Rabbitt
Derek Reeves
Ray Ellis
Paula Graubart
Shital Parikh
Christian Tresize
Barry Cohen
Kenneth Rudy
Paul Metcalf
Wendy Poyhonen
Ish Khan**

Absent:

Michael Vinson

Call to Order:

Chairman Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call:

Michael Vinson was called absent.

Adoption of Agenda:

Chairman Ellis called for review and received approval of the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Ellis called for review and approval of the draft October 2020 minutes. Kenneth Rudy made the motion to approve as presented with Shital Parikh seconding the motion and it was carried.

Public Safety Agencies - John Briggs, Community Relations Officer

Absent.

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

None

Chair's Remarks:

Nothing to report other than the decision and the approval by City Council on The Complete Communities Plan with the exception of the matter of park or open space calculations.

Public Officials (Information and Announcements)

Council District 1 - Council-member Barbara Bry-Ricky Flahive

Ricky Flahive reported on the Complete Communities Plan with the segment on the parks rejected/deferred but the housing portion was approved including a focus on affordable housing along transit lines. It has been a quiet month. Ricky Flahive reported that he contacted Chief Gaubary's office on the status of the proposed fire station process including requirements for the fire truck space requirements in order to close the loop with Gary Levitt, he also is in the process of working with city staff on reply or feedback on the letter from the board related to priorities and requests of the DMMPB. He also asked about the progress with the Park and Recreation department on the matter of the trail areas for which the city is responsible. Kenneth Rudy reported that he walks the trails daily and reported that he is very pleased with the progress with the exception of a section entering the trail head at the Duck Pond trail. Shital Parikh also reported on an area which is in need of additional DG and compaction. Paula Graubart reported on the matter of the section of the trail and peeler poles which were replaced by the Alta Del Mar HOA and reported that the city split some of the posts during their work. Paula Graubart also noted that there needs to be improved compaction of the trail along the area that was restored. Diane Korsh commented on the efforts of Preston Drake and the funds that have been earmarked for the section on the west end of Del Mar Mesa Rd. Ricky Flahive also reminded the group that Councilmember Bry is at the end of her term and if there are any ways in which he or she can be of assistance. At 6:28 Barbara Bry joined the meeting, her last day as Councilmember will December 10 and will be working with Joe Lacava who she expressed her belief that he will be an excellent council member for District 1. She also noted that Joe Lacava will be hiring many of her current support staff which will be excellent for the DMMPB. Chairman Ellis thanked Barbara Bry for her service.

CA Assembly District 77: Brian Maienschein - Rik Hauptfield

Rik Hauptfield noted that Jan 5, 2021 is the start of the legislative session, and that there will be

a limited number of bills allowed due to the impact of Covid, and reminded the group that he is here to be in support and service.

Action Items

Cancel December 10, 2020 meeting

Chairman Ellis noted that historically the December meetings have been canceled, Paul Metcalf made the motion to cancel the December 2020 meeting, Shital Parikh seconded, and the motion was carried.

Nominate and Vote on Board Vice Chair

Chairman Ellis reported that while Diane Korsh is stepping down as Vice Chair she is willing to remain on as board member. After a brief review of candidates suggested and subsequently respectfully refusing to accept the honor, Shital Parikh offered to step up to the plate. Elizabeth Rabbitt made the motion to nominate Shital Parikh as Vice Chairperson with a second by Paul Metcalf and the motion was carried.

Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

Joint DMM/CV Trails Sub-Committee - Ray Ellis

FBA Update -Community Plan Update - Ad Hoc Committee

Chairman Ellis noted that he is still waiting per Ricky Flahive's comments on response or feedback form the City regarding the recent letter from the DMMPB. Paul Metcalf noted that we must insist on a response from the city including request for financial support from the city for the development of the MAD. He noted that the city is in chaos due to a recent outbreak of Covid. Paul Metcalf noted the need for communication of the commitments by the city both in terms of decisions such as the Little McGonigle access, as well as funding commitments related to the requests in the letter. Kenneth Rudy also raised the question of the matter of the north side of the gulch along del Mar Mesa Rd just west of Robert Loftin's property, as well as compulsion of the property owners who are neglecting about fifty feet of their property east of the corner of Anderson Ridge and Del Mar Mesa Rd.

Del Mar Mesa Preserve/Notch Oversight - Shital Parikh

Shital Parikh reported that POP lost the case but an appeal is being filed, and there will be a fund raiser including letters to go out to supporters of the Friends of Del Mar Mesa.

Beautification Committee - Christian Tresize

Christian Tresize reported on the parking situation which is out of control at the Elizabeth Rabbitt Park, including approximately thirty cars illegally parked along the road. This is a bike lane where “no parking” signs are posted. Chairman Ellis suggested that Officer Briggs be the point of contact for the situations in which so many cars are parked along the street.

