

NO STONE UNTURNED

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

“Leaving no stone unturned” was what came to mind while listening to City Council discuss our 2021-2029 Housing Element update with our consultants at the January 13 Council meeting. As they presented their preliminary findings, the two Kimley-Horn consultants came across as determined explorers, walking potential sites for more housing units and finding acreage on maps doesn’t always mean buildable lots, e.g. steep slopes. The Housing Element is a State-mandated policy that requires all jurisdictions to plan for meeting California’s housing shortage and particularly so households can live near work, or public transportation to work, thereby reducing green house gas emissions.

This has not been easy in an almost-built-out Del Mar with expensive coastal property, but there seemed to be a new optimism expressed by Council members and some suggestions. Councilmember Druker suggested....but wait the consultants and Council members want your ideas first. The Council voted to initiate ways to get input from the community beginning with appointing a Citizen’s Task Force and holding a community workshop on Saturday, February 29, 9:30 a.m. at Town Hall. This will be followed by a second public workshop and City Council and Planning Commission sessions all scheduled to get as much public input and as many ideas as possible on how to meet our updated goals. An online website and survey tool will allow residents to get regular updates, make suggestions and respond to ideas as the process of putting together Del Mar’s 2021-2029 Housing Element required by the State by October.

Today Del Mar is in the last year of its 2013-2021 Housing Element when the City identified ways to encourage the building of 76 more housing units which the City is implementing by: obtaining Covenants on approved and proposed Specific Plan Projects including the 941 Camino del Mar and Watermark mixed use projects in the Commercial Zone, and the Marisol project for visitor accommodations on the North Bluff to include affordable housing; changing zoning to allow more residential use on commercial properties as proposed for commercial

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WELCOME, CHRISTA

Bud Emerson | Klish Way



Christa L. Johnson, Assistant City Manager for the City of Laguna Beach, is set to become Del Mar’s City Manager next month after the City Council’s unanimous approval of her employment contract on Monday. She replaces Scott Huth.

Her first day in Del Mar will be February 12.

Johnson has more than 22 years of local government experience in Laguna Beach, the Town of Windsor in Sonoma County, the City of Alameda and the County of Alameda.

The Sandpiper reached out to Christa and asked her why she chose to apply for the Del Mar position. Her response: “I applied for the City Manager position in Del Mar for many reasons. The City has challenges and opportunities similar to ones I have been working with for over twenty years. The City Council has a good reputation and I’m looking forward to working with City staff and community members, in a collaborative fashion, to help the City Council reach its goals. And finally, the City of Del Mar is a beautiful and vibrant place. Being able to spend a lot of time here makes me happy.” ■



FACT-BASED VOTING

The Marisol Initiative (Measure G on the March ballot) is a big decision for Del Mar, worthy of your close study and careful, fact-based analysis. One thing is clear: this Initiative proves that reasonable people can disagree about what is good for Del Mar. The Sandpiper editors do not share a common opinion on Measure G, but we do share the view that much of the discussion on both sides of this important issue has been factually inaccurate. This issue is too important to have the vote based on “alternative facts” and superficial analysis. We are calling on everyone to dig deep and study hard before making your decision. In that spirit, here is our take on a few examples of misleading claims and arguments we’ve been hearing or seeing in our mailboxes:

Bluff Access: The developers say “a Yes vote = bluff access for all,” while opponents say “we already have access to bluff-top trails.” The facts are more nuanced than either claim. The public already has access to the North Bluff (Scripps) Preserve, via a fairly steep trail that not everyone can navigate and is not ADA-compliant or car-accessible. This public trail is limited to the Preserve, with

no access to the rest of the bluff. There is also a short dirt path at the end of Border Ave. to an ocean overlook area that does not include a trail along the bluff. It is also true that if private residences are built on the property instead of Marisol, our LCP calls for a trail to connect Border Ave. to the Preserve along the bluff – and that will certainly be achieved by conditions attached to the subdivision, for all except one lot (the old Woodward estate) that has a view easement through Feb. 2049 “uninterrupted by public pedestrian/vehicular ingress,” so long as the estate is not subdivided into more than 3 separate lots. So the creation of a complete, continuous trail might not occur until after Feb. 2049. Also, the trail may be constructed in a piecemeal fashion, only as individual houses are approved and built; and significantly, the Land Use Plan (LUP) portion of our Local Coastal Program provides that the bluff setback can (“shall”) be reduced to a minimum of 10 ft. to allow for above-grade improvements such as fencing. [LUP section C, Goal III-9(a)]. The Marisol project would provide for a trail that is constructed all at once, and is ADA-compliant, car-accessible with public parking, and would go around the property in a loop, in addition to the full length of the bluff to the Preserve. It would have designated amenities such as benches, overlooks, and other improvements that might not occur in the private residence scenario, and the Marisol setback from the bluff is a minimum of 40-feet.

Traffic: Impact on traffic is a major concern. A recent mailer claimed that Marisol would create “significant and unavoidable traffic impacts throughout Del Mar,” while a maximum single-family development under current zoning would have “no significant impacts.” This is a 4 or 5-Pinocchio claim, in our view. As the EIR and the staff presentation at the recent Planning Commission meeting on the EIR make clear, the background (existing) traffic on peak Fair and racing days are the most significant problem, and while it is true that with Marisol traffic, the Level of Service on those days would be poor, it is also poor without Marisol traffic. A close study of the EIR’s detailed, data-rich analysis of traffic. (EIR section 4.11, especially the charts on pages 4-11-19 through 4-11-49, and the Conclusion on page 4-11-18) shows that virtually all of the Marisol traffic impacts can be mitigated to a level of

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insignificance, if the most effective mitigation measures are implemented, except for three sections along Via de la Valle during certain Fair days –when we will have poor service with or without Marisol because of the Fair.

DRB and other reviews: For most Del Marians, having a strong review process in place, including DRB, Planning Commission, Council, and Coastal Commission, is critical. Some opponents have claimed that the Initiative would “reduce local design review control of the project to a rubber-stamp.” This is factually inaccurate; however, to the extent that supporters claim that “nothing changes” with respect to DRB review, that is not accurate, either, because the DRB will be required to evaluate the project based on the design guidelines in the Specific Plan, which were drafted by the developer rather than through the normal City process. It is significant, though, that it is not mandatory for DRB to accept or follow those guidelines. The Initiative does not limit or compromise the DRB’s discretion, and the Design Review Ordinance (DROs) would still apply to the DRB’s review, its fact findings, and its regulatory conclusions with respect to Marisol. While the Initiative does change the zoning and Plan designations for the property, and thus changes the maximum “envelope” for a project. the “envelope” is not a guarantee – and DRB retains discretion, as it does with any “envelope” set by zoning, to make changes to meet specific concerns (bulk and mass, height that blocks views, negative impact on the Preserve, etc.), and to effectuate the DROs. By the Initiative’s explicit terms, the DRB must evaluate the development based on the Specific Plan’s design guidelines, but those guidelines are not “mandatory or required,” based on the Initiative’s definition of “should,” which is how the design guidelines are framed. Bottom line: all design guidelines are advisory and not mandatory, and the DRB retains full discretion to require project changes if needed to comply with the DROs. This analysis, however, is not intended to minimize the importance of the zone and Community Plan changes that the Initiative would put in place.

