

Minutes of the January 24, 2019 Del Cerro Action Council Meeting

The Quarterly meeting of the Del Cerro Action Council was called to order by DCAC Vice President Anita Colmie at 7:08.

Police & Elected Officials Reports

John Steffen, our police Community Relations Officer for the City of San Diego reported that crime incidents continue to remain very low in our community. He also reported that staffing for the Eastern Division of the city's police department has gone up from 50% to 70% in the last three months and there are 80 cadets in the current police academy.

Corporal Peterson, the Police Community Resource Officer for SDSU reported there were only 38 responses to Adobe Falls in the past 4 months and that is down about 70% from the same period last year. SDSU is back in session. Cpl Peterson also mentioned there is a new free scooter/bike pick up on San Diego for bicycles and scooters left on private property. Their website is scootscoop.com and their phone number is 858.262.1912.

Roarke Shanley, is our new Community Outreach representative for Councilmember Scott Sherman. He reported that Block 7U will be the next area in Del Cerro to be undergrounded. Notices will be sent to all residents of Block 7U announcing public meetings about the undergrounding project. The area is north of Del Cerro Blvd., east of College Avenue and goes up to the top of Del Cerro. The estimated start date is in 2020. (Here is a [link](#) to the city's information page regarding undergrounding. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to the interactive map. Move the map around to locate the Del Cerro Area and click on the section pertaining to your neighborhood. It will give additional data about undergrounding your neighborhood.)

City of San Diego staff will hold a crash course about the 20/21 fiscal budget on January 30 from 5 to 6 pm at City Hall – 202 C Street. (The trolley stops directly in front of City Hall)

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Rachel Gregg, Director of Government and Community Relations for SDSU announces scoping meetings regarding SDSU West. They will be on Tuesday, January 29, from 3:30 to 5:30 at the Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center. ([Link](#) to map), Wednesday, January 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Mission Valley Marriott and on February 7 from 7 to 7 pm also at the Mission Valley Marriott. A scoping meeting is a general review of the project and the impacts it may have on the community. For more information about SDSU West, you can check the website at www.sdsu.edu/missionvalley or send an email to mvcomment@sdsu.edu.

SDSU is working on the Environmental Impact Report and the trustees are planning on being able to approve the EIR by January 2020. The current plan is for SDSU to play football in the stadium for the 2020 season. The first two projects on the site will be the stadium and the park.

Rachel stated that Dr. de la Torre is scheduling a tour of Adobe Falls with Dr. Eric Frost within in the next month. A question was asked if the public would be invited. It was decided DCAC will work with Rachel to schedule a tour for Del Cerro Residents.

David Ege – Branch Manager of the San Carlos Library. David announced Dr. Pat Abbott, Geology Professor Emeritus from SDSU, will be giving a talk about the geology of our area on Friday, January 25, from 2 to 3 pm at the San Carlos Library.

A new group has been formed highlighting poetry. Their first public meeting/program will be on February 9th at 1:00 pm at the library. You are invited to bring your own poetry if you like.

Feb 15 2 pm Oasis will have a presentation on the Mexican War and the battle of San Pasqual. This is a free program sponsored by the Friends of the San Carlos Library.

David also mentioned the second annual Robotics Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, February 23 from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the parking lot adjacent to the San Carlos Library. There will be robotics teams from several schools and a children's robotics craft project in the library itself. Last year over 300 people attended the event.

Program

All Peoples Church - Pastor Robert Herber announced his staff will be conducting an initial cleanup of the site in the next couple of weeks. This first cleanup will be just for the staff and another cleanup will be scheduled to involve any interested community members. Dr. Frost from SDSU commented that Pastor Herber's staff should be aware of potential hazardous/drug related paraphernalia material on site.

Kathi Riser with the Atlantic Group stated plans have not been submitted to the site as now, but the initiation of the community plan has been approved. Storm drain runoff on the property is a problem we must handle and we are working with CalTrans regarding storm drain issues. The capacity of the church is set to accommodate 900.

Kathi was asked about the fact the property is indicated as "institutional". She stated that refers to fire department, police offices, schools and churches. The "institutional" designation for the property will be signified with a cross. She also mentioned they are working with the planning and traffic engineering department regarding a possible traffic signal about ½ way down College Avenue. That will be determined by the traffic study and input from planning and traffic engineering staff at the city.

Dr. Frost on Adobe Falls Update - Dr. Frost stated a number of things have taken place. SDSU is looking at the whole area which includes their property east of College Avenue all the way down through Grantville. The cement culvert there now would never be built today. A company called Blue Gold is doing research on the falls. During one of the recent rain storms, there was a lake east of College Ave. because of the backup at the point the water goes underneath the freeway from SDSU. He commented that the gate that CalTrans constructed and installed on the SDSU side of the tunnel entrance was washed away and ended up on the Del Cerro side of the freeway. It was ripped from the tunnel entrance and it weights over one ton. CalTrans retrieved it and it happened a second time. Currently there is no gate and CalTrans is working on Plan B.

Public Comment

Princess Del Cerro Playground Refurbishing - Mark Alan, Chair of the Refurbishing the Princess Del Cerro Park Committee with the Friends of Del Cerro announced that a cleanup project is set for Saturday, February 16 from 9 to noon. The committee has been working with City staff to ensure the

project is complying with all city regulations and policies. On February 16, the project will be to refurbish the playground. Three student groups affiliated with the Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club have already signed on; Lewis Middle School Builders Club, Patrick Henry Key Club and the SDSU Circle K.

\$3,500 from the Del Cerro Action Princess Del Cerro Park fund is being donated to launch the refurbishing of the park. Please let us know if you are interested in helping on February 16.

Email us at PDCPark@cox.net.

Status of proposed MAD – A question was asked about the status of the proposed Del Cerro MAD. All proposed MAD's in the city of San Diego are on hold pending a lawsuit in La Jolla. The case was initially filed because some residents felt some of the items in the proposed La Jolla MAD were actually the responsibility of the city of San Diego. The preliminary ruling was in favor of the city. Earlier this month the case was dismissed because the initial petitioner against the MAD had not direct ties to La Jolla. The case has been appealed.

A resident made the comment that according to the ordinance, the city council can vote to change the assessment by a vote of the city council and not a vote of the residents. (As a follow up to this, I called Paul Sirois, a Deputy Director of the Park and Recreation Department who oversees the MAD program. He said most MAD's have a built in CPI (consumer price index) clause that allows the assessment to increase no more than the California CPI which has recently been between 2 and 3%.

Del Cerro Blvd at Marne - No U-Turn at Del Cerro Blvd. and Marne. Several months ago the No U-Turn sign facing west on Del Cerro Blvd. was hit and removed. The city was asked to replace the sign that indicated a No U-Turn for eastbound traffic on Del Cerro Blvd. The sign has been installed, but for west bound traffic. The city was notified about a month ago, but the sign is still facing the wrong direction.

Pedestrian entrance to the Windmill Farms Shopping Center – Per requests from residents, the property manager for this property was contacted and asked if they would consider designating a specific pedestrian pathway from Madra and Del Cerro Blvd. into the parking lot; basically painting a strip on the existing parking lot entries designating where pedestrians should walk. We have not received a response to date.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 and the next meeting will be April 25, 7 pm at Temple Emanu-El.

Jay Wilson, Secretary
Del Cerro Action Council