Friends of Del Mar Mesa

Shital Parikh proposed that the FODMM offer as a gift free membership to the board members of the DMMGC.

Vernal Pool Restoration

Paula Graubart asked about the vernal pool project near The Preserve. Paul Metcalf reported that the site had been selected by the Fish and Wildlife which has designated this spot, which is owned by the city, in order to create about twenty mitigating vernal pools and will inoculate the pools and will relocate fairy shrimp from nearby local pools into the new and improved pools, and is part of the mitigation for the Merge 56 project. Paula Graubart reported on the need to inoculate the vernal pools around Alta Del Mar. **Paul Metcalf is going to speak with his biologist and include Paula Graubart and Jennifer Campos on the matter.**

Action Items

Liaison Reports

Carmel Valley Recreation Council-Derek Reeves

Derek Reeves reported that there was nothing new to report.

Los Penasquitos CAC - Shital Parikh/Paula Graubart

No meetings

Friends of Del Mar Mesa-Diane Korsh/Shital Parikh

SDPD Citizens Advisory Committee - Elizabeth Rabbitt/Paula Graubart

No meetings

Ongoing Discussion - Active Items

Proposed Fire Station

Chairman Ellis reported that Gary Levitt has received the information including turning ratio requirements from Ricky Flahive from Barbara Bry's office, and is waiting for an update from

Gary Levitt.

Little McGonigle Ranch Road Update (Fence, Landscape and trail) - On hold until ownership is determined by Alta Del Mar HOA

Developer Signage on existing Signs - Kenneth Rudy

Chairman Ellis introduced the letter which is proposed to be sent to the HOA's of DMM with an attachment of existing locations and images with an inquiry of interest of purchasing customized signs to fill or replace the current kiosks. It was agreed to change the response date to February 1, 2021, and also asked that the list of HOA contacts be forwarded to him. **Ish Khan will forward the latest roster of HOAs and contact information.**

Development of the community Park MAD

Chairman Ellis noted that a few meetings ago the matter of solving the problem of the neglected park had been discussed with the possible formation of a MAD for park maintenance only. Paul Metcalf reviewed the required process including but not limited to meetings, surveys, clear definitions of the MAD, and after all of the processes the matter would be voted on by the property owners of the DMM community. Paul Metcalf would like to set up a electronic file to be shared with all DMMPB members for review. The proposed MAD would require a 51% vote of the community owners after which a tax supplement will be added to property tax bills. When a community wide plan was approached years ago there was inadequate support, but that was because the scope of the MAD was all inclusive and on a collision course with existing HOAs. Given the limited scope of the park it is anticipated to be easier to achieve support. An engineer report will be needed which will reflect the cost and the benefit of the project to be shared with the DMM community. Christian Tresize clarified the limited scope of the MAD for the Elizabeth Rabbitt Park. Paul Metcalf clarified that the next steps include the development of a committee to outline the parameters of the MAD, suggesting that the committee include Elizabeth Rabbitt, Christian Tresize, Shital Parikh, Wendy Poyhonen, and Chairman Ellis suggested community members Dan O'Rourke, and Jeff Tibaldi. Elizabeth Rabbitt will follow up with emails to the committee members and will work with SP on setting up a zoom meeting. Barry Cohen commented on the fundraising efforts suggested by Wendy Poyhonen. There was more discussion about the broad scope of park beneficiaries including bikers for example that use the park also noting that they part of the illegal parking problem. Barry Cohen raised the question of how do we get financial support from those that are non neighbors using the park. Christian Tresize agreed that much of the parking is taken up by the mountain bikers that are using the street to access the trail head. Paul Metcalf focused the attention that needs to be paid to the clarity of the definition of the scope of the MAD and the park. Andy Field is the director of Park and Rec. There was further discussion on the matter of the cars illegally parked in front of the park which are clearly not there to use the park, nor are they from the Del Mar Mesa community. City Planning failed to plan for access to open space of the expanded San Diego community. Ish Khan volunteered to be part of the group to review the matter of the MAD for the Del Mar Mesa Community Park.

Shital Parikh reported on her research the open space near the corner of Del Mar Mesa Rd and Carmel Country Rd of which the weeds and brush are out of control which also includes Del Mar Mesa Estates. Paul Metcalf clarified that the yellow outlined space is protected open space and also noted that the map does include a record of parties responsible for maintenance. Paul Metcalf will forward a map including responsibility for maintenance. Shital Parikh's original impression was that this was the responsibility of the City, but Diane Korsh raised the traffic safety hazard presented by the vegetation overgrowth blocking of the vision of drivers. Paul Metcalf will also forward a copy of the map to Christian Tresize.

Adjournment:

Kenneth Rudy made the motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Shital Parikh and the motion was carried.

Next Meeting:

January 14, 2021 6:00 PM