CEQA: Thorough environmental review is also important to most Del Marians. Even though citizen-sponsored initiatives are not subject to CEQA compliance, the developers elected to go through CEQA anyway, and the draft EIR has been available since mid-December. The Marisol Specific Plan contains only legislative approvals, so if passed, it does not authorize project implementation, and full CEQA review and certification will be required for the project and discretionary approvals including tentative map approval, Design Review Permit, Land Conservation Permit, Tree Removal Permit and Coastal Development Permit. CEQA requires the adoption of mitigation measures to reduce significant impacts to a level of insignificance, where doing so is feasible. →

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

Council approves housing task force

The City Council voted on Monday to impanel the 6th Cycle Housing Element Ad-Hoc Citizens’ Task Force.

In cooperation with the City’s staff and consultants, task force members will review and provide feedback on matters related to the housing update and its accompanying environmental report. Another role of the panel is to encourage residents to inform themselves and participate in workshops.

The task force members are: Geoff Criqui; Bud Emerson; Julie Kawasaki; Shirley King; Karen Lare; Tracy Martinez, and Anne Mery. Planning Commissioner Don Countryman will hold a non-voting seat.

The Task Force is scheduled to hold public meetings from 3 to 5 p.m. every other Thursday starting Feb. 6 and continuing through May 7 at the Del Mar Civic Center.

Del Mar’s Housing Element Update comes as cities across California face increasing demands from the State to increase their housing inventories.

A draft of the update is expected in October.

Visit the Housing Element Update webpage.

properties adjacent to the Jimmy Durante/San Dieguito round about and between 8th and 9th on Camino del Mar; and partnering with the Fairgrounds to provide affordable housing.

The next, or sixth, Housing Element raises the estimated growth need from 76 to 163. An updated Element is now required to “implement ... programs to meet existing and projected housing needs for all income levels...while preserving existing housing stock and assisting the existing population.” According to staff the City is only required to demonstrate the ability to accommodate additional growth, “not required to build dwelling units...only to identify potential sites ... (allowing) the market the opportunity to develop these units.” Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are also expected to be a larger part of the picture due to new State laws promoting ADUs in the more restricted residential zones.

Residents are urged by the Council to attend the first public workshop on February 29th to hear and give input on some preliminary ideas from the consultants and explore additional solutions “through production of the availability of properly zoned land that can accommodate additional growth.” Additional information and updates will continue to be published on the City’s Housing element webpage at www.delmar.ca.us/HousingElement. ■

Story Poles are a big issue for many Del Marians. Story poles are not legally required until later in the process. per the DRB’s Story Pole Guidelines, but nothing precludes the developer from putting up story poles before the vote, and story poles would definitely help people better visualize bulk and mass. ■

The Editorial Board



FEBRUARY 2020

Sandra Hoyle, DMF President

The beginning of 2020 brings an end to a memorable decade and the opportunity to reflect on the significant, continuing contributions of the Foundation to Del Mar.

Over the past decade, the Del Mar Foundation has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to a variety of worthwhile programs and projects benefitting Del Mar, including: beach-accessible wheelchairs and mobility mats to support the Wounded Warriors program and other disabled members of our community; DMCC's bi-monthly Tuesday Lunch Connection programs; multiple purchases to benefit our lifeguards, including new scuba equipment and, (together with Friends of the Powerhouse), a new rescue boat; dog fountains throughout the community; Birdwing Open Air Classroom and Riverpath extensions; Beach Safety Center construction; various beautification projects overseen by the Del Mar Garden Club's public gardens; and our brand-new Town Hall!

We launched DMF Talks, our unique speaker series that taps the local talent pool and covers fascinating topics of interest such as the role of chromosomes in aging and disease and desalination and California's water crisis; provided a variety of musical programming, including First Thursdays concerts featuring classical, jazz and other genres, Bluegrass and Beyond concerts bringing nationally-acclaimed bluegrass and acoustics artists to Del Mar; and our signature Summer Twilight Concerts, which continues to attract thousands of attendees; and fun community events for families, neighbors, and furry ones, including the Annual Easter Egg Hunt; Fourth of July Bicycle Parade, our old-fashioned game-filled Picnic at Powerhouse Park, featuring the phenomenal not-for profits in our community; the Spooktacular Beach Bonfire, which lights up the beach for families enjoying s'mores at sunset; our outdoor Cinema by the Sea summer movies; and fun dog events, such as the Halloween Dog Parade and Valentine's get-together.

Thanks to you the impact of the Foundation has grown over the past 10 years, but our goal has remained the same — to make Del Mar a great place to live and play. On behalf of the Del Mar Foundation Board and the Foundation's generous supporters, we look forward to continuing a diverse array of grants, programs, and staying true to the visionary course adopted by our founders.

ROVING TEEN REPORTER

Impeachment: Abuse and Obstruction?

Dhathry Doppalapudi | Torrey Pines High School Senior

In December, the House of Representatives impeached President Donald Trump on two charges: abuse of office and obstruction of Congress. This came after a whistleblower complaint in September, alleging that Trump withheld military aid from Ukraine in order to pressure the Ukrainian president to investigate Joe Biden and his son, which is an abuse of his power as president to force another country to interfere with the upcoming 2020 presidential elections, in which Trump is running against Biden. This impeachment has become a polarized topic, with many liberals defending the impeachment and conservatives arguing that Trump's actions were not an impeachable offense and that he was unfairly targeted by the House Democrats.

Beatriz, a senior at Torrey Pines High School, believes that "[the House Democrats] were totally right in starting the impeachment process, but they could have taken more time and maybe explained to the public exactly what was going on because a lot of people are still confused." This lack of understanding of Trump's actions, she says, is a contributing factor to the backlash against the impeachment.

Oscar, a Scripps Ranch High School senior, agrees. "At first, I didn't understand why his actions were an impeachable offense and I thought that the Democrats were just looking for a way to impeach him, but now, after having what he did fully explained to me, I agree that he should have been impeached."

Trump's Senate trial has now started and although the Senate has a Republican majority and is not likely to remove him from office, some wish that they would. "I would like to see this happen," Beatriz said. "But I feel as though Pence would be a worse president than Trump."

In addition to Trump's actions with Ukraine, Beatriz does not support Trump's actions thus far in his presidency. "I think the most important job of a President is really how they convey themselves. The world's perception of the president is how they see our nation and frankly, I think it's embarrassing that Donald Trump represents America."

The 2020 presidential elections will be the first time that many students will be able to vote, but Oscar does not think it will make a big difference in their decision. "I wouldn't have voted for him either way," he said. "But this will probably make the political climate around the time of the election even more polarized and intense." ■

SANDPIPER ENDORSEMENT

Terra is Tops

The Sandpiper urges a vote in the March 3 Primary for Terra Lawson-Remer for County Supervisor, District 3. Though the ballot includes two candidates we consider qualified (Lawson-Remer and Escondido Councilmember Olga Diaz), the priority of voters should be to rally behind the stronger of those two candidates in order to defeat the incumbent Supervisor, who has proven herself to be out of step with the values of District 3 and Del Mar.

