

Committee Members

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DIAMOND SPRINGS AND EL DORADO  
COMMUNITY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Diamond Springs Fire Station  
501 Main Street  
Diamond Springs, CA 95619

January 18, 2018

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: Horton, Smart, Hillendahl, Stirling, Peterson (Pesses, Patterson absent)**

**FLAG SALUTE: Led by Hillendahl.**

**ADOPT AGENDA: Motion by Stirling, 2nd by Hillendahl and unanimously approved.**

**APPROVE 11-16-17 minutes: 1st by Hillendahl, 2nd by Horton unanimously approved.**

**OPEN FORUM**

Public testimony will be received on each agenda item as it is called. Matters not 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.

-Marcy Guthrie, Superintendent of the Mother Lode School District, voiced concerns about Creekside Plaza Project (commercial fast food) adjacent to Golden Center Drive and Herbert Green School and the school district office and the anticipated increase with associated traffic issues.

-Kris Payne re: EDC Community Planning has started This is the first effort of staff, and they began working on guidelines and standards throughout the different communities in the County.

They met with the Shingle Springs group recently. Kris is also working with a new group, Collaboration for Success, and they are meeting with different groups and sharing with others, economic development wise, and encouraging round table discussion twice a year to get more economic development in the County.

## **CORRESPONDENCE-none**

## **TOPICS**

1. **Results from 1/9/17 discussions with Board of Supervisors and possible action on the proposed undergrounding district for the Diamond Springs-El Dorado Community Region – the following is the agenda item. Randy Pesses will lead discussion.**

*43. 18-0062 Supervisor Veerkamp and Community Development Services, Department of Transportation, recommending the Board consider an extension of the existing Underground Utility Districts in the area of Diamond Springs as part of the Diamond Springs Parkway Project, and direct Transportation staff to begin the preliminary work and public outreach necessary for its establishment. Chairman Smart and Committee member Peterson recapped the recent action of the EDC BOS, who directed County staff to continue on with the process, and pursue the creation of an underground utility district, as was presented.*

2. **Update and discussion on new public safety facility.**

*EDC Undersheriff Randy Peshon and EDC Facilities Manager Russ Fackrell attended, along with others on their project team, and presented an updated report of the process of constructing a new EDC Public Safety Headquarters facility, what it is going to look like and what's involved. Photo renditions and diagrams of the new facility were presented, along with a comprehensive overview of the different buildings that make up the complex, including a 60,000 sq. ft, 2 story, concrete tilt up public safety headquarters building, a 14,000 evidence facility, a 4000 ft morgue, a Special Ops building, a 12,000 sq. ft. Armory along with a 50 yd tactical shooting range. Some site work is expected to begin in February begins with tree work early February and grading work is anticipated to begin sometime in March.*

*The exterior is anticipated to have a facade of stone and textured concrete that resembles corrugated metal siding. Peshon stated that the design gives reference to the historical location of the Caldor Mill, which was located adjacent. Construction will begin with the headquarters Public Safety Building first, and the others to follow.*

*-Sue Taylor offered her disagreement with Peshon's characterization of incorporating design elements from the Caldor Mill, stating it has no resemblance at all to the Mill, and he should be embarrassed for saying so. She also expressed her significant concerns about traffic issues in the area.*

*-Kris Payne describes the project as a "campus setting." He also described his concerns about traffic at Industrial Road and Missouri Flat Road, and he voiced his opinion for a traffic signal at that location.*

*-DESEDCAC member Peterson expressed that the county traffic personnel are responsible for the issues and believes that tonight's discussion is not about traffic,*

*but rather an update on the progress, along with confidence in County staff from the EDSO and EDC DOT having examined traffic concerns throughout the over 6 years of planning that has been ongoing.*

*Further discussion ensued with representatives from the presenting group about the concerns of traffic along Missouri Flat Road and Enterprise Road and Industrial Road, as well as the future Diamond Springs Parkway.*

3. **Piedmont Oaks development (recirculation of a previously discussed project).**  
*Jim Davies brought forward his proposal and shared his updated proposal with the Committee, having scaled down the project from 104 units down to 75. He also advised that he has a new partner in the project. He is looking forward to going to the BOS with the updated plan, which has already been recently approved by the EDC Planning Commission.*

4. **Creekside Plaza Project.**  
*EDC is, once again, soliciting public comments regarding on this project. Mother Lode Superintendent Marcy Guthrie, repeated her concerns about related and anticipated traffic issues associated with this project. The Committee believes that we have commented on this project previously and will review previous communications submitted regarding this matter.*

5. **Power Mart.**  
*Chris Pearre, with Sign Designs (Modesto, CA), attended to present an updated, proposed rendition of some rock work improvement on the new pole sign, as well as discuss previous work that had been done on the building signage that was presented to us at the June, 2016 meeting. At the June meeting, Company representative Doug Smith attended and discussed the project with the Committee. Immediately after the meeting, we discovered that the work on the building signs had already been completed, prior to any consultation with this Committee, which Smith never advised us of. Smith also said that he would submit some alternative pole sign designs, other than what had been submitted, as the Committee felt that the pole signs were lacking in design elements, as well as the project fell within an EDC design control overlay area. Smith advised at that time that he would submit alternative designs directly to this Committee, and the Committee assured him timely feedback. The Committee never heard back from Smith after that initial discussion. The Committee expressed dissatisfaction to Pearre that we were previously solicited for feedback, gave it, and then came to find that signage work on the building had already been done, prior to Smith's attendance at our June meeting. Pearre advised that he would relay that information to Smith and presented photos and diagrams of proposed improvements to the pole sign, which included rock work around the bases. The Committee expressed unanimous approval with the presented pole sign improvements. Pearre advised that he had no knowledge of the previously expressed Committee concerns about the fluorescent/neon green lettering on the building signage that was done prior to our being presented the project. He stated that he would make an effort to see if he could get the fluorescent/neon lime green letters P and M changed to match all of the other blue lettering that exists, as was our initial request. The Committee thanked him for his efforts. Pearre advises that he is working with County Planners Aaron Mount and Mark Millard.*

**Coming Events:**     *None reported.*

**Committee Reports:**

*The EDC BOS recognized and presented Chairman Smart with a proclamation at a recent BOS meeting, and held a ribbon cutting/trail opening ceremony, related to Bob's work and efforts towards the creation of the Hwy 50 pedestrian and bike path, from Missouri Flat Road to Forni Road, during the Webber Creek Bridge/Veteran's Bridge reconstruction project, that began many years ago. The trail was finally completed and opened recently, and it was named after Bob.*

**Adjourn:** *Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm*

**Next Meeting:**

**February 15, 2018 6 pm**  
**Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire District Conference Room**  
**501 Main Street**  
**Diamond Springs, CA 95619**