



DIAMOND SPRINGS AND EL DORADO
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA
August 16, 2012

PLACE: Diamond Springs Fire Station
501 Main Street
Diamond Springs, CA 95916

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

POSTED:

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For purposes of the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54954.2 (a)), the numbered items on this agenda give a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed. The recommendations of the staff, as shown, do not prevent the Committee from taking other action. Documents referenced or supporting the following agenda items are available for public inspection upon publication of the agenda.

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPT AGENDA

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING -7/19/21/12 Draft minutes to be handed out at meeting (Attachment 1)

OPEN FORUM

Public testimony will be received on each agenda item as it is called. Matters on the agenda may be addressed by the general public during the Open Forum. Public comments during Open Forum are limited to three minutes per person. The Committee reserves the right to waive said rules by majority vote.

CORRESPONDENCE-7/19/12 Progress Letter to Roger Trout (Attachment 2)

Topics

1. On July 19, we adopted the "Peek into the future" Vision statement (attachment 3) as our interim Vision. Kathleen Newell has been working to put pictures to the words and will present her draft.
2. One of the topics that we want to eventually add to our vision statement is economic development where we discuss jobs and the types of activities we envision in the future. This will be an open discussion among all attendees that will eventually look for areas of agreement.

DIRECTOR ITEM(S)

ADJOURNMENT

Attachments 1-3

Attachment 1-Draft Minutes-to be handed out at meeting

Attachment 2

Letter to County Planning – Accomplishments, Results

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June 21, 2012

Roger Trout, Director
Development Services Department
County of El Dorado
2850 Fairlane Court, Building “C,”
Placerville, CA 95667

Subject: Utilization of Committee Work Products

Dear Roger:

The Diamond Springs-El Dorado Advisory Committee (DSCAC) has been meeting for over a 2 ½ year period. Our group has accomplished the following during its tenure.

1. **HISTORIC OVERLAY**

We have provided mapping of a proposed area to be measured against design guidelines that promote our historic architecture. We have proposed design guidelines to be utilized as the initial criteria for design review.

2. **ZONING REVISIONS**

We have commented on zoning ordinance and provided proposed revisions to those zoning criteria

3. **MISSOURI FLAT CORRIDOR DESIGN GUIDELINES**

We have reviewed the design guidelines and proposed modification of those allowed design guidelines.

4. **INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS**

We have forwarded comments on all proposed projects within our community that were provided to us.

5. **COMMUNITY IDENTITY VISION STATEMENT**

We are currently formulating a Vision Statement. Several community meetings have occurred to solicit comment and formulate our visions. It is currently a work in progress.

We would like to know the status of 1) Historic Overlay, 2) Zoning Revision and 3) Adopted Missouri Flat Design Guidelines Modification.

Our community would like to understand how our comments and efforts are being utilized.

Robert A. Smart, Jr., Chairperson

CC: Jack Sweeney

Attachment 3

A Peek into the Future Diamond Springs and El Dorado Community Vision

The distinct, small foothill communities of Diamond Springs and El Dorado are steeped in Gold Rush history and are integral links in the Golden Chain Highway, State Route 49. As you roll into town, the thing that catches your eye is that the area has retained a visible link to the Gold Rush era by thoughtfully maintaining the historic character of the core downtown area of each community. Located just minutes from a major commercial district, the transition from modern commercial architecture to the historic downtown area invites you to step back in time and experience a slower pace of life. Buildings from the 1800's have been maintained according to strict historic guidelines intended to celebrate the history of the area while new buildings in the historic core are constructed with an eye towards historic detail, right down to the painted on soot stains above faux gas lamp fixtures. A sense of history ripples through each town, inviting visitors to stay a while and enjoy the history that comes to life in these two charming and vibrant foothill communities.

In addition to its roots in the Gold Rush, the communities of Diamond Springs and El Dorado also honor the culture and traditions of the Miwok Tribe, people whose lives were anchored to the land through rituals and sacred sites long before the first nugget of gold was discovered. Spaces within each community are dedicated to preserving and documenting the Miwok Tribe's unique sense of place, the story of their connection to the land experienced as sacred ground that inspires people travel to the area to study the rich collection of information and learn about the "old ways" of Native American life in the foothills of California.

Visitors to the area have the opportunity to experience their own connection to the land by using one of the many bike and walking paths to access scenic vistas such as fields of lupine and poppies in the spring, a herd of deer grazing on the tawny grasses of summer, or to see leaves of yellow and gold blanketing a secluded path in fall. Multiple gathering spaces along the trails, especially in the railroad park or along the El Dorado Trail, invite a picnic or just a brief rest stop in the shade of an oak tree. Residents also enjoy the quiet living and unique neighborhoods that dot the area surrounding the two small towns. Many walk or bike to their most common destinations and a strong sense of community is evident in the friendly greetings as neighbors meet on street corners and in the cooperative problem solving that occurs in town hall meetings.

Both residents and visitors delight in the fine food that is found in the restaurants and outdoor cafes sprinkled along the main streets of Diamond Springs and El Dorado and in the unique shops that make the area a popular destination to find that special gift. Delicious meals prepared by local chefs feature locally grown food, fine pastries, and El Dorado County wines. To take a taste of the community home with you, shop the farmer's market in Diamond Springs on a Saturday morning and enjoy live music from local bands as you browse through rows of locally grown fresh fruit and veggies, cut flowers, pastries, and things not usually found at a supermarket like organic heirloom tomatoes. After you've spent a day meandering through the towns by car, foot, or pedal, then head out of town to enjoy the South County wine country or head east to Apple Hill, but come back again another day to rediscover Diamond Springs and El Dorado, two unique foothill communities flourishing in the present through their connection to the past.

ADOPTED BY DIAMOND SPRINGS-EL DORADO ADVISORY COMMITTEE 7/19/12