Supervisor Kristin Gaspar is in lock-step with the harshest of Trump's immigration policies, and she was the lone vote opposing the County's 4-1 bipartisan decision to challenge the Administration's policy on asylum-seeking families because of its adverse impact on public health and safety in San Diego. She directed \$100K in public funds to a questionable charity, and a decision to select that charity to run a \$2 million shelter for sex trafficking victims, based on her recommendation while she was serving on its advisory board, was later reversed and put to bid based on the county's "due diligence" efforts.

Terra Lawson-Remer is a San Diego native with a Yale B.A. and NYU J.D. and Ph.D. She served the Obama Administration as a Senior Advisor to Treasury, working on sustainable development policies. She is best aligned with Del Mar's values and interests, and has a stellar resume that positions her to hit the ground running on our most complex challenges, including climate change and sustainability, environment and open space protection, housing, jobs, healthcare and transportation. As co-founder of Flip the 49th, which played a key role in replacing former U.S. Rep. Issa with Mike Levin, she also has demonstrated success in running a campaign in a Congressional district roughly the same size as District 3. While Olga Diaz has experience on the Escondido City Council, and we agree with her identification of climate action, social justice and reproductive freedom as core priorities, her most impactful action beyond Escondido's borders came when, as a Coastal Commission (CCC) alternate in 2016, she cast the deciding vote to fire the CCC's executive director, Charles Lester. That decision was strongly opposed by environmentalists throughout California and San Diego, and viewed by many as a cave-in to major developers.

Others endorsing Lawson-Remer include our state senator, President Pro Tem Toni Atkins; Mayor Ellie Haviland and Councilmembers Dave Druker and Dwight Worden; SEIU Local 221, among many other unions; and former District 3 Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, to name just a few. We believe Terra Lawson-Remer is best situated to win this seat in November, and the most qualified to bring the County's policies into better alignment with core Del Mar values, and to craft smart, effective programs to address the complex issues confronting our county. ■

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Del Mar Community Connections
Supporting and Serving Seniors

FEBRUARY 2020

Ashley Simpkins, Program Director

Will you be DMCC's Valentine?

DMCC will host our fourth annual Champagne and Chocolate Community Celebration open house on Valentine's Day from 2:00pm – 4:00pm in the Del Mar Community Building. We'll share the love with the Del Mar community and thank our incredible volunteers, without whom we could not continue to provide personalized transportation, run meal programs and activities, and take care of the Del Mar Community Building. All are welcome, so visit 225 9th St on Friday 2/14, and have some chocolate and bubbly on us!

Shopping Van improvements

One of DMCC's most essential services is the Sassy Chassis van, available for independent seniors who are enrolled in DMCC's free transportation services. Every Wednesday, we use the Sassy Chassis as a Grocery Van, but what used to be one 4-hour shift is now two 2-hour shifts; seniors get picked up and dropped off at home, and they go on the early shift, to visit Vons and Sprouts, or the late shift, to visit Trader Joes and a pharmacy. Some seniors choose to take just one shift, and some choose both.

On three Mondays per month, the Sassy Chassis is a Shopping Van so that seniors can shop at retail and discount stores located in Encinitas and La Jolla Village. We recently added a once-monthly "bonus" location, which takes Del Mar seniors to places like the Carlsbad Premium Outlets, Carmel Mountain Plaza, and other great shopping destinations. Even seniors not enrolled in our transportation services can take advantage of a fun group shopping trip by leaving from the Del Mar Community Building on 9th St. To find out about specific dates for specific destinations, consult our activities calendar, available by subscribing to our email list or by visiting our website.

To enroll in DMCC's free Transportation Services, the rider must be a 60+ years of age (or demonstrate a special need), a City of Del Mar resident, and no longer drive, permanently or temporarily. If you'd like to know more about transportation enrollment or sign up for a shopping trip, we encourage you to call our office or visit our website.

For more information... or to join our email list:

Please visit our website at dmcc.cc, or contact the DMCC office at (858) 792-7565 or dmcc@dmcc.cc.

COMMENTARY

Short Term Cases

Ellie Haviland | Mayor

There is a group named the Del Mar Alliance for Preservation of Beach Access and Village that has challenged the City's plan to regulate short-term rentals. This litigious group challenged the city with three different cases.

- . One case was dismissed.
- . The second case they lost (the judge awarded them legal fees even though they lost).
- The third case was just ruled on December 24th. This limited ruling was that the city should have run a CEQA review before adopting its zoning interpretation. That's it!

In the fight to retain local control, the city has brought only one case. That case challenges the California Coastal Commission contending local zoning regulations for STRs is a local city matter. We are fighting to uphold our community plan.

The Del Mar Alliance does not want us to have local control. They are even opposed to the Coastal Commission proposal that would allow STRs in all zones for up to 90 days per year with a 3 day minimum. The Alliance opposed all efforts at compromise insisting STRs in Del Mar should be unlimited in any zone. They continue to mischaracterize our residents-first strategy as an STR Ban.

Remember, the 7/28 plan allows for the following:

- . Unrestricted STRs in the RC and all visitor and commercial zones.
- . Restricted STRs for up to 28 days per year with a 7-day minimum stay in all residential zones (except for the RC where the 28/7 limits do not apply)
- . Unlimited vacation rentals that are for 30+ days in all zones.

This is in addition to the 1550 weekly room night rentals at Wavecrest, 12 condo units in weekly stays at L'Auberge's, and 12 units in the soon-to-be-built 941 Camino Del Mar project that can be used for a short-term rentals.

There is no ban.

The 7/28 plan for short-term rentals is the right strategy for Del Mar. This strategy was designed to allow residents and property owners to make some extra money off their homes without incentivizing short-term rental businesses. Even the moratorium on new STRs that was put in place when the Alliance first challenged the City in court has brought temporary peace of mind to residents in neighborhoods that have not yet been overrun with short-term rental businesses. Unfortunately, the Beach Colony neighborhood has not yet had any relief from the proliferation of →

REMEMBERING COZETTE



*Cozette Shirts passed on January 2nd, 2020.
Photo courtesy Matthew Shirts.*

Una Cozette Williams Shirts moved to Del Mar in the mid-sixties with her husband, Garry, and her three young children, Matthew, Phillip and Mitchell. The family, originally from Utah, loved the town and made a point of participating in community and school events. Cozette and Garry started and ran a simulation gaming business (Simile II, now called STS), as well as the Global Travel agency, in downtown Del Mar. Cozette was known as a great friend, a loving mother and grandmother (and great-grandmother), a gifted and dedicated gardener, who worked at the family business right up until her death. Her kindness and generosity will be sorely missed by the friends and family that sought out her sage advice and loved her dearly. □

mini-hotels already in their beautiful community.

We must continue to fight for our local control and for taking all our residential neighborhoods back for our residents. The Alliance represents pro-STR business interests, not those of us just trying to live here. It is the Alliance, not the city, that has been litigious, generating all these cases and attendant costs, losing two of three.

