

**DIABLO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DIABLO COUNTRY CLUB RED HORSE TAVERN TOO
MAY 13, 2024 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: President Kathy Urbelis called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

President Urbelis welcomed Directors and the public and explained the rules for public comment.

ROLL CALL: Director Chartier called the roll as follows:

Directors present: Urbelis, Lorenz, Slavonia, Chartier

Directors absent: Cox

WELCOME OFFICIALS:

Martin de los Angeles (of Best, Best, & Krieger LLP, General Counsel)

Cameron Collins (Supervisor Anderson's Liaison)

Hank Salvo (Diablo Country Club Liaison)

Kathy Torru (General Manager)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

General Manager Torru read Ray Brant's attached comments concerning the Mt Diablo Scenic Blvd signalization project.

Maryann Cella voiced support for Ray Brant's comments and asked that the County provide regular updates on the Mt Diablo Scenic Blvd signalization project.

BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATION AND ACTIONS:

ADMINISTRATIVE:

General Counsel Martin de los Angeles summarized the contents of the letter sent to Nicola Place and the upper Mt Diablo Scenic Blvd property owners clarifying the maintenance of Mt Diablo Scenic Blvd. A copy of the letter is included in the May 13, 2024 agenda packet.

FINANCES:

Director Lorenz presented the DCSD Financial Report for the first 9 months of fiscal year 2023-24. A copy of the Financial Report is available on the DCSD website under the Documents tab.

Director Lorenz presented the draft DCSD 2024-25 Budget for Board discussion. No changes were requested. The 2024-25 Budget will be presented to the Board at its June 10, 2024 Regular Board meeting for adoption.

On motion by Director Chartier and second by Director Slavonia, Resolution 2024-01 authorizing the Measure B Special Tax rates for fiscal year 2024-25 (\$790.78 for Improved Parcels, \$152.92 for Unimproved Parcels, and \$27,994.18 for the Diablo Country Club) and directing the County to collect the tax on behalf of the District was adopted. Motion passed 4-0.

ROADS:

On motion by Director Slavonia and second by President Urbelis, Director Cox and General Manager Torru were authorized to negotiate a contract with Dryco Construction Inc for the asphalt repair of lower Alameda Diablo and upper El Nido for an amount not to exceed \$46,000. Motion passed 4-0.

SECURITY:

Director Slavonia reported that there were no crimes reported last month. Director Slavonia expressed concern about stop sign violations at the corner of Club House Rd and Calle Arroyo and requests the Sheriff patrol that corner more frequently.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

On motion by Director Lorenz and second by Director Slavonia, the April 8, 2024 Regular Minutes were approved. Motion passed 3-0. President Urbelis abstained.

On motion by Director Lorenz and second by President Urbelis, the December 11, 2023 Special and Regular minutes were approved. Motion passed 3-0. Director Chartier abstained.

REPORTS:

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY: No report. Director Lorenz asked Cameron to update the Board on the Mt Diablo Scenic Blvd signalization project. Cameron stated that an update would be provided at the June 10, 2024 DCSD Regular meeting.

DIABLO PROPERTY OWNERS' REPORT: No report.

DIABLO COUNTRY CLUB: Hank Salvo, Diablo Country Club liaison, reported that the Club House project is on schedule and will be opened to members Memorial Day weekend. The Bocce courts and some of the landscaping won't be completed until mid-June.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Process and timeline for the creation of a records retention policy that includes digitizing the District's records.

CALL OF NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT:

President Urbelis called the next meeting for June 10, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Diablo Country Club. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Diablo Community Services District by

Kathy Torru, General Manager

From: Ray Brant
Subject: Fwd: Mt. Diablo Scenic & Diablo Rd. improvements
Date: April 5, 2024 at 6:05 PM
To:



Cc: DCSD General Manager generalmanager@diablocsd.org

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Dear DCSD and DMAC Board,

Please read this into the minutes of the April 8th meeting minutes.

On about April 7th. I had the pleasure to meet with Director Lorenz and Maryann Cella regarding the required signalization of the Mt. Diablo Scenic/Blackhawk Rd./Diablo Road intersection and safety improvements to the area that must accompany such a major change to that intersection and nearby area. The safety improvements are needed to mitigate the increased hazards to vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists that the signalization will create.

We walked the area from Avenida Nueva to Mt. Diablo Scenic. Greg commented that during off-peak traffic time (i.e. other than school start and end times) there should be a flashing red light for the entire intersection. Obviously, traffic is lighter then and it is therefore preferable to have full stops for every car both to shorten vehicle delay and to allow a window of time for vehicles to exit driveways and nearby intersections, and pedestrians to cross and bicyclists to make left turns onto Mt. Diablo Scenic.

Most importantly, requiring a full stop during off-peak times will keep car speeds in the area lower. When the signal is activated, vehicles traveling west on Diablo Road through a green light at Scenic will be traveling upwards of 50 mph at Avenida Nueva making vehicle entrance and exit from Avenida Nueva and Diablo Rd. homeowners' driveways, pedestrian crossing, and bicyclist turning more DANGEROUS. Similarly, vehicles traveling eastbound on Diablo Rd. will likely speed up to make a green light, making for more dangerous conditions for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Friday March 8th I observed school kids being dropped off at Avenida Nueva and La Cadena. Some of them walked down Avenida Nueva to cross Diablo Road. I watched as they stood and tried to judge a safe time to cross and then they ran across Diablo Road.

I believe that the DCSD Board has the responsibility to actively engage with County officials (Supervisor Andersen and Department of Public Works) to ensure that the signalization project mitigate its negative impact on the safety of DCSD residents and other motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists traveling the area around the intersection.

Thank you,

Ray Brant
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