

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

**MINUTES
May 17, 2012 6 P.M.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Bob Smart

Members Present –Bob Smart, Dale Pierce, Deanne Johnson

Members Absent –Kathy McCoy, Larry Patterson, Chris Gaither

The Agenda was amended as follows: Item 5 was moved up to be considered 2nd; Moved and Adopted.

The Minutes of 3/15/12 were moved and adopted.

Item 1. Deanne Johnson was welcomed as the newest member of the DS/ED CAC.

Item 5. Diamond Dorado design issues: Developer Leonard Grado and his associates Michelle Smira and Andy Zinniger were present to answer questions.

Lime Kiln MRF access is still in the original EIR; but Board of Supervisors can accept the change as outlined on plans presented at last meeting. Developer was asked by the Planning Department to mitigate MRF traffic on Lime Kiln and the proposed changes are at DOT for analysis. Waste Connection has reviewed the plan to move MRF traffic to the Parkway entrance to Diamond Dorado to avoid stacking of cars waiting to enter the MRF. There is no increase in the total truck traffic. The Parkway is planned for two phases of construction, but must be four lanes before the Diamond Dorado project may begin. Additional entry/exit points are not shown on the map. The CAC and audience comments support keeping MRF traffic off of Lime Kiln.

- a. The Proposed design was presented and discussed. The variations in roofline and massing of structures were discussed and favorably reviewed. The Developer raised the issue that the smaller scale of historic main streets does not always translate to larger areas. The Developer was asked to incorporate the historic nature of existing and previous developments such as Caldor and The Diamond Limeplant to connect the current project to local character; such as the use of aged rock walls or industrial equipment.
- b. It was requested that the NE corner of the development at the intersection of Highway 49 and the Parkway be enhanced This area is one of the

gateways to Diamond Springs and this area should be a transition to the historic Diamond Springs downtown area. Also, landscaping and design elements should be used to try and screen the parking areas. It was suggested that xeriscape landscaping and lighting design to minimize light pollution should be part of design for this area

- c. It was suggested that this development be part of a Complete Streets concept and that some thought be given to creating pedestrian and bicycle pathways to both the downtown and to the El Dorado Trail. Gradient issues and Highway design impact development of these pathways.
- d. The audience commented that drainage of this area toward Weber Creek should receive consideration due to the multiple culverts, creeks and wetlands involved.

Item 2 Administrative support was discussed. It is unlikely that County resources will be available at this time. Dale Pierce will investigate additional resources of volunteer assistance. In addition he will continue to work on a facebook page for the CAC. There was a short discussion of the function of the Committee. Our purpose includes design review board, a better forum for public response to new projects and as a venue for public comments.

3. A Secretary was not elected at this time. Deanne Johnson volunteered to take minutes, with assistance from Dale Pierce.

4. Vision Statement: a short discussion of the EDCTC Visioning process. Bill Thorpe talked about the Legacy Vision process that provides tools to track the creation of wealth in the community. Oversimplified: It is a tool to see if the salaries, taxes and revenues from a project cover the costs and add value to the community **or** are costs externalized and subsidized by the community. Further discussions in the future.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6/14/12 at 6:00 PM at the Diamond Springs Fire Station.