We are on the road to a successful outcome for Del Mar. We will win this fight for the soul of our community! □

HOW LONG UNTIL IT'S GONE?

Valerie Dufort-Roy | Klish Way

We are increasingly aware that our consumption habits affect the environment. Almost everything we buy is wrapped and coated in layers of plastic and cardboard, that often heads directly to the landfill. Inevitably, what goes in the landfill is deemed to chemically release methane, a substance guilty of instigating the climate change crisis. In our quest to be better informed consumers, awareness of the estimated decomposition timeframe of consumer goods might help improve our choices. Here is an infamous list, along with environmentally desirable habits or alternatives. ■

Products	Will Decompose In...*	Desirable Habits or Alternatives
Glass Bottles	1,000,000 years/undetermined	Reuse, or rinse and recycle! Glass is made out of sand and can be crushed and melted to be reshaped.
Plastic Bags/Plastic Films/Bubble Wrap	200-1000 years	Reusable bags Recycle plastic films, bags and bubble wrap at Target. Recycle plastic bags only at Vons, Ralphs and Stater Bros.
Disposable Diapers	550 years	Cotton Diapers/Hybrids (shells with compostable insert)
Plastic Bottles	450 years	Reusable Cups (works at the coffee shop and in many restaurants too, just ask to refill!)
Aluminum Cans	200-500 years	Recycle it! In 90 days, it can be back on the store shelf, like new. Aluminum can be recycled forever. Recycling it uses 95% less energy than making aluminum from raw materials.
Batteries	100 years	Recycle (in a bag left on top of your blue bin) or buy rechargeable.
Foamed Plastic Cups	50 years	Reusable cups!
Tinned Steel Can	50 years	Rinse and recycle! The Country throws away enough iron and steel to supply the automakers nationwide.
Cigarette Butts	10-12 years	You know what to do.
Milk Cartons	5 years	Reusable glass milk with a refundable deposit (such as Strauss sold at Jimbo's and Whole Foods).
Wool Socks	1-5 years	Goodwill welcomes clothing in all sizes, styles and conditions.
Cardboard Boxes	3 months (shredded) to 5 years (whole)	Reuse, recycle, shred and compost, layer under mulch in the garden to prevent weeds growth and retain moisture.
Cotton Shirt	2-5 months	Rags? Goodwill welcomes clothing in all sizes, styles and conditions.
Newspaper	6 weeks	Recycle, compost. See cardboard boxes, above, for garden usage.

OUR PRECIOUS EARTH

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street



The Arts Advisory Committee presented the youth Del Mar Art Show, "Our Precious Earth" with many enthusiastic entries from local talent on Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1 in Town Hall.

The presentation included a dance performance by Canyon Crest High School students and a story time with an illustrator. The Del Mar Foundation sponsored the light refreshments. The next art event will be in May at Town Hall. ■

IN BRIEF

NUKES Catch 22

US District Judge Janis L. Sammartino dismissed the lawsuit filed by Public Watchdog against Southern California Edison, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and other involved in the operation of decommissioning activities at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station because "Plaintiff does not have Article III standing to bring any claim because it has not suffered an injury in fact." (Case No. 19-CV-1635 JLS; US District Court, Southern District of CA) This ruling means that high risk activities acknowledged by the court cannot be remedied until a disaster resulting in personal injury (e.g. to 8 million local residents) has occurred. The suit was dismissed with prejudice, meaning that an amended complaint cannot be filed.

NO Bucks for NUKES

Rep. Mike Levin (D-49th) requested appropriations in the amount of \$25 million for the development of a consolidated interim storage program, which would include \$5 million to reinitiate regional transportation coordination to plan how to improve rail infrastructure to allow nuclear waste from San Onofre to be transported east to an interim storage site. Unfortunately, this was not included in the final appropriations package, which provided no funding to the Department of Energy for dealing with the nuclear waste problem that grows each year as older nuclear generating stations are shut down.

COMMENTARY

YES on G

Bud Emerson | Klish Way

Voters are being misled into voting NO on Measure G without knowing the whole story. If G fails, the existing zoning for those 16 acres on the bluff allows the owners a right to build gated mansions with limited access by the public. This amounts to mansionization of the bluffs, a Fairbanks Ranch by The Sea. Del Mar will rightly earn a reputation for elite NIMBYism for the rich, certainly not the vision of our Community Plan.

Make no mistake. Default plans are all set for the gated villas, showing a decent profit for the developers.

There is no option for public space. There is no interest in selling that property to the public. There are no funds for purchasing the land, surely valued well over \$100 million. We need to be clear-eyed when we cast our ballots. We cannot be deceived by magical thinking. We have a very important strategic choice to make.

Two options. If we vote NO, plans for the gated mansions will be activated, subject to review but not denial if within zoning. If we vote YES, review processes will allow our quality control processes to shape the project submission. These review processes include the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with enforced mitigations, design review (bulk and mass, lighting, noise, bluff stabilization, noise, setbacks, pedestrian access, traffic...), a financial impact analysis, City Council approval, and Coastal Commission approval.

It is important to understand how we got here. Well over

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COMMENTARY

NO on G

Felise Levine | Forest Way

When I review the Marisol Initiative, the benefits of affordable housing, increased tax revenue to the city, and the developer's "conceptual plans" for a loop trail, environmentally sensitive buildings, increased public access to coastal views and bluff protection. I find my brain spinning about all of the promised amenities to our city. I also find myself at odds with many of my friends and political allies, while weirdly aligning with those whom I often disagree. Yet, here I am opposing Measure G.

I am opposed to Measure G because I object to the process of development by Initiative. I object to the timeline established by a March election that short cuts community discussion. I object to the fact that city committees cannot hold educational forums before the election and have been gagged by our City Council. I object that the developer, although not required by the Initiative process, has chosen not to erect story poles. Story poles would give us a clearer picture of what we will be voting on, such as the reality of height and mass of this resort. Del Mar has a design review process that serves our community. The developers chose to short cut and bypass the Del Mar way. I object.

Although supporters accurately claim that the steps in the review process will proceed as usual, in reality the Design Review Board and City Council are bound by the development and land use guidelines designed by the Developer, not our city ordinances or Community Plan. The Initiative clearly states that when in conflict with the Community Plan, the developer's guidelines will determine outcome. The net effect is to hamstring the DRB and the

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Depiction of Marisol site on bluffs. Source: Marisol.

DRAFT EIR SUMMARY

Lee Haydu | Cofair Court

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the city contracted with an independent environmental planning company, HELIX, to study and prepare a draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the Marisol Initiative conceptual plan. The first draft of the EIR is out for public comment. If the zoning change in the initiative is approved by the voters, this CEQA process will continue to analyze the detailed project proposal to be submitted by the applicant. Below is a summary of the 400-page DEIR.

- . Land Use and Planning
- . Aesthetic
- . Traffic
- . Cultural
- . Air Quality
- . Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- . Soils and Geology
- . Biology
- . Hydrology and Water Quality
- . Noise and Vibration

The DEIR has identified that mitigation measures to be implemented will reduce all impacts to below a level of significance, except for parts of Via de la Valle during fair-season days when traffic is manually controlled.

