



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

MINUTES

June 20, 2013

PLACE: Diamond Springs Fire Station

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 6:01 PM by Chairperson Smart

Members Present: Deanne Johnson, Kathy McCoy, Dale Pierce, Larry Patterson, Bob Smart

Members Absent: Erik Peterson, Greg Webb

AGENDA: It was moved to combine items 2 & 5; seconded and approved to adopt the Agenda.

MINUTES: after corrections it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the 5-16-13 Minutes. **Attachment 1.**

OPEN FORUM: Placerville Mayor Wendy Thomas and Vice Mayor presented a Report on Placerville Haven and the new El Dorado County Homeless encampment at Perks Court. Hangtown Haven is the only legal encampment in California; it operates under a temporary use permit with private funding. It operates with a Resident Council and community volunteers to enforce rules. Although this site has been very successful, there are safety issues with the Upper Broadway site. The county site on Perks Court is owned by the County and appropriately zoned. The issue comes to the Board of Supervisors June 23.

CORRESPONDENCE- No actions taken

1) Project Title: SA13-0312 Animal Shelter negative dec available for comment 6/5-6/24, 2013.

2) PD09-0005/McCauley Construction Headquarters-Greenstone Cut Off-Hearing at Planning Commission, 7/11/13.

3) PD90-9911- R2/Prospectors Plaza Expansion- Hearing at Planning Commission, 7/11/13.

TOPICS:

1. **Anthony G. Scotch** requested CAC feedback on possible plans for the property on Pleasant Valley Road, in front of the apartments and across from the RV storage, next to Conforti plumbing in El Dorado. Given the size and location of the parcel Mr. Scotch suggested a storage facility with a street façade. The CAC guided him to the El Dorado County Historical Guidelines, as well as the Missouri Flat Guidelines. He was also put in touch with the El Dorado Historical Society to review photos of historic structures from

this area. This area has an Industrial/Commercial history and the CAC advised that any design proposed should be consistent and compatible with the historic area.

2. **Lighting and Landscape update-** Matt Smeltzer, Paul Hom

5. **Landscaping on Parkway update- Retainer wall treatment-**Matt Smeltzer,
There is a planned 175 ft. long and 20 ft. tall retaining wall planned. EDCounty DOT is soliciting public input on the final design of the wall and of the roadway medians. The proposal is for retaining walls similar to the concrete and rock wall used at Missouri Flat and also at Bedford and Highway 50. There will also be design of median areas.

A homeowner adjacent to this project had concerns about traffic impacts. The EIR Noise study shows no increase in traffic noise, and a review of the plans shows that the roadway moves 40 feet away and will be separated by a landscape border, a fence and a frontage road.

Planned start of construction has been moved from summer 2014 to early 2015 to permit developing an Underground Utilities District. Use of PG&E funds will include panel conversions and lateral connectors so that homeowners in the area will not have costs to bear. There is an additional plan in development for a District to underground utilities thru Diamond Springs from Missouri Flat to Canyon Valley Road. The existing lighting District funds could be used to provide decorative lights similar to Downtown Placerville. DOT is looking for esthetic suggestions for painted versus powder coated standards.

See Attachment 4 to make esthetic suggestions

Attachment 5 is DOT's agenda

3. **Diamond Springs and El Dorado Community Values-** Moved, seconded and adopted. **See Attachment 2**

4. **Progress on consolidating design manuals – No meetings have been held**

6. Discuss the **plight of Poor Red's** and its impact on our community, **Moved seconded and approved to deliver a letter of support to the BOS. Attachment 3**

7. CEDAC Update

8.DIRECTOR ITEM(S): none

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 PM

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

Attachment 1: Minutes 5-16-13

DIAMOND SPRINGS AND EL DORADO COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 16, 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, Larry Patterson, Dale Pierce, Erik Peterson, Bob Smart

Members Absent: Deanne Johnson

AGENDA: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of April 18, 2013

OPEN FORUM

1. Chris Payne from El Dorado Historical Society spoke about the El Dorado Western Railroad, which is now operating year round; on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at the El Dorado station, and the 2nd and 4th from Shingle Springs from 12 AM to 4 PM. About a 45 minute trip for \$5/person. Occasionally longer trips are scheduled. GO TRAINS!

2. Gregg Webb reminded the community about the fundraiser in El Dorado on May 26, 2013

CORRESPONDENCE – None

Topics

1.S 13-0006 - DIAMOND SPRINGS FLEA MARKET (John and Maria Taylor): A Special Use Permit request for a Flea Market and Farmers Market at an existing retail center. Hours of operation are Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Set up begins at 5:00 AM and clean up begins at 1:00 PM. Additional days of operation on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Columbus Day. Live music presented on holidays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The property, identified by Assessor's Parcel Number 054-402-40, consists of 2.34 acres, and is located on the south side of Pleasant Valley Road approximately 1/2 mile east of the intersection with Missouri Flat Road, in the Diamond Springs area. - 45 minutes

Applicants had a file of letters and community members in support of this venue. They have addressed parking, toilets and impacts on adjacent businesses. The food service businesses in Diamond Springs report a strong positive impact on their business.

ACTION: The El Dorado/Diamond Springs Community Advisory Committee recommends approval of the Special Use Permit

2.Diamond Springs and El Dorado Community Values- Discussion of adjustments to Attachment 2.

