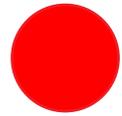


Del Mar City Council Meeting Agenda

Del Mar Town Hall
1050 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, California

January 13, 2020 City Council Meeting

**INFORMATION RECEIVED
AFTER THE COUNCIL AGENDA
WAS DISTRIBUTED
("Red Dots")**



From: Camilla Rang <camillarang@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 12:43 PM
To: City Clerk Mail Box
Subject: Subject: TRP-019-014, Agenda Item #: 5

Dear City Council,

Thank you for hearing us out in regards to this long on-going tension in our neighbor hood. I strongly support the removal of the young Monterrey cypress in question.

We bought and moved into our house on 10th street in 1999, 20 and a half years ago. Both my husband and I are hard working scientists at UCSD, my husband professor. Because we work late days, we deliberately picked our house because of the gorgeous night-view over La Jolla with all its lights, where we could sit and wind down after long days at work. The ocean is dark at night, but La Jolla shines bright and beautiful. We have also always been able to enjoy the fireworks from La Jolla on 4th of July for over 20 years now.

This view is quickly disappearing. When we moved in, there were three Monterreys along 135 9th street, all tall, old, and elegant with a top crown. Now there are SIX Monterreys within that same stretch of 160 feet along 135 9th street, and four of them new, which means they look like overgrown, 40-60 foot tall Christmas trees, dense without a chance to see through, growing in a long row, like a 60 foot high, 160 feet long wall.

Why would anyone do that to their neighbors? It is beyond my understanding. And this despite several and many, many requests and offers for replacement trees from plentiful neighbors to the owners of 135 9th street. We have especially begged about the cypress in question, the youngest, which is approximately 4 years old, not 9 as suggested by the City Council Staff Report. That the tree is much younger than 9 years can be proven with many pictures and dated google maps images. Also Del Mar's most appreciated arborist (no names named) told me over the phone that the cypress in question is approximately 4 years old. Before this young Monterrey reached the magical 20 inches in diameter, we contacted the owners of 135 9th street numerous times to no avail. This particular cypress has apparently planted itself conveniently right in the middle of the other 5 cypresses, cutting off the last little window of view everyone living north of 135 9th street still had. Remember, these trees grow 4-5 feet per year so the view is disappearing fast. The online magazine Santa Barbara Beautiful just concluded in an article about Monterey Cypresses that they are excellent choices for parks and golf courses but too big for small residential lots. And on this stretch of 160 feet, we have six.

Now, it turns out that this youngest Monterrey, which is doing the most damage to everyone's view, is on City land. Remember, it is the City's own rule that says that views should be preserved and protected in Del Mar. It makes absolutely no sense if the City decides against their own ruling. It is not like there is a shortage of Monterreys along this stretch, because, like I said, there are SIX within 160 feet, which is a total and complete excess. To refuse to take down this one Monterrey by recalling the protective status of Monterrey cypresses is abusing the protective status of Monterreys. This is not what the protective status was for. The protective status was not made to allow for building/growing 60 foot walls around residential lots that in any other case would have been highly illegal. No one needs a 60 foot wall around a 26 foot house. It makes absolutely no sense. There are other trees that

can be planted in its place that will give an even better privacy than what this Monterrey will once it is an adult tree.

I also want to point out that Monterrey cypresses are NOT native to Del Mar. They are from the Monterrey peninsula up by Santa Cruz, northern California and were brought here by early settlers. This is the reason why Monterreys are so prone to diseases here. It has evolved to withstand the climate in Northern California, not Southern. Here, it rots and are subjected to beetles and thereby also easily infects other, healthy trees. This piece of information may be irrelevant, but I just wanted to emphasize this to everyone who seems to think that Monterreys are native to Del Mar. No, they are not.

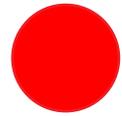
Please, let us keep our views over a glittering La Jolla in the dark night. It is the City's duty and responsibility to protect our home values and standard of living. That is what Del Mar is about and that is why we pay big money for our homes – because we are guaranteed to keep our views, which is something unique and amazing. Please, stand up for Del Mar and show us that it's not just an illusion and false advertising. If the City itself cannot follow the law, how can you then tell others to do so?

Sincerely,

Camilla Rang
159 10th Street, Del Mar, CA 92014



City of Del Mar Staff Report



TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Amanda Lee, Principal Planner
DATE: January 10, 2020
SUBJECT: Red Dot Item 6 (Sea Level Rise LCPA Progress Update)

Item 6 is an administrative item to provide the City Council with a progress report regarding the City's Sea Level Rise Local Coastal Program Amendment applications currently in process with the Coastal Commission. The item also requests City Council authorization to submit a letter to the Coastal Commission requesting that the City's LCPA applications (LCPA 16-005 and LCPA 18-002/ZA 16-008) be withdrawn and resubmitted.

On January 9, 2020, the Coastal Commission submitted a letter acknowledging the progress that has been made to date and encouraging the City to submit a letter to withdraw and resubmit the LCPA applications consistent with the authorization that is being requested with Item 6.

The Coastal Commission letter is provided as Attachment A.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Coastal Commission letter dated January 9, 2020

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

SAN DIEGO AREA
7575 METROPOLITAN DRIVE, SUITE 103
SAN DIEGO, CA 92108-4421
(619) 767-2370



January 9, 2020

Sent via e-mail

Scott Huth
City Manager
City of Del Mar
1050 Camino Del Mar
Del Mar, California 92014

**RE: City of Del Mar, Sea Level Rise LCPA
2020 coordination update**

Dear Mr. Huth,

We appreciate the ongoing collaborative process that has occurred over the past few months in an effort to resolve the outstanding concerns raised by the City in regards to the Del Mar Sea Level Rise LCPA. Recent coordination meetings have served as a valuable forum where information related to local issues was presented and acknowledged, creating an environment where compromise could be possible.

To that end, Commission staff appreciates the efforts made by City staff to draft new thresholds that further build upon the direction already in place within the City's Adaptation Plan in a manner that not only addresses Coastal Act concerns, but also reflects the direction provided by the City within their locally approved Plan. Discussions related to suggested modifications to the bluff and floodway overlay zones also provided insight into local concerns, and have resulted in positive steps that avoid any potential conflict with the City's existing Beach Protection Initiative (BPI).

As a result of these ongoing efforts, we discussed and agreed that additional time would be beneficial to our work. We would therefore encourage the City to withdraw and resubmit the LCP amendment request and work together to agendaize this item for the next local San Diego Commission hearing, which is scheduled for July 2020. An agreement from the City to continue this process will allow for important local participation, and continued collaboration between our agencies to draft a final recommendation that represents both local and statewide issues. Thank you for the City's on-going efforts.

Sincerely,


Gabriel Buhr
Coastal Program Manager
San Diego Coast District

Cc (via email): Jack Ainsworth, Karl Schwing, Deborah Lee, Carey Batha, Joseph Smith, Amanda Lee