CEQA review is required for all project approvals, including Tentative Map, Coastal Development Permit, Design Review Permit, and other approvals.

Where mitigation measures are warranted, they will be implemented to avoid or reduce potential impacts to below a level of significance, including as outlined below:

Land Use and Planning

- . No significant and unavoidable impacts to land use and planning would occur.
- . The Land Use and Planning section of the DEIR describes the proposed plan as consistent with the City’s Climate Action Plan and Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan, among other policies, as well as the California Coastal Act.
- . With implementation of proposed mitigation measures related to compliance with noise standards, potential impacts to land use and planning would be reduced to less than significant.

Aesthetic

- . Potential impacts relative to aesthetics would be →

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Keyser Marston Associates

Del Mar contracted with Keyser Marston Associates to produce an economic impact and fiscal analysis study of the proposed zoning change in Marisol Initiative Specific Plan as well as the existing zoning allowing single family residence development.

Key findings of the 112 page report are quoted below. □

Financial Feasibility	
visitor –serving development residual land valu.	\$109.2 million
single-family residential development residual land value	\$97 million
Economic Impact	
visitor-serving development	\$128.5 million
single-family residential development	\$13.1 million
Recurring Annual Fiscal Impact To City	
visitor-serving development	\$5.5 million
single-family residential development	\$0.5 million

reduced to less than significant with the implementation of mitigation measures including enhanced landscaping plans, a lighting plan and a photometric study.

- . From a visual perspective, the proposed mass and one- to three-story scale of buildings would be consistent with the massing of the surrounding and adjacent area.

Traffic

- The implementation of street intersection, signalization, travel lane and striping improvements would improve traffic conditions to better than they are today.
- Alternatives for traffic mitigation subject to City approval are set forth in the DEIR. On Fair weekdays, improvement and partial mitigation is provided on Via de la Valle from the I-5 freeway to Coast Highway / Camino Del Mar. Because traffic is manually controlled during the Fair season, it is impossible for weekday Fair-season traffic to be fully mitigated.
- The flow of traffic on Via De La Valle is improved with the implementation of the recommended intersection

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FROM YES ON G *page 8*

two years ago, Marisol planners began discussions with Council Members, community leaders, and interested citizens. They were told that a vote of the entire community would be important—they agreed. They were told they should submit to an EIR even though not required with an initiative—they agreed. They were told their preliminary design was too big—they made dramatic reductions. They were told to set buildings back from the Preserve—they agreed. They were told that design review was important even though not required with an initiative—they agreed. They were told that pedestrian access all around the property was important—they agreed. They were told by Coastal Commission to include lower cost accommodations—they agreed. They were told to include affordable housing—they agreed.

The order of the process is different is different but all of the usual quality review processes are included. We need to be wary of using the old paradigm of the grass roots citizens against the big bad developer. In this case, we have evidence that the developer is trying to work with us. We need to use a new paradigm of working with the project planners to shape a project that will be more consistent with our Community Plan and our responsibilities as trustees of maximum public access to our beautiful coastline. ■

FROM NO ON G *page 8*

City Council, thus preventing our community from truly having input once we actually see the developers plans. This is not just a simple rezoning Initiative. The implications are broader. I object.

In addition to traffic and light pollution concerns, I am very concerned about the resorts impact on our Scripps Bluff Preserve. Currently the preserve is an oasis, a tranquil place to hike, to enjoy the vistas. Are the developers magicians? How will they hide 3 story buildings plus necessary rooftop equipment from visitors in the Preserve and the surrounding neighborhood?

On a positive note, I am delighted that the developers have committed to giving our city 22 units of affordable housing. However, I worry that the initial benefit towards meeting our housing requirement will be offset by new formulas that must calculate the influx of workers. So, in the long run, I worry that Del Mar's housing requirement may be increased not reduced.

A lot of money is at stake as the developer promotes its vision for Del Mar. But do we have to give these developers a coveted Initiative that gives them so much control over developing this land. I object! ■

FROM DRAFT EIR SUMMARY *page 9*

improvements at the Highway 101 (Camino Del Mar) / Via De La Valle (Border Avenue) and the Via De La Valle / Jimmy Durante Blvd. intersections.

Cultural

- No significant and unavoidable impacts to cultural and tribal cultural resources would occur.
- Through onsite archeological and Native American monitoring and implementation of a data recovery program, potential impacts to archaeological resources, human remains, and tribal cultural resources would be reduced to less than significant.

Air Quality – Greenhouse Gas (GHG)

Emissions

- No mitigation measures are required.
- Impacts related to air quality and GHG emissions would be less than significant.

Soils – Geology

- No significant and unavoidable impacts to geology and soils would occur.
- Bluff-erosion-prevention measures, building setbacks away from bluff edge with adaptive design measures, directing drainage away from the bluff, paleontological monitoring and other measures, would be implemented.

Biology

- No significant and unavoidable impacts to biological resources would occur.
- Through the implementation of mitigation measures, potential impacts to biological resources would be less than significant.

Hydrology and Water Quality

- No mitigation measures are required.
- Impacts related to hydrology and water quality would be less than significant.

Noise and Vibration

- Potential impacts related to temporary construction noise, temporary recreational activity, and operational HVAC unit noise would be less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures during construction and operations, including temporary noise barriers during construction, hiring an acoustical specialist, and policies and signage enforcing minimization of noise. ■

FROM THE UNDERGROUND

Kristen M. Crane | Assistant City Manager

The Del Mar Undergrounding Project, made possible by voter approval of Measure Q in 2016, is making important progress in the first quarter of 2020. Together with the Undergrounding Project Advisory Committee, the City has selected a specialty dry utility consultant to help implement this important project. Utility Specialists' team, which includes KCM Group and Fuscoe Engineering, will play an important role in the design process and will be working closely with SDG&E, the telecommunications companies, and property owners.

The next step is to officially form the undergrounding districts for the first two areas approved by the City Council in August 2019. These areas – referred to as Area 1A and Area X1A – are generally defined as follows:

- Area 1A – West of Camino del Mar, along Stratford Court between 4th Street and Sea Orbit Lane, including the alleys.
- Area X1A – Vicinity of Crest Canyon, including the eastern end of San Dieguito Drive near the City limit, and above Crest Canyon along Avenida Primavera and Crest Drive, extending to the southern City boundary.

Working with SDG&E and other telecommunications companies, in late December and January, the Project Team has been conducting field investigations to finalize the boundaries of these two areas. The field investigations may result in some refinements to the boundaries based on technical feedback from SDG&E and the telecommunications companies. A detailed map of each area will be produced that identifies all parcels included in each area. These maps are anticipated to be completed by late February and will be available on the project website.

The formal steps to establish these two undergrounding districts are planned to be brought to the City Council for approval in March 2020. A public notice will be sent in advance of the City Council meetings to all residents and property owners, both within each area and within 300-feet of the area boundaries.

Once the districts are formed, the design process will begin. Using funds generated by Measure Q, SDG&E will develop the project design, coordinating with the telecommunication providers that use the utility poles for their infrastructure. During design, residents and property owners within Area 1A and X1A can expect to receive further information from the City and Utility Specialists' team on timelines, property owner responsibilities for private lateral work on private property, specific designs near their property, and more. The design process is anticipated to take 18 months.

