

**ONE-PS Code Enforcement and Public Works Committee  
Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022  
10:00 am – 11:30 am**

**Committee members:** Don Barrett (chair), Dan Fast, Corinne Griswold, Mike Guerra, Cynthia Session

**City Staff:** Patrick Clifford, Veronica Goedhart, Francisco Jaime, Janine Newbry

**Guests:** Bernard Rottner, Mark Blasius, Patrick Stonebraker, Russ Uthe, Steven Bing

**Opening comments**

**Approve minutes of 01-19-2022 meeting** (attached)

**Public Comment:**

Scheduled comments:

- Crosswalk Indian Canyon/Mel: Mark Blasius of El Mirado NORG discussed the need for a crosswalk on Indian Canyon due to the number of medical and social service facilities across Indian Canyon from the hospital but there being no light or crosswalk between Vista Chino and Tachevah. Mark also noted the high speed in that area making crossing more difficult.
- ElDorado: Code compliance in ElDorado NOrg: Patrick Stonebraker of ElDorado asked about code compliance in ElDorado, which was formerly a mobile home park and thus subject to city but not county regulations, but that the park was converted into ownership of the property by the residents and thus legally more similar to a condo complex.
- Mesquite Avenue and Cerritos: Russ Uthe asked about the status of the requested stop signs for that intersection.
- Sonora and Farrell: Bernard Rottner queried about a stop sign for that intersection.

Other:

- Corrine (Whitewater Club) asked about whether front yard fencing with chain link was within Code
- Dan Fast (Araby Cove) complimented engineering regarding their efforts with improving access and safety on Rim Rd.

*[See discussions in the following sections regarding the points raised in public comments.]*

**Code Enforcement**

- January-February Code Compliance Report – Janine Newbry: Janine discussed the report provided (see webpage), noting that with the freeing up of Covid-related complaints the volume and nature of complaints was returning back to what used to be normal. Various issues were addressed including the use of motor homes by the

unhoused near the Lowes/Walmart shopping centers, leaving out garbage cans all week (an officer will check on that), and the chain-link fence issue raised by Corrine (code officers are working on that).

Regarding the question of code compliance in El Dorado, the city considers that to still be a mobile home park and thus not an area where city enforcement occurs. On further discussion, code enforcement will look into whether the change in ownership changes how the city addresses it.

## **Vacation Rental / Special Program Compliance**

Report, Patrick Clifford: Patrick reported on the new Cannabis code enforcement officer, noting that he is currently charged with doing the annual inspections of all cannabis businesses in the city ... "doing audits as far as making sure they're operational compliant with respect to our municipal code and state codes. He's also has inspected some cultivation as well...."

Patrick covered, in detail, the vacation rental compliance report that is on their website, noting that noise is the most frequent complaint but there are often complaints (and citations) for operating a vacation rental without a certificate. He noted that noise complaints are typically low in cooler months and will increase as weather warms up.

In discussion Don (chair of CEPW) noted that the number of complaints seems relatively low given the number of vacation rentals. In other discussion Patrick noted that owners or managers of vacation rentals are notified when there has been a complaint, even if there has not been a citation.

## **Engineering Services – Updates of projects (minute 47 on the transcript)**

- Traffic calming projects: Engineering currently working on calming projects 1) Stevens road [NORGS: Old Las Palmas/Vista Las Palmas], 2) Bolero road [NORGS: El Dorado], 3) Eastgate Road [NORGS: Desert Highlands], 4) Gateway [unclear location], no community action so on hold 5) Sonora and Farrell [Sonora Sunrise/Las Compadres] on safe routes list, but due to curve on Farrell would have to be a more expensive flashing crosswalk and require more discussion by Council, 6) Sonora and El Cielo [NORGS: Las Compadres] on safe list, though up to Council regarding prioritizing, 7) Mesquite and Cerritos stop sign, have a bid on that and now its up to council. 8) Discussion of traffic light updates on Indian Canyon at Rosa Parks and at San Rafael, Indian Canyon and via Escuela on hold for further funding 9) Calle Palo Fierro between Santiago Way and Avenida Granada had been considered for traffic calming but dropped due to lack of community support.
- Other traffic-related projects: Change in speed limits, new signs will be noted with orange flags on the sign Discussed earlier concern about crosswalk on Indian Canyon near hospital, noted that the safe routes report indicated a need for a crosswalk at Monte Vista, which is just north of Mel. Suggested that Blasius's NOrg indicate support for the Safe Routes report (which was described in the meeting) and separately about a specific crossing.
- City building projects and other projects: 1) AC and new windows for Demuth Community Center (project tentatively scheduled for completion by August 2) sounds system for Pavillion, may be completed in May, 3) in process of upgrading traffic lights (3 projects)

**Future meeting / format & location?** Continue with Zoom, next meeting in May.

**CEPW website/membership visibility (Don Barrett)**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, *05/18/2022*, 10:00 – 11:30 am**

**ADJOURN**

**Don Barrett, Chair**