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DIAMOND SPRINGS AND EL DORADO
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

October 17, 2013

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

TIME: 6 P.M.

POSTED:

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.

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPT AGENDA

APPROVE 9-19-13 MINUTES (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- None

TOPICS

1. **Is there interest in our community to be included with Shingle Springs and El Dorado Hills in having our community region line changed?**

Item 5 of the BOS minutes of October 30, 2013:

..."Staff to return to the Board in January or February 2014 in line with the Targeted General Plan Amendment Zoning Ordinance Update

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with examples and/or options for moving

the Shingle Springs and El Dorado Hills Community Region Boundary lines. 2)
Change the Pollock Pines / Camino boundary lines to a rural center and take
whatever steps are necessary to affect such at the earliest possible time.”

If there is interest, where should the Diamond Springs-El Dorado Community Region lines be modified? Why? Who is prepared to do the work? Who will support the effort?

We may vote on a conceptual response to this item.—30 minutes

2. Communities identification—what needs to be done? (Refer to General Plan Goal 2.4 Existing Community ID) Bob Smart, Shawna Purvine, and Susan Frazier

We have previously developed a Vision Statement (A Peek into the Future) Attachment 2 and a statement of Values (Attachment 3). Under the general plan amendment process, we have recommended a historic overlay for our communities; and utilizing the 2012 Master Plan for Parks and Trails, we have identified and contested the chronic shortage of recreation facilities for our existing population which will be exasperated with any new development. The County has completed the design guidelines for Missouri Flat (http://www.edcgov.us/Government/Planning/Missouri_Flat_Design_Guidelines.aspx?terms=Missouri%20Flat%20Guideline) and we have identified our design preferences. We have recommended appropriate activities to match zoning. We have discussed the need for two transition zones from the Parkway to Pleasant Valley Road and have ongoing conversations about the need for lighting and landscaping on the Parkway. A portion of Diamond Springs has a lighting district and we are discussing how we might have more lighting and undergrounding. We are engaged in the El Dorado County Transportation Commission’s efforts to develop a Diamond Springs and El Dorado Area Mobility and Livable Community Plan.

Is this list complete?

2.4.1 of the LMP, states our communities shall have guidelines for at least the following:
Historic preservation
Streetscape elements and improvements
Signage
Maintenance of existing scenic road and riparian corridors
Compatible architectural design
Designs for landmark land uses
Outdoor art

Where are the holes and what should be done next?—1 hour

3. Progress on consolidating design manuals – Dale Pierce and Sue Taylor-15 minutes

4. **Projects** - none currently

5. **New sign ordinance-Update?**

6. **CEDAC Update—**

7. **DIRECTOR ITEM(S)**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: November 21, 2013, 6PM, Diamond Springs Fire Station

Attachment 1

Draft minutes 9-19-13

September 19, 2013

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Smart

Members Present: Kathy McCoy, Deanne Johnson, Larry Patterson, Greg Webb, Bob Smart

Members Absent: Eric Peterson, Dale Pierce

AGENDA: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with adjustments.

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of August 15, 2013

OPEN FORUM

1. Greg concerned about large fees for individuals to build homes in the county.
Brian Veerkamp: 25% fee reduction and deferral on TIM fee for 15 years is on agenda for BOS.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

Topics

1. EID- Elizabeth Wells, EDC Transportation-Dustin Harrington, PG&E-Keith Basque. China Garden sewer assessment district 1991-1996 Laid out sewer system for future EID headquarters. Needed lip station and 10,000ft of sewer pipes. Money concerns @1-2 million _____. Recent development inquiries: Piedmont Oaks asked for improvements. Diamond Dorado asked for improvements. No other

requests to expand or connect system from a developer. EID does not put away any money into a connection. Developers must do it. General public is not burdened with the cost. No efforts from EID to pipe a sewer in parkway. Will have to construct a private lift station. Look for surrounding parallels to connect for sewer. Veerkamp says it's going, we must put in sewer lines. Audience member Diane ?? encouraged EID to bring in sewer lines to support Parkway and Diamond Dorado, so road will not have to be torn up to add that in the future. EID states they have no money for new construction, only repairs. Asked to get a sleeve in so we have a place to add sewer later without breaking up road. Audience member Diane vehemently encouraged, says its only one block from current sewer system for hookup. Water line will be installed – already in plan.