There was strong support for the Statement of Values from both the Committee and the public present. Recognizing that it is a work in progress, the current Statement is useful to the Committee in considering projects before us. The CAC suggested changes to bullet item #3 in Employment and Economic Development (see attached Statement with changes) and plans to revisit other items at the next meeting.

3.Sue Taylor's proposal –(as AMENDED) To implement actions taken by the Diamond Springs/El Dorado Community Advisory Committee to update the El Dorado County Historic Design Guide into a manual that gives clear direction to the expectations of the committee and the community for developers, consultants, designers and county staff in regard to future projects.

“I will work closely with your committee in order to produce this manual. I will provide at least 1 meeting for community input of final design. I will then bring the manual before your committee for final approval. I will facilitate the action or resolution to bring the final manual forward for approval of the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors to incorporate the Diamond Springs / El Dorado Historic Design Guide into the County standards for future project approvals”.

ACTION:

Moved, Seconded and Carried that the CAC approve the proposal for Sue Taylor to update the Design Guidelines for the Historic Districts, and appoint an Ad Hoc Sub Committee to work with Sue Taylor: the members may include Dale Pierce, Larry Patterson and Erik Peterson

4 Landscaping on Parkway update- Kathy McCoy- No meetings were held. Public involvement was sought and audience members indicated a desire to participate.

5 .Lighting and Landscape update-Erik Peterson –Discussions continue.

6.CEDAC Update. Discussion of ongoing work by CEDAC

7. DIRECTOR ITEM(S)-1 11 ~#

8. ADJOURNMENT at 8:10PM

Next Meeting: June 20, 2013, 6PM, Diamond Springs Fire Station

Attachment 2

Diamond Springs and El Dorado Community Values as Adopted – June 21, 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

Attachment 3: Poor Reds Letter

DIAMOND SPRINGS AND EL DORADO
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

El Dorado County
Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisors:

Poor Red's is a long established fixture in the El Dorado townsite. It has long been a valuable employer in the area and a renowned gathering place for locals and tourists alike.

The future seems uncertain, but it is in the best interest of the community for this iconic establishment to remain in its present historic building.

At our meeting June 20, 2013 it was decided that the Diamond Springs/El Dorado Community Advisory Committee supports any activity taken by the Board of Supervisors or other governing agencies to allow for a reasonable transition.

Robert Smart

Chairperson
Diamond Springs/El Dorado
Community Advisory Committee

Attachment 4

Diamond Springs Community Advisory Committee June 20, 2013

The El Dorado County Community Development Agency, Transportation Division is seeking input regarding aesthetic treatments for the Diamond Springs Parkway and the DS Townsite Underground Utility District. Community Input regarding Diamond Springs Area Project Aesthetics:

Retaining Walls

- Missouri Flat/Placerville Hwy 50 - Architectural Treatment
- Other: _____
- Other: _____

Median Treatments

- Stamped Concrete Cobble Pattern
- Stamped Concrete Brick Pattern
- Planting with 2-foot Decomposed Granite (DG) border
- Other: _____
- Other: _____

Street Lighting

- Topped-off Existing Wooden Light Poles
- Antique Lights similar to Missouri Flat or Bedford Road at Hwy-50.
- Other: _____
- Other: _____

Traffic Signals

- Galvanized
- Powder Coated
- Painted Dark Green (Requires Maintenance Plan)
- Other: _____
- Other: _____

We would like to attend the August CAC meeting receive feedback. Any design detail drawings or photographs of other suggestions would be very helpful. Also if you have seen something in use, please provide a location where we can go see what the item looks like in person.

Contact: Dave Friestad by email at dave.friestad@edcgov.us or by phone at (530) 621-7548.

Attachment 5

STATUS:

- CT geometric approval - vertical, horizontal alignments, etc. Design exceptions (STAA)
- Coordination with Utility companies
- DOT working on design - drainage, medians, retaining walls, utility relocations
 - Now is the opportunity to Incorporate elements of aesthetics

SCHEDULE:

- Current CIP - construction begins summer 2014
- With utility coordination found:
 - economy of scale and benefits to relocating one time - with UUD.
 - EID to replace 6" water line - increase service reliability to Diamond Springs
 - These and other items will likely push the construction to summer 2015.

AESTHETICS: At this point in design process it lends itself to coordinating with input from community on aesthetics for various design elements.

- Retaining Wall - Two walls in ultimate project. One cut, one fill.
- Medians -
- Meandering sidewalks
- Lighting

UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICTS (UUD)

- Diamond Springs Parkway
 - Phase 1a - SR 49 from Pleasant Valley north past Lime Kiln almost to Bradley - Summer 2015
 - Phase 1b/2 Ultimate - from SR 49 to Missouri Flat Road - 3-5 years out
- Diamond Springs Townsite
 - Missouri Flat Road to Canyon Valley Road - 5-6 years out
- PG&E Rule 20A Presentation

STREET LIGHTING:

- Recommend consistent style throughout both projects?
- Should the amount (number of streetlights) be increased for either or both projects?
- Painted & decorative traffic signal poles? • How will fixtures, maintenance and energy costs be funded?
 - Possible use of 1928 DS Lighting District project and unallocated surplus funds?

TRAFFIC SIGNALS:

- Galvanized
- Powder Coated • Painted Dark Green
 - Requires Maintenance Plan

FOLLOW-UP MEETING:

- CDA-Trans to attend August CAC meeting to receive feedback on aesthetic elements.