Following design, the next step will be the construction bid process to better understand anticipated costs for the entire

BLUFF PROTECTION

Ann Gardner | Via Latina

In 1976, Del Mar voters approved the Bluff, Slopes and Canyons (BSC) Precise Plan “in order to preserve the scenic sandstone bluffs ...which characterize the area within the Zone;” it was enacted as one of Del Mar’s five Overlay Zones the same year. The other four are the Floodplain, Open Space, Lagoon and Historic Preservation Overlay Zones and create special districts over existing base zones. The BSC Overlay Zone currently covers the entire property of the proposed Marisol Specific Plan on the March 3 ballot as Proposition G. Adoption of the Marisol Plan would replace the BSC zone as well as the underlying zones R1-14, R1-40 and a sliver of BC with the Marisol Specific Plan. What is the difference?

The Design Review Section 30.52.080 for the Overlay Zone currently reads: “Unless otherwise exempted by this Chapter no building... shall be erected...; nor shall any lot... be ... graded for any purpose including but not limited to in-ground structures such as swimming pools or spas... until a Design Review Permit is first obtained with the procedures set forth in this Code.. In addition...the Design Review Permit shall be reviewed under the following standards: “(Section 30.52.080 A) In order to preserve view sheds and the open space appearance of the area from a distance structures shall be designed to be subservient to the natural landforms on the site (and)...no structure shall exceed a height of 14 feet...unless the Design Review Board finds that scenic view sheds and open space appearance will be less affected by higher structures.”

The Marisol Plan “would remove the existing residential designation and apply the following designation: 11.80 acres of Visitor-Serving Accommodation (VSA), 3.07 acres of Parkland/Passive Open Space, 1.21 acres of Coastal Bluff Protection and 1.37 acres of Steep Slope Protection.” The VSA would allow a 65 guest-rooms hotel, 31 villas (27 of which may be divided into additional 146 hotel guest rooms), 10 low-cost visitor accommodations, swimming pools and new restaurants. The Plan involves 14, 26 and 46-foot high buildings, a 57% Floor Area Ratio (410,970 sq. ft.) compared to 25% (106,940 sq. ft.) in the R1-14 and R1-40 zones, and three story underground parking. The Plan also provides public access, beach showers and restrooms and 22 units of affordable housing and projects \$5.96 million per year in tax revenue for the City. The Plan also states that “Where there is a conflict between... this Specific Plan and the Del Mar Municipal Code, the provisions of the Specific Plan shall prevail.”

Which bluff will it be? Del Mar residents will decide on March 3 when they vote on Measure G.

Ed note: Quote from page 25 of the Specific Plan: “This is a conceptual plan. The depictions are illustrative only and are not binding as to the exact configuration and location of the uses and improvements. The conceptual plan is subject to the public review procedures and requirements for Subsequent Project Approvals in Chapter 5, Implementation, Administration and Financing.” ■

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FREE FLIGHT

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10 Street



Jojo at Free Flight. Photo Julie Maxey-Allison.

We in Del Mar don't have to wait for that traditional first bird of spring, the red breasted American Robin, to spot colorful feathers. Birds of many vibrant hues perch just up the road at Free Flight, a bird sanctuary that has been in business since 1981. Begun as a shelter and boarding house for exotic birds such as macaws, cockatoos, parrots and various other avians, it now also provides birds-in-need a safe haven.

These birds are not only colorful, many are smart. They can learn many skills and have savvy ways of communicating. Never to be underestimated, our avian neighbors may or may not be as quick smart as Alex, the famous →

FROM FROM THE UNDERGROUND *page 11*

Citywide project. The City Council will then make a decision for moving forward with construction, which if approved, would likely begin in 2021-2022.

For more information about the Del Mar Undergrounding Project, including details about Areas 1A and X1A, please visit the project web page at www.delmar.ca.us/up or contact up@delmar.ca.us.

GET YOUR LICKS IN

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

The motto is "Ice Cream Solves Everything" at Nice Cream, just opening at 1202 Camino Del Mar between 12th and 13th Streets where Clone used to be, complementing the new streetscape. Young entrepreneur Mustafa Saadat from nearby Carmel Mountain is behind the shop that will serve some 16 exotic flavors—including vegan—churned by local San Diego vendors plus a variety of toppings. Choose from cones, cups, cookies and/or waffle sandwiches. Enjoy! □



Photo Julie Maxey-Allison

African Gray parrot who lived with and was studied by Dr. Irene Pepperberg, a comparative psychologist at Brandeis University and Harvard University. She worked with Alex for most of his life and published numerous reports of his progress and capabilities in scientific journals. Alex may have not used "language" but he was able to "talk" with a vocabulary of over 100 words. He could count up to six and was working on learning higher numbers. He was able to identify shapes and colors. He was also competent at making his wants known to his humans. Unfortunately, Alex died suddenly. Dr. Pepperberg reported that when she put him into his cage for what turned to be his last night, Alex looked at her and said: "You be good, see you tomorrow. I love you." Alex was 31, not even mid-age for exotic birds who can and do live up to 80 years and more.

Smart as they are, being a long lived bird has its hazards. Many of the residents at Free Flight have outlived their owners and faced the trauma of being moved to a new, unfamiliar place to call home. Or, an owner who did not count on the intelligence of the bird or the time required for its care and attention, gave it up. Or, the bird coexisted with an aggressive cat or whatever else that can stress a bird. Some arrive at Free Flight very much in need, having pulled out many feathers, a distress signal, and are wearil. cautious of their new surroundings. The staff and volunteers work with the birds to make them healthy and

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SUN SETS ON GALLERY

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

“The sun sets on Del Mar Art Center Gallery” read the headline of the last press release of the DMAC, (printed in the Del Mar Times of Jan 16) illustrated by a photo of a surfer on the verge of the ocean by sunset, suggesting a wondrous natural event. The closing down of DMAC after 20 years is an occasion to look back on many fine achievements and experiences, but also an unfortunate failure that should lead us to look into its various causes, not to fix blame but to understand why.

Wanting to check my own perceptions I spoke with three leaders of the Art Center, including two who go back to the early days. Kelly Villasenor is the current President but a recent member. There was considerable turnover toward the end. She talked about the difficulties encountered in keeping the new Gallery going. It is across Camino Del Mar from the Civic Center, in theory a prime location. But there was in fact little foot traffic, and construction work on Streetscape exacerbated this.

The gallery space was much smaller than the previous venue in the Plaza and cut down on the number of members who could show and help pay the steep rent. The group had enjoyed a subsidy of sorts in the Plaza by occupying for free an empty unit in a slow rental market. Even with help from the Rotary Club, the new location was unsustainable. Kelly added that a supplementary venue at Cinopolis changed its policy.

Julianne Ricksecker, who creates fine work in original printmaking, monotype, pastel and watercolor, is a long-time member but went off the board toward the end of 2019. She confirmed that her work had sold better at the Plaza than at the new gallery, but added Del Mar was never a hot market, and that galleries in general suffered from the competition of the internet. She has better results online.