Dustin Harrington of El Dorado Transportation Agency. says in Nov. they will hopefully formerly adopt district to underground utilities. AT&T and Comcast to form district through the board.

Criteria for funding:

1. Undergrounding will reduce above.
2. Street is used a lot by general public
3. Street passes civic, area, scenic
4. Arterial Street

These three agencies are coordinating weekly. Parkway will be undergrounded first, town of Diamond Springs later (separate districts). Phase 1: Realignment of HWY 49 2015. Phase 2: Parkway 2017.

Roger Trout

Bart Lower

Adam Baine County Transportation Agency

2. Brian Veerkamp: Plans to attend these county advisory committees periodically- perhaps alternating months.

Deferral program to stimulate single family home builders 25% reduction and deferral TIM fee. Rural to be painted and concrete retaining wall next to gas station.

Apple Hill traffic concerns

Task Force: HWY 50- program signal lights keyed to move traffic through.

Work on Carson: Restripe, keep people from backing out.

Gaitlin and Lower Carson will be blocked on HWY 50 off-ramps.

Web based apps- live updates to send info re: traffic concerns.

Weber Creek bridge- late fall will complete bike trail connect? Where to, where from?

Transportation commission to approve.

3. Homeless Haven- Task force to assess needs of county. We don't need to solve city problem in its entirety.

Transitional housing is needed, but there are homeless folks who don't want any help. They would prefer freedom. What to do about that? Donate refrigerator boxes in bulk with wax coated cardboard for inclement weather. BOS is taking time to look at aspects of taking multiple steps, not centralized in Diamond Springs.

Trying to bring business back to mill, logging. Medical marijuana outdoor growth ordinances. 3 current dispensaries grandfathered. No new to try to keep from criminal element.

Sign ordinance- looking for comments from public.

4. Sue Taylor- Historic guidelines she is compiling manual for future buildings for El Dorado and Diamond Springs needs a map for historic overlay from Jose Crummett to have in the manual. Needs to have a bit more assistance to complete- Kathleen, Dale, Eric, Jose.
5. Hangtown Haven-No need for letter from us currently. First letter suffices. Comments from audience, accepted from Veerkanp.

El Dorado Continuum of care does sheltered count. Beats the bushes, food bank- set up by HUD has a questionnaire.

Ren Scannman- Mental Health

One audience member stated definitely write a vehement letter objecting to Perk's Court.

Our comments:

1. The Perk's Corner site is non-compliant with Missouri Flat Guidelines
 2. It is not acceptable to place a single site for the whole county to concentrate the entire homeless population in our community.
 3. It is not appropriate the gateway to our community be a homeless camp.
 4. It is not in the best interest of the local business community.
6. Important meeting Sept. 30-CEDAC update- Bob says we make decisions on finishing the general plan so we have a framework from which to work, no more deferrals _____ go forward.

Adjourned at 8:10.

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.

ATTACHMENT 3

DIAMOND SPRINGS-EL DORADO COMMUNITY VALUES

Diamond Springs and El Dorado Community Values

June 20, 2013

We value:

The Rural Character of the Area:

- Oaks, native plants, and wildlife habitat
- Support of local agriculture and community gardens
- A healthy environment
- Preservation and connectivity of wildlife corridors and permeable landscapes

Distinct, Small Communities:

- Ease of travel in and through the community on smaller, uncongested roads
- Safe and efficient bicycle and pedestrian paths
- Places to walk, bike, and gather
- Parks for open space and recreation
- A strong sense of community, knowing your neighbors

Preservation of Cultural History:

- Gold Rush / pioneer history and assets
- Golden Chain / Highway 49
- Native American history and sacred sites
- The El Dorado Trail and the historic railroad park
- The history and culture of the area celebrated through public art and performance
- Incorporation of the culture and history (Gold Rush, Native American, Lumber, Mining) of the area into commercial buildings and public spaces

Employment and Economic Prosperity:

- Job, economic, and personal income growth
- Providing infrastructure to support and attract small and medium-sized business
- Keeping commercial development appropriate to enhance and be compatible with the historic areas of Diamond Springs and El Dorado
- Transitional commercial zones to provide a smooth transition between commercial and historic areas
- Access to current technology, including fiber optics and high speed internet
- Diverse sources of employment that allow people to live near their work