

**Devore Rural Protection Association
General Meeting
08-07-23 6 PM**

Agenda

Meeting called to order by President Darcee Klapp at 6:37 PM.

Roll Call by Secretary Noretta Barker

President Darcee Klapp Present
Vice President Karan Slobom Present
Secretary Noretta Barker Present
Treasurer Amber Claflin Present
Agent of Process Bill Klapp Present
Director Cindy Maruzzi Present
Director Karen Lees Present
Director Dee Denton Present
Director Evan Nelson Present
Director Nanette VanEsch Present
Director Stephanie Van Esch Present
Director Kristian Hultzgren Present

Note: Agenda altered to allow special guests to speak first due to scheduling issues.

Special guests:

Supervisor Dawn Rowe
Liaison Lewis Murray

Handout ref commercial projects in Devore

No application on file for Tesla

Oasis at Glen Hele has not been rezoned yet

Rezoning is reviewed 4 times a year by BOS. Must have an application and can be expensive.

Vendors - do not enforce flower vending State level will not regulate flower vendors on off-ramps anywhere. May be able to get a response if it is interfering with traffic flow or poses a safety hazard. Suggested to reach out to state partners ref flower vendors. Food vendors will be regulated due to many reports of illness from side of the road vendors.

Land use - When commercial and residential area are adjacent or intermingled, there can be a specific use plan overlayed on the area... example Yucca Valley can regulate and make visual adjustments, such as walls that divide the commercial and residential area. The County is working to correct some poorly made plans from years ago. Supervisor Rowe will continue to work with DRPA Board,

Questions from the floor:

Dee Denton asked if there was a way to stop rerouting thru Devore. Dee asking if as a community, we can send info to google and waze. Supervisor Rowe advised Waze and Google do not return county or to law enforcement calls and most likely will not respond to the community either.

Karan - is it possible to use raised dots at stop sign or flashing stop sign by Mom's store? There is still a severe problem with vehicles running the stop sign. Supervisor Rowe will make some inquiries and will reach out to CHP for extra patrols. Darcee commented that in the past when DRPA asked for speed bumps, the fire department did not want them, however they were ok with raised dots.

Nanette - asked about the "bridge to nowhere" and any updates. Supervisor Rowe will be checking on updates and forwarding to the DRPA Board.

Dee Denton - would like to see raised dots at school as there are no crossing guard and only one crosswalk with no controls. Amber also stated that we do not want sidewalks, but would like another crosswalk. Dee Denton also commented that people don't stop at mom's store stop sign. Supervisor Rowe will be checking as stated above in relation to Karan's request.

Assistant Fire Chief Martin Serna, Cal-Fire

DRPA passed on condolences reference Cal Fire helicopter that crashed in Riverside County. Asst Chief Serna is new to the department from Torrance. He lives in the Inland Empire.

Provided a handout with YTD summary.

Majority of incidents are EMS related. This has been a very busy and dynamic year, including “snowmaggeon” on the mountain, which is described as a once in a lifetime event. Fire Department is well equipped and used Snowcats to deal with the event. The will be developing an after action review and lessons learned report.

Had some fires this year, with most being in Riverside County, such as the Bonnie fire,

Some of the problems faced by the Fire Department include retention and lack of candidates. Approximately 60% of the firefighters have 3-5 years on. Fire Department is having challenges recruiting but remain focused on trying to develop new firefighters and getting them prepared for service.

Chief Dan Wooters, San Bernardino County Fire Department

25 years with Fire Department and is from San Bernanrdino area.

Current wildfire threat and assessment:

They are predicting a normal or below average fire season, however Chief Wooters wants people to be cautious with the hot temperatures and abundant fuel. He advisis to stay vigilant and keep property clean and clear. Grass is the main carrier for vegetation fires.

For resources to help you, go to the website:

www.sbcfire.org click on safety and there will be multiple resources available to help you

Chipping day in June was successful. Will look at increasing days. Will have one prior to fire season. No date set yet. Possibly September. Santa ana winds start up in October.

Questions from the floor:

Noretta Barker asked if the Fire Department was still using Phos-chek. Chief Wooters said they are still using it.

Karan Slobom asked what the Fire Department is looking for in relation to accessing and protecting residential structures. Chief Wooters said they are looking for certain features, including adequate access with safety zones for retreat if necessary. Safety comes first for residents and first responders. Chief Wooters said if you are asked to evacuate, please evacuate. Be ready to go at a moment's notice.

Dee Denton asked about overgrown grass and weeds at residences and who handles making sure people comply? Chief Wooters said code enforcement could be called or fire weed abatement.

Dee Denton asked if we could get help identifying the issues. Nanette VanEsch said that will be addressed at the Fire Safe Council on August 22, 2023.

**SSS Jennifer Ball, SBCSD
Det McDaniel SBCSD**

Post Malone concert coming up - not anticipating any different issues than a normal concert.

Vendors - working with code enforcement

Will work on getting Citizen's on Patrol for Christmas Parades.

Still have system issues and unable to provide recent calls for service until the system is fully functional.

Det McDaniel advised a residential burglar that broke into a house in Devore as well as one other area, was identified and arrested and currently locked up. Subject broke a window to make entry into residence.

Dee Denton asked if residents should be encouraged to call in crimes. SSS Jennifer Ball and Det McDaniel both advised yes. It will show crime patterns and also makes a difference when allocating resources. No crime is too small.

Approval of May 2023 Minutes

Motion to accept May minutes as posted on line by Bill Klapp

2nd: Stephanie VanEsch No Discussion Vote Unanimous

Note for point of order - there was no treasurers report for May. May and August are combined in August report.

Treasurer's Report for August 2023:

CHECKING:

Balance as of 08/06/23 \$7711.05