Maidy Morhous, a wonderful sculptor and past president who also went off the board recently, reiterated what the others said but went further. The new gallery couldn't accommodate “the 40 artists that we needed to survive long enough to establish ourselves. Del Mar, as a community, is aging with people who are not thinking of decorating or buying art work. We were reaching out to Carmel Valley and younger communities that could bring in sales, but we did not have enough holding time.”

Maidy said that she had not counted on the DMAC Gallery to provide sales of her work for many years but “hung in because of friendships.” She has recently joined the City of Del Mar Art Advisory Committee and hopes that this will provide new connections and directions.

Many of the obstacles that brought the DMAC down after years of mixed success and struggle were contingent factors, like the difficulty of finding an appropriate gallery space and the disruption of Streetscape, but it also →

DMAC: LOOKING BACK

Arts Alive Again in Plaza (2009)

Robert McMillian | 12th Street and Diane Uke | 14th Street

This article is a reprint from the May 2009 Sandpiper.



Photo 2009 Art Olson

After a several month hiatus, the Del Mar Art Center (DMAC) will hold its grand reopening reception with music and refreshments on Sunday, May 3, 2009 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Del Mar Plaza. The public is invited to attend.

The gallery first opened in 2000 at a different space in the Plaza with financial help from the City of Del Mar. The founders, Maria Gardiner, Betty Sanbrook, and Alix Dumka, were originally joined by a small group of local artists including Zus Van

Tillo, Barbara Scott, Mark Rathsam, and Sara Hart. The present group of 35 local artists continues to display and sell reasonably priced original art that includes paintings, photography, sculpture and jewelry. There is also a “small image” section in the gallery where small paintings are available for less than \$100. The artists, who staff the gallery themselves, are available to discuss their work and that of the other artists with gallery visitors. Some artists also paint on-site.

DMAC is a co-operative, non-profit gallery that also provides a variety of services to the community, including: an annual children's art show where children from a chosen school submit art work that is then shown at the gallery; periodic lectures by well-known artists from the community or San Diego academic institutions, as well as art demonstrations.

Every two months, the artwork changes. At that time, you will see a long line of artists dropping off their new art and picking up unsold pieces from the previous two months. A local expert then comes in, evaluates the new pieces and chooses the artwork to be displayed for the next two months.

DMAC is located on the Plaza Level of the Del Mar Plaza on 15th Street (just inside the Luneta/15th St. corner entrance) and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 AM to 7 PM. Don't miss the grand reopening and visit the gallery often to see some homegrown art. ■

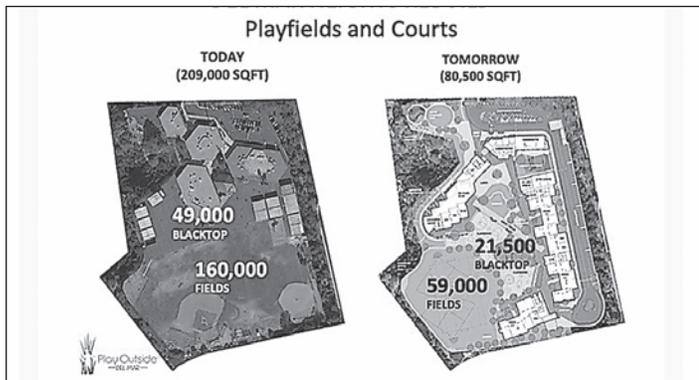
seems that Del Mar is so small, compared to Solana Beach for example, that it does not have the critical mass to sustain a flourishing art scene on its own without subsidy and community support beyond commerce. ■

COMMENTARY

Child's Play

Nicole Pentheroudakis | Recuerdo Drive

Is DMUSD's current rebuild design for Del Mar Heights Elementary School the ONLY one that can keep our children safe? Enable a great education? Provide parking for the teachers? Of course not. This design's supporters insist that those of us trying to save the school field don't care about the safety and education of our children. That we only care about the views (though 99% of us have zero impact from the views). As a Mom to two current Del Mar Heights students, that reasoning is both offensive and not true. What we care about is building the right school for Del Mar's children.



Playfields and Courts.
Source: playoutsidedelmar.org.

Finalizing the design plans during the summer, behind closed doors, has created a deeply flawed and divisive process. In September the community was presented with, in effect, a done deal. Every suggestion to preserve more field space since, has been shut down. Our concerns have been answered with selective details blatantly orchestrated to support the proposed design and to refute the possibility of change.

This campus design prioritizes parking and traffic queue; single stories; small, outdoor learning spaces; and centralizing the classrooms. Some wonderful ideas, but there is a huge cost - more than half of the school field and more than half of the blacktop. The outdoor play area falls dismally short of CA Department of Education Minimum Requirements. This design gives lowest priority to what many children love most about going to school and what many experts believe to be a critical component of an elementary school education. It comes at the expense of a field that has promoted the health and well-being of Del Mar's children for generations.

Greta Thunberg is Time's Person of the Year. Climate change is arguably the biggest issue our children will face. Environmental impact should be central to every



IN BRIEF

Fair Housing

Assembly Bill 1486, which aims to build affordable homes on public lands, began to take effect January 1, 2020. This bill applies to both the City of Del Mar and the Fairgrounds. It requires both to list surplus undeveloped parcels that can be used for affordable housing. After January 1, 2021, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will require annual reporting of each undeveloped parcel that will be added to a state inventory. This bill will make it easier to develop affordable housing on the Fairgrounds property, but it will also make it easier for HCD to require high density development on the North Bluffs property if Measure G fails.

941 Launch

The voter-approved 941 mixed use project at the site of the old gas station on 10th is well into final engineering and layout stages. Look for permit applications within the next two months.

FROM FREE FLIGHT *page 13*

safe and share information with visitors. Eventually most birds welcome a helping hand. With instruction it can be yours. You can meet, greet, feed and interact socially with birds who are willing. And you might pick up some phrases or carry on a bit of a conversation.



Jojo again.
Photo Julie Maxey-Allison.

Free Flight, 2132 Jimmy Durante Blvd., is open to the public daily 11AM to 4 PM, Wednesday 11 AM to 2 PM. freeflightbirds.org. Birds may be caged in cold or wet weather. There is an admission charge. □

decision we make and this design doesn't even guarantee solar. A few trees will be planted to offset, basically, paving a whole new road around the campus. This design encourages parents to drive to school, when the world is focusing on ways to walk, bike and use mass transit like school buses. Our children will judge us for our lack of foresight, and they should.

Building Del Mar Heights School FAST has become a higher priority than building the school RIGHT. This school is being built to meet the needs of our children for the next 50 years. We must do better, even if that means a new design. □

DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2019

DM Farmers Market: Saturdays, 1-4 pm, DM Civic Center

DM Community Connections – SportsWatch Big Game Party. Sunday, February 2, 3pm – End of Game, Winston School Auditorium, 215 9th St.

City Council Meeting. February 3, 2020, 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Community Connections – Tuesday Lunch Connections – Reservations Requested. Tuesday, February 4, Noon-1:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library Adults. Yoga. Tuesdays, 12:00pm.

