



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

**MINUTES
May 19, 2011
6 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Bob Smart

ROLL CALL

Members Present – Chris Gaither, Kathy McCoy, Larry Patterson, Dale Pierce
Bob Smart

Members Absent – Todd Cunningham, Laurel Stroud

FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Patterson

ADOPT AGENDA

Under New Business, Presentation of Historic Overlay Map moved to #2, Parks & Recreation Update moved to #3. Motion made by Larry Patterson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Chris Gaither. All in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes from the April Diamond Springs – El Dorado Community Advisory Meeting was made by Larry Patterson. Motion seconded by Chris Gaither. All in favor, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

A member of the public asked the committee members about the purpose of the CAC. Bob Smart gave a summary of how and why the committee was formed. The CAC focuses on the importance of Historic Overlays and Establishing Community Identity.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Identity - Bill Thorpe gave a summary of the Community Visioning Event held in December. It was an all day event and there were about 350 participants.

Big Issues: Quality of Life & Development. Big Box Retail development was largely opposed. There is a lot of confusion about the community identity.

Key Concepts: Community Landscapes – Failed along the Highway 50 corridor. Failure to accept sacred sites. Community concerned about future tract housing (4000 or so single family homes) planned when existing homes are still foreclosing. Also concerned about the addition of approximately 54,000 sf of Big Box Retail and how it will affect existing businesses.

Larry Patterson attended the event and came up with a different conclusion than what Bill summarized. Chris asked where the 300 + participants were from. Bill was not sure.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dale Pierce the new CAC Board Member was introduced.
2. Presentation of Historic Overlay Maps – Shawna Purvines, Senior Planner El Dorado County Development Services.
Shawna explained that the General Plan was used as a starting point. Two Historic Townsites are identified on the maps. The Townsite of El Dorado and the Townsite of Diamond Springs. The El Dorado Townsite has lots of single family residential, some commercial and some industrial. The Diamond Springs Townsite is composed of commercial, multi family residential and some industrial. The Historic overlay is identified by the purple boxes over each town site. Shawna explained that there is already a county policy that requires all projects along Historic Highway 49 to have a Design Review. There is still a question of how the industrial lands will be handled in this process. The Historic Guidelines were adopted in 1989 and will be revised in the near future.

A Motion was made by Larry Patterson to recommend that the Board of Supervisors implement the Historic Design Overlay map dated 5/18/11 and recognize that the townsite of El Dorado is indicated in blue and the townsite of Diamond Springs is indicated in Green with the Historic Overlay Boundary indicated by purple boxes. Motion seconded by Kathy McCoy. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Parks & Recreation Update – Bob Smart
A fee increase was announced at the May 3rd Parks & Recreation Meeting. The El Dorado County CAO attended the meeting and has assigned a point person from her office to support the Parks & Recreation Commission.

A question about the Quimby Act dollars came from the public. Some of that money was supposed to be available for the Park & Recreation Commission. This will be looked into.

DIRECTORS REPORT

1. Bob Smart introduced Dan Bolster with the El Dorado County Transportation Commission and asked him to give an update on the grant he is submitting. Dan said the grant request includes money for a traffic study and that the Historic Guidelines will be reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.