

**DIABLO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DIABLO COUNTRY CLUB
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019
8:30 p.m. or immediately following DCSD meeting**

CALL TO ORDER:

President: Ray Brant at 8:15 pm

ROLL CALL:

Secretary: Jeff Eorio

Members Present: Brant, Urbelis, Becker, Eorio

Members Absent: Isom

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *Comments from the audience on any subject including items on this agenda are limited to 3 minutes per person. Comments by the audience are not intended to result in a dialogue between members of the audience or between the audience and the Board. Please note that no member of the Board may engage in any discussion, other than a brief comment or request for clarification, of any item raised by any member of the audience unless that item is included as an agenda item. The reason is that this is a public Board subject to the Brown Act.*

2. **ACTION ITEMS:**

Review recommendations of the Diablo Advisory Committee (DAC) and provide direction (formal vote to approve or deny) to the County on the two variance applications as outlined. DAC met on November 7 and results of their meeting are not know as of posting of this agenda. DAC members will provide recommendation to the Board.

- a) Review recommendation from Diablo Advisory Committee and provide direction to County on CCC Application # 019-11-07-01, William Sardella – 120 El Centro, Diablo for a Variance permit for a 4' X 8' X 7', square-foot storage shed to be located west of the detached garage, within the setback and within the side yard in the western corner of the property.

Peter Schmidt, Diablo resident and member of the Diablo Advisory Committee provided an overview of their November 7, 2019 meeting in which this application was reviewed. The DAC contacted the property owners and made them aware of both the DAC and the DMAC meetings. The DAC recommended approval of the Sardella variance as it is for a temporary storage shed and there were no neighbors' objections. After hearing Mr. Schmidt's presentation, Director Becker stated that he would not be voting on this item given that the property owner did not appear to discuss his application. There was a motion by Brant, 2nd by Urbelis, to recommend approval of the variance request. The DMAC voted 3-0-1 to recommend approval of the request with Becker abstaining.

- b) Review recommendation from Diablo Advisory Committee and provide direction to County on CCC Application # 019-11-07-02 Christine DeGrazia – 1850 El Nido, Diablo, for a variance permit to allow 10.24 feet set back (where 15 feet is required) to construct 1,242 square feet bedroom and bathroom addition off the east elevation of the existing residence.

Peter Schmidt, Diablo resident and member of the Diablo Advisory Committee stated that the DAC reviewed the variance request at their November 7, 2019 meeting and contacted the property owners and made them aware of both the DAC and the DMAC meetings. The DAC recommended that the application for a variance be denied based on neighbors' objections and the fact that the applicants did not reach out to neighbors to discuss the variance prior to applying to the County.

Dana Pingatore, Diablo resident and neighbor, objected to the variance and requested that her neighbors respect the required setback and alter their plans given that the addition would be close to their property and view concerns. She also stated that her neighbors did not approach her about this variance or their addition plans and actually appeared to pour foundation prior to even making the required variance request to the County.

After hearing from Mr. Schmidt and Ms. Pingatore, Director Eorio moved to recommend to the County to deny the application, Urbelis, 2nd, motion to deny approved 4-0.

3) **COMMENTS BY DIRECTORS:** None.

4) **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next DMAC Regular Board meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2020, 7:30 pm in the Diablo Room of the Diablo Country Club (immediately following the DCSD meeting).

Diablo Community Services District by

Jeff Eorio, Secretary