DM Community Connections – Meet Your Mayor with Ellie Haviland. Wednesday, February 5, 1-3pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library Adults. Chair Yoga. Wednesdays at 10:45 & 11:45am.

DM Foundation - First Thursdays: Nuvi Mehta. Thu, February 6, 7–8:15pm Powerhouse. Doors open at 6:30 for wine and cheese. Open to subscription holders only!

DM Library Kids. Gymboree Toddler Music and Fun. Thursday, February 6, 10am.

DM Community Connections – Adapting to Life Transitions Support Group. Friday, February 7, 2:30pm – 4:00pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library Kids. InspirArt Studio: A program run by middle school students dedicated to provide opportunities for children grades K-6 to creatively express themselves through art activities. Fridays at 3:30pm

DM Community Connections – DMCC Board of Directors Meeting. Saturday, February 8, 9:00am-11:00am, St. Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

Planning Commission Meeting. February 11, 2020, 6:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Community Connections –Healthy Aging Forum with Dr. Kalina “Allowing Love to Consistently Enter Your Heart,” Tuesday, February 11, 9:30am – 11:00am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

Parks and Recreation Committee. February 12, 2020, 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Historical Society's monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12, at 5:00 pm in the conference room at 225 9th Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

DM Library Adults. Art Instruction for Adults with Sandra Dodd. Wednesdays, February 12 & 26, 3:30pm.

Undergrounding Project Advisory Committee. February 13, 2020, 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM @ Del Mar Town Hall

DM Community Connections –DMCC Explorers: “Captivating Women” Dijkstra Collection at the Timken. Thursday, February 13, 9:30am-2:00pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Foundation - Bluegrass & Beyond: Hawktaill. Thu, Feb 13, 7pm (doors 6:30), Town Hall. Check ticket availability at <https://www.delmarfoundation.org/bluegrass.html>

DM Library Kids. Toddler Yoga. Thursdays, February 13 & 27 at 10am and 10:45pm.

DM Community Connections – Champagne and Chocolate with DMCC. Friday, February 14, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

City Council Meeting. February 18, 2020, 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Community Connections – Tuesday Lunch Connections – Reservations Requested. Tuesday, February 18, Noon-1:30pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

San Dieguito Lagoon Committee. February 19, 2020, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM @ Breezeway North Conference Room.

DM Community Connections - DMCC Shuttle: San Diego Zoo Safari Park. Thursday, February 20, 9:00am-2:00pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library Kids. Bilingual Storytime & Music. Thursday, February 20, 10:00am.

DM Library All Ages. Bluegrass Concert with Full Deck, Thursday, February 20, 6:30pm.

DM Community Connections – Adapting to Life Transitions Support Group. Friday, February 21, 2:30pm – 4:00pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Library Adults. Book Talking Group. Talk about and recommend books to other readers. Friday, February 21, 2pm.

Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley meets Monday, February 24, 4-6 p.m. in the North Conference Room, Del Mar City Hall.

Finance Committee. February 25, 2020, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Community Connections - ROMEO Men's Luncheon Tuesday, February 25, 12:00pm-1:30, Sbicca Del Mar, 215 15th St.

Arts Advisory Committee. February 26, 2020, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

Design Review Board Meeting. February 26, 2020, 6:00 PM @ Del Mar Town Hall.

DM Community Connections - Singing Together. Thursday, February 27, 3:00pm-4:30pm, Chisari residence.

DM Community Connections – Del Mar Trailblazers Walking Group. Thursday, February 27, 9:00am – 11:00am, Meet at 910 Camino Del Mar

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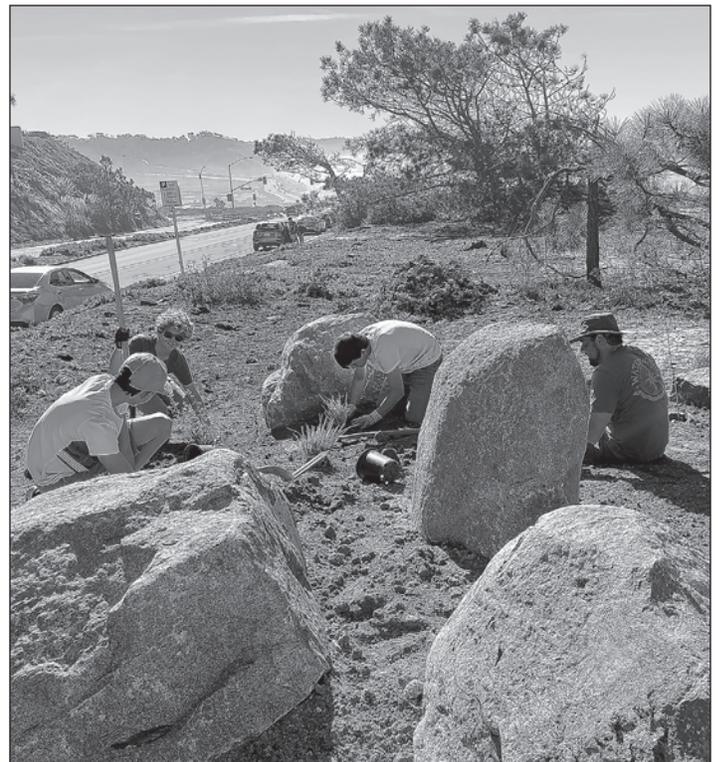
KUDOS FOR KIDS

Del Mar Canyon Preserve aka Anderson Canyon

Tyden Chinowsky, 13 | Hidden Pines Lane

About a year ago, my family and I noticed that the bluffs above Anderson Canyon in Del Mar were looking more barren than usual. Due to the recent construction of the multi-use pathway that cuts through the bluff, the soil had become so hard-packed that nothing was growing through. I asked my Dad if we could help restore the bluffs as part of a community project I was planning to do in honor of my Bar Mitzvah. With the encouragement and financial support of my family, we approached the city of Del Mar. While everyone at the city was super supportive, the process still ended up taking a year before we were able to obtain all the required permits from the city and the Coastal Commission.

There were multiple stages of this project. First, was finding a sustainable means of irrigation. We worked with the city and its outside contractor to extend the existing irrigation lines from the northern part of Anderson Canyon to the northern portion of the project site. We then hired, Jeremy Spath and his team at Water's Path to further extend the irrigation line underground to the southern end of the project site. Once the irrigation system was set up, we hired a crane service to transport large boulders to the site to provide a more interesting visual and interactive experience for the public. Next, we created pathways for the public to meander through. Then, with the help of the city and donations from nearby contractors, we obtained over 80 yards of soil to replenish the site and prepare for planting. With the oversight and expertise of Jeremy Spath we purchased and planted over 270 native species, including



Restoring Anderson Canyon. From left: Niko Beros, Tyden Chinowsky, Spencer Reckles, Steve Chinowsky.

Photo Adina Chinowsky

Torrey Pines and the very rare Del Mar Manzanita. The plants were purchased from Moosa Creek Nursery and Recon and are all native plants to the Torrey Pines/Del Mar Maritime Chaparral. We installed a drip irrigation system that is buried underground and on a timer. Shortly we will be adding mulch to finish up the planting on the western border. ■