

# **Tamalpais Design Review Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting: May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020: 7:00 PM**

Meeting Location: On Line, Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Board members in Attendance: LL, AJ, AM, DW

Members of Public in Attendance: Rodrigo Izquierdo, Sarah Estes Smith

- 1) Approval of Meeting Minutes 05/06/2020  
LL Would like some corrections made before voting to approve.  
AM Motion to vote to approve at next meeting. LL seconds. 4 Yeas, 0 Nays.
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes 05/13/2020  
AM: Motion to approve with minor corrections listed. LL seconds. 4 Yeas, 0 Nays.
- 3) Correspondence:
  - A) LL: Steven DeLapp contacted LL about a meeting with Kate Sears and Dennis Rodoni about the problems that short term rentals are posing. He will address the Board at a future meeting to dispense the outcome of the meeting.
  - B) LL: Contacted Brian Crawford (Head of Marin County Planning and Building) for an update on 150 Shoreline. The project is making its way through Environmental Review. Fighting against the need for a full EIR. Because of new permit streamlining act, number of hearings is limited. There is concern that the project should return to the Board. LL will contact Manny (Planner) to understand the process.
  - C) LL contacted the Board chairs for Strawberry and Kentfield to check in about ODDS. Kentfield chair was unaware of ODDS happening. LL made them aware of the survey the Board is creating fro generate public input.
  - D) AJ: Has learned of an on line game called “City Skylines.” The game is educational, in that it forces one to develop the necessary infrastructure for a population before the addition of the population. This is a good example of what must be done in Marin before large amounts of additional housing can be added. Without providing the infrastructure for mass transit, the additional population will create traffic congestion, longer commutes and pollution.
- 4) Public Comment:

RI: He is very concerned that projects that are approved by the Board are then allowed to change drastically without coming back. 222 Beryl Avenue is a good example of a building that changed a lot after it was seen by the Board.

Board discusses how much change occurs with only the Planner’s approval. There is no precise amount, and the Board is only advisory. LL mentions that there was supposed to be a “feedback loop” established, for better transparency for projects as they move through the Planning and Building department, so that the Board can see if they change.

LL will forward RI’s letter to the Planning department and others (Rodoni, Sears, Crawford, Lai, Tejirian, Levenson, Planners, etc.)

5) Agenda Item: ODDS Survey created by Board, presented for approval

LL uploads the survey for review. LL states that the County potentially wants to send the survey out along with the Board. The precise images are not fully finalized, and photos to be used will be modified. Some text will be improved.

Suggested changes by Board:

- A) Change bi-monthly to “twice monthly”
- B) Put the questions about 9 design elements of concern before the open ended questions. (AJ & DW)
- C) State that this is a 10 minute survey at the beginning. (DW)
- D) Have a “Skip to Survey” button after a very brief introduction. (SES)
- E) Declare the importance of the ODDS, and how it will replace Design Review, more clearly and concisely, at the very beginning. (AJ)
- F) Make a “skip to question 4” if the answer to 1 was no... (DW, AJ)
- G) Add another very nice photo, like of Mount Tam, for the open ended questions at the end. (DW)
- H) Provide an option for writing in the answers, rather than just typing, for people who prefer to write by hand. (RI)
- I) Provide a way to fill out the survey for the disabled (RI)
- J) Add a question “ Do you live in the Tam Area, If so (or not) where do you live” in an effort to be able to discern the desires of local community members versus nearby visitors of the Tam area.

AM: Motion to approve the survey, with images and text edits made by LL and AM

AJ: Seconds 4 Yeas, 0 Nays.

LL will send revised survey to Crawford and Jillian Zeigler (in charge of ODDS) and will ask them about dispensation of the survey. The Board agrees that having receipt of the answers to the survey is crucial.