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

**MINUTES  
February 20, 2014 6 P.M.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairperson Smart.

**Roll Call** – Deanne Johnson, Kathy McCoy, Larry Patterson, Erik Peterson, Bob Smart  
Members Absent – Dale Pierce, Greg Webb

**Adopt Agenda:** Moved by Erik Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deanne Johnson; all aye.

**Approve 1-17-14 Minutes:** Moved by Kathy McCoy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deanne Johnson; all aye

**Open Forum:** Kris Payne (El Dorado Historical Society and El Dorado Museum) shared with the group that a narrow gauge railroad box car has been located, and it is hoped that it can be renovated for display in some fashion in El Dorado town. Kris is working with the El Dorado Community Hall on this, for possible display locations in El Dorado. He will keep us advised of the project as it progresses, and it is very early in the process at this time.

**Correspondence:** Chairman Smart shared the letter of support for the federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for the Parkway project.

**Topics:**

- 1. Do we need to make adjustments in our meetings? More formal, less public interaction, less formal, etc.? Discuss possible changes.**

Discussion ensued about the current format. While all agreed that we desire the input from the public as of paramount importance, the public forum / round robin sessions that develop can get lengthy, not allowing sufficient time to address all agenda items as

desired, especially with the goal of ending the meetings at 8pm. The Board discussed this, as well as having significant public comment on this. While it is important to maintain flexibility in the meetings, it is also important to maintain order and decorum, drawing participants into the discussion of the topic at hand. Discussion item only; no action taken.

## **2. Diamond Springs and El Dorado Area Mobility and Livable Community Plan-developing our response-**

Dan Bolster and Sharon Scherzinger, from the El Dorado County Transportation Commission attended the meeting and spoke to this matter, presenting a quick overview of the EDCTC and the DS/ED Mobility and Livable Community Plan, as well as receive feedback from the DSEDCAC. Dan advised that the plan is now up on the website, as of 2-19-14. The overall goal was to look at the local factors related to traffic now, as it stands today, and what the desire is for it look like in the future; how does this relate to the County's General Plan and the planning and visioning into the future, as far out as the year 2035, forecasting different roadway networks that are related to retail and non-retail commercial development, and match this all with the values expressed by the community and the stated importance of maintaining the rural and historical nature of the DS/ED community. The study offers a menu of choices for the community that is based on community input received throughout the process that has been going on for the last 3 years. The open comment period is open until Feb 28. The reason for the short time period for public comment is due to the fact that it took much longer than expected to get accurate traffic data to use in the study, and now we are up against the grant funding deadline with CalTrans. This will be before the EDCTC on March 6, 2014.

The committee decided to send a letter to the EDCTC in support of the Mobility study as follows:

*Our committee recognizes the Diamond Springs and El Dorado Mobility and Livable Community Plan is not a specific recommendation but rather a menu of opportunities. We advise that the study purpose is to provide planning for transportation improvements. It is ultimately the choice of the business owners and residents of the El Dorado Diamond community to take advantage of the economic opportunities those improvements offer to expand and enhance the economic well being of our community.*

*Further, we recommend the Historic Design Guidelines be incorporated to the extent possible within the portions of the Highway 49 corridor lying in the proposed Historic Zoning Overlay.*

## **3. The Diamond Springs-El Dorado Advisory committee to discuss its desired future.**

**Now that the tasks of the committee are better understood by the appointed committee members, what is the desire of the existing advisory committee? Disband, shrink the area of responsibility, try to help guide the community identification of the entire community region, recommend reorganizing, other?**

**The committee charter:** The Committee shall review and make recommendations to staff, Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors regarding the following in the area of responsibility: 1) Discretionary project applications; 2) Implementation of

the 2004 General Plan land use designations; 3) The Zoning Ordinance update; 4) Design Guidelines; and 5) Other issues as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

**Situation- The Diamond Springs-El Dorado COMMUNITY REGION (CR) is very large and contains at least 4 sub-communities. Much of the CR is within the sphere of influence of the City of Placerville (Policy 2.1.1.4). The Advisory Committee receives no ongoing administrative help from the County. Staff generally attends, if requested.**

Discussion ensued about the formation and purpose of the committee and the area of responsibility of the DSEDCAC. Upon review of the Committee's Charter, it clearly states the Committee's function and responsibility. Comments were received and there was consensus on the importance of the Committee's purpose, and the need for it to continue. The chair requested, and all agreed, that this item be continued to next month's agenda, for further discussion.

**4. Projects – None**

**5. Report on Undergrounding utilities for the future Parkway project.**

Kathy McCoy and Erik Peterson attended a recent Board of Supervisor's meeting on 2-4-14, which had this item on the agenda. Kathy reported addressing the BOS, representing the DSEDCAC, and voiced the DSEDCAC's support for the formation of the Underground Utility District for the Parkway. The BOS adopted Resolution 008-2014, forming the Underground Utility District as part of the Diamond Springs Parkway Project.

**6. CEDAC update – CEDAC is looking at what recommendation it wants to make to the Board of Supervisors concerning whether the Rate Reform Committee should be set up as an ad hoc committee to CEDAC or a Brown Act committee. (3/4/14 update, CEDAC will have a special mtg on this topic 3/6/14 Conf rm A at 1PM. Kris Payne is now a voting member of CEDAC).**

**7. Director item(s) – None**

**8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM**