



**DIAMOND SPRINGS AND EL DORADO  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2010  
6:00 P.M.**

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**DIAMOND SPRINGS FIRE STATION 49  
501 MAIN STREET  
DIAMOND SPRINGS, CA 95619**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chair Person, Laurel Stroud at 6 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present – Laurel Stroud, Mike Speegle, Larry Patterson, Bob Smart,  
Kathy McCoy

Members Absent – Todd Cunningham

**FLAG SALUTE**

Flag Salute led by Kathy McCoy

**OPEN FORUM**

Steve Ross –Concerned that all new development looks to be all high density, not a blend. Wants to know if there is a way to alert community members of these meetings.

Tony Beers – Lived in Long Island and watched estates & farms broken up and developed. Feels that bringing tax money in doesn't create nice place to live.

**TIME SENSITIVE MATTER(S) 1810 hours**

**ITEM#**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEM #**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

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1. Community Identity –

- Bob Smart wrote a letter to Jack Sweeny asking for Diamond Springs – El Dorado area to have a community voice & plan. CAC for Diamond Springs – El Dorado was added to board of soups agenda, and a CAC formed. Projects came at committee right away with out a community plan.
- Concern of traffic, more development adds traffic. Need to get traffic off of Hwy 49 and not driving through the historic towns of Diamond Springs & El Dorado. Traffic vibrations are shaking old buildings loose.
- Re-shaping of community plan is not the Committee’s purpose. We have a general plan, county has guidelines, we need to work off those to develop community identity. Projects are going to continue to go through, it’s important to put together our community identity to make a positive affect.
- Need to set boundaries for historic overlay and either adopt the County’s building guidelines or re-invent wheel.
- The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission have to buy into the building guidelines. There are guidelines set but new development is not following its up to the board and planning commission to follow. Once this Committee has guidelines it will be a good group to get the Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission to follow the guidelines.
- Community needs regional parks, new development pays into a fund but the community needs to agree to tax themselves to make it happen, it can’t all be funded by new development. Need to identify park areas just like historic areas.
- First two things to take on: historic and park areas. Identify areas, create guidelines, then it’s up to the County to follow through.
- Thought that voting on projects shouldn’t be a yeh or neh. The Committee should give input (pros and cons of project), so the Planning Commission can hear the community members’ thoughts on projects and make changes to them to fit our community
- Need a better way to get community together to see what they want in this community. People are not going to attend these meetings.
- Concern that the projects that will go through before guidelines are set are going to set the standard for our community before we have a chance to set the standard.
- Concern of where and how much open space will be left. Each project is to provide 30% of open space. That 30% is unusable open space, how can we make usable open space.
- Concern of Diamond Springs Parkway being pushed through. How can we slow it down to give them the communities input on what we want it to look like and what kind of development?

**DIRECTOR ITEM(S)**

**ITEM #**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.