

Tamalpais Design Review Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting: February 22, 2023, 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom

Call to Order: 7:02pm – Doug Wallace (Chair)

Board Members Present: Douglas Wallace (DW), Logan Link (LL), Amy Kalish (AK), Tom Lamar (TL)

Board Members Absent: Michael Wara (MW)

Members of Public Present: Andrea Montalbano, Terry Keenan, Alan Jones, Brooke Schreier-Ganz, Sharon Rushton, Julie Brown, Laura Chariton, Sue Ellen Speight, Susan Wu, Jack Krystal, Lee Budish, Candice Bozzard (notetaker)

Approval of minutes: December 7, 2022

Motion to approve: AK, LL second; TL abstain; motion approved

Correspondence and Notices: The County of Marin launched a new Accessory Dwelling Unit Technical Assistance Pilot program helping homeowners in the Unincorporated Areas navigate the process of adding an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) or a Junior ADU (JADU) to their homes. *HelloADU.org*

Public comment on items not on the agenda: no non-agenda items

1) Election of 2023 Board Officers

AK nominated DW as chair for another term. Seconded by LL. Vote was unanimous. DW nominated LL as vice chair for another term. Seconded by TL. Vote was unanimous.

2) Meeting location

The board agreed to meet via zoom for regular meetings with perhaps a few in-person meetings depending on agenda items and public interest.

Open public comment:

Andrea – older citizens have a harder time with zoom; however, the log cabin does not have proper ADA access. Weighty discussions to be held in person.
Terry Keenan – supports meeting electronically but for significant agenda items meet in person or perhaps offer a hybrid solution.
Laura Chariton – In favor of hybrid style meetings
Lee Budish – Agrees with the hybrid style meetings

Closed public comment.

Moved by LL and seconded by TL to continue default meetings via zoom and consider further discussion to meet twice a year in-person. Approved unanimously.

3) Discussion of Countywide Plan Amendments, Impact on Community Plans

Presentation by Andrea Montalbano, Marin County Planning Commission and past Tam DRB member. Andrea gave a PowerPoint overview of the County of Marin's General Plan. Andrea provided a description of the different elements outlined in the General Plan as well government code statutes. Andrea also pointed out that the new housing element that was recently passed by the Board of Supervisor's removed critical wording that weakens the Community Plan.

Presentation by Sharon Rushton, President of Sustainable TamAlmonte. Sharon gave a PowerPoint analysis of the newly revised housing element and requested the Tam DRB support their petition to have the County Board of Supervisors reconsider the housing element.

Open public comment:

Laura – thanked the presenters for their in-depth comprehension of the planning process and housing element.

Alan Jones – Is in agreement that the revised Housing Element weakens the Community Plan.

Closed public comment.

LL and AK fully support the petition and suggest the board members sign individually as well as a group. LL also proposed writing a letter to the Board of Supervisors.

TL stated he was overwhelmed (in a good way) with all the knowledge and is in support of the petition

Moved by TL and seconded by AK to endorse the Sustainable TamAlmonte petition to Reverse the Needless Destruction of Community Plans in Marin County. Approved unanimously.

AK and DW will craft a letter to the Board of Supervisors and bring it back to the board for review.

4) Meeting adjourned: 9:00PM

Next meeting scheduled for March1, 2023.