



DIAMOND SPRINGS AND EL DORADO
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

March 21, 2013

PLACE: Diamond Springs Fire Station

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

501 Main Street

Diamond Springs, CA 95916 POSTED:

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ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPT AGENDA

APPROVE 2-21-13 MINUTES (See Attachment 1, draft 2-21-13 minutes)

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 – None

Topics

1. Lighting District and undergrounding utilities-**Erik Peterson, Matt Smeltzer**- 30 minutes
2. Do we want to revise our interim vision statement to include economic development- Attachment 2 is our 7-19-12 adopted interim vision statement; Attachment 3 is a proposed change in format and it includes economic development.- **Bob Smart and Dan Bolster**-45 minutes
3. Grant for Community Planning, parks, transportation facilities, etc. ~~EDAC~~ CEDAC work in progress-**Bob Smart**-15 minutes
4. What we heard at the 3/18/13 Parkway meeting-Conversation led by **Dale Pierson and Kathy McCoy—Matt Smeltzer**
5. **DIRECTOR ITEM(S)**
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: April 18, 2013, 6PM, Diamond Springs Fire Station

Attachment 1, 2-21-13 Draft minutes

DIAMOND SPRINGS AND EL DORADO
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes

February 21, 2013

PLACE: Diamond Springs Fire Station

501 Main Street

Diamond Springs, CA 95916

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Smart

Members: Present – Deanne Johnson, Kathy McCoy, Dale Pierce, Erik Peterson, Bob Smart

Absent – Larry Patterson

Agenda: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda; the motion carried.

Minutes: 1/17/13 Meeting - It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes; the motion carried

Open Forum: Sue Taylor proposes to help bring the design guidelines together. She will come to the next meeting with a proposal to assist the CAC.

Topics:

1. **V13-0001 - WARREN VARIANCE (Warren Laurence R Co Tr, Shield David):** A request to allow a ten-foot setback for solar panels where a 30-foot setback is required. The property, identified by Assessor's Parcel Number 092-221-04-1, consists of 5 acres, and is located approximately on the West side of Monitor Rd approximately 1 mile South of the intersection with Dolomite Drive, in the El Dorado area. Members of the CAC made site visits and met with the applicant.

Motion: The Committee recognizes Applicant has explored alternatives, that this location is his only option and he has no objections from neighbors.

It was moved and approved that the Diamond Springs El Dorado Community Advisory Committee recommend approval of the variance.

2. **Jim Davies and Roger Lewis** introduced proposed El Dorado Senior Resort project on 8 acres near Koki Lane and Pleasant Valley. They are proposing a phased build out for a **senior community** with assisted living facilities, memory loss facilities as well as independent living facilities.
3. **Lighting District-Eric Peterson-** Zone of Benefit 49 has \$470,500 in lighting district funds. Discussion will continue as to how best to use these funds. The county area is also eligible for roughly \$14 million dollars in Underground Utility District funds.
4. **Matt Smeltzer, EDC DOT** presented an update on the Diamond Dorado Parkway Project.
5. Grant for Community Planning, parks, transportation facilities, etc. EDAC work in progress-**Bob Smart**. It is hoped that funds could become available that would make it possible to apply for grants.
6. Expanding our vision statement to include economic development; a continuing discussion.
7. **DIRECTOR ITEM(S): None presented**

ADJOURNMENT 8:06 PM

Next Meeting: March 21, 6PM, Diamond Springs Fire Station

Attachment 2

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

Attachment 3

A proposal-Diamond Springs and El Dorado Community Values – Draft 3-21-13

We value:

- The rural character of the area
- Gold Rush / pioneer history and assets
- Golden Chain / Highway 49
- Native American history and sacred sites
- Distinct, small communities
- Oaks and wildlife habitat
- A strong sense of community, knowing your neighbors
- Diverse sources of employment and economic prosperity

- Keeping commercial development separate from the historic areas of Diamond Springs and El Dorado with a good transition from commercial to historic
- Places to walk, bike, and gather
- The El Dorado Trail and the historic railroad park
- Local agriculture and community gardens
- Ease of travel in and through the community on smaller, uncongested roads
- Safe and efficient bicycle and pedestrian paths
- A healthy environment