

MINUTES Save Dutton Meadows community group meeting

May 5, 2021, 6pm

Website with our collected info: devinadouglaslaw.com/duttonmeadows

- 1) Getting our message out via public comments- 5 minutes
 - a) Please remember to get public comments in to if you haven't already.
 - i) Adam Ross: Dutton Meadows Subdivision. His email address is aross@srcity.com
 - (1) Many members expressed concerns that Adam Ross has not responded to their questions/comments
 - (2) Members unhappy with the way in which the "side by side" was shared with us by Adam Ross-DD
 - ii) Susie Murray: Meadowood. Her email address is smurray@srcity.org
 - (1) Toomians is no longer on the project.
 - (2) Duttonwood Ranch inquiries- no response
 - b) Need attendees at City meetings-
 - i) Volunteers?
 - (1) City Council meetings-
 - (i) May 11 canceled
 - (ii) May 18-budget study sessions
 - (iii) Next typical May 25-AD will attend on our behalf
 - (2) Mondays with the Mayor
 - (a) 5/3
 - (i) DD's notes
 1. Urban 3 Study 2016 study
 - a. How to manage tax revenue, where are \$\$ best spent
 - b. Downtown core was the best investment
 - c. Is this a tax only cost/benefit analysis issue, or is quality of life factored in.
 2. Regional housing needs assessment plan
 3. Drought issues
 - a. Analysis found there IS enough water to meet regional needs to get us through to the next rainy season
 - b. But they are still going to have to ask people to conserve.
 - c. But what about climate change
 - d. Can we sustain growth?
 - e. **It is reckless to keep building when water reliability is uncertain.**
 4. Lake Mendocino is rising.
 - a. Water being sent in from Potter Valley Waterhouse
 - (b) 5/17- DD to distribute link
 - (c) 5/24
 - (d) 5/31
 - (e) 6/7
 - (3) Urban Water Management
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- (4) Water Shortage Contingency Plan
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 - (5) Planning commission meetings
 - (i) 5/13-
 - (ii) 5/27-
 - ii) Continue sharing your stories which illustrate how we are currently affected by issues here.
 - (1) Art shared his story about how difficult it is to go into/out of Sally Ann off Hearn
 - (a) Cited past traffic plans/studies
 - (b) Dutton Meadows issues will make this worse.
 - iii) Post to NextDoor
 - iv) Elsewhere we can share our stories?
 - v) **We need a mailing list for resource list for making appearances for group events**
 - vi) **We need a newsletter**
 - (1) **Distribution: every door in our area**
 - (2) **DD to send email about this**
 - vii) **See SantaRosaTogether.org**
 - (1) **Group outreach**
 - (a) **Ron and Art will try to attend!**
 - (2) **Has event 6/5**
 - (a) **Group members to check it out.**
 - (3) **Would Eddie be part of this at a future event?**
- 2) What do we need to do from here?- 5 minutes
- a) More group members.
 - i) Volunteers to pass out more flyers
 - (1) Flyer created -see website
 - (a) Tulio to translate to Spanish
 - (i) Tulio on vacation now, we're waiting until he gets back
 - (2) Pounding the pavement passing out flyers within:
 - (a) Roseland
 - (b) Pebble Creek
 - (c) Tuxhorn
 - (d) West of Stony Point
 - (3) Handing them out
 - (a) Leaving on door
 - (b) Not in mailboxes
 - (c) On porch
 - (d) Personal contact best
 - b) Newsletter- see above
 - c) SantaRosaTogether.org- see above
 - d) Petitioning- Fred, Matt and Devina
 - i) still on hold for now.
 - ii) But topics of concern/suggestions noted in the 4/6 meeting minutes.
 - e) Art floated the idea of our little neighborhood signing a pledge to conserve water
 - i) To get attention
 - ii) Send message to Press Democrat

- iii) Let's refine this idea in the coming weeks.
 - f) Press Democrat liaison?
- 3) Group opposition letter has been drafted regards to the Meadowood Ranch Project?
 - a) Any response from the City? No.
 - b) No further update on when the next public comment deadline will be.
- 4) Updates on interactions with local officials- 15 minutes
 - a) Meeting with Sean, Outgoing City manager, and Eddie Alvarez -**DD Still waiting on Eddie to set up date.**
 - b) Update on discussions with/info from Planning Dept.
 - i) Setting up meeting with Rose and Ross and Sprinkle- date TBD.
 - c) Update on discussions with/info from Traffic Dept.
 - i) Per Sprinkle
 - (1) Hearn will NOT be widened into 2 lanes in each direction, as the Roseland Specific Plan indicated it "had adequate capacity without widening"
 - (a) But it is supposed to be widened from Dutton to the SMART tracks, 2 lanes with a turning lane.**
 - (b) Roseland Specific Plan was created in 2016. Is it still accurate, especially in light of all the new development going in?
 - (2) He has no info on SMART potentially putting in a stop in SW SR
 - (a) Issues with SMART
 - (i) On this point, nothing leaving SR southbound after 7:30.
 - (ii) Very hard to travel
 - (iii) Lots of lawsuits due to crossings, bike lane issues.
 - (iv) People not using it
 - (v) Not going as far as it's supposed to
 - (3) He says the City typically conditions development based on developer putting in roadways to connect their development to the currently-existing roadways.
 - (a) We need to follow up to see if the connection of Dutton to the new development will be a condition of the Dutton meadows plan going in.
 - (i) I think this Question was presented to Adam Ross as part of the public records request, but I'm not sure.**
 - d) Vicki Duggan, Planning Director will meet with us closer to the City make formal decisions on the Dutton Meadows subdivision
- 5) Creating partnerships with other groups (3 minutes)
 - a) We're keeping our CAB rep, Jorge Inocencio in the loop.
 - b) We're keeping our City Counsel rep, Eddie Alvarez in the loop.
 - c) Burbank Ave, Neighborhood Ass'n-
 - i) this group has shrunk, they will support too
 - d) Hughes Ave Neighborhood Ass'n-
 - i) They will support our efforts
 - e) SantaRosaTogether- see above.
 - f) ID'ing someone with a grant to purchase the existing land to make it a park? Assigned to Ron
 - i) Previous projects have gotten \$ from
 - (1) So Ag a
 - (2) Exchange Bank
 - (3) The county added \$\$

- (4) SR urban plan
- ii) How
 - (1) Would need to stop this plan
 - (2) Alter General Plan
- iii) National Standard is 10 acres of park/1000 residents, per Fred.
 - (1) 2x as many park in the NE part of town as in SW SR.
- g) Any other ideas?
- 6) ID'ing speakers we'd like to come speak with us
 - a) Traffic engineers- Rob Sprinkle
 - b) Police relations folks-
 - i) Chief's Ambassadors- AD to contact that group
 - (1) Meets for the 1st time later this month, will be a few months before they can meet with us.
 - (2) Budget issues
 - ii) CAHOOTS group, too?- Ditto.
 - c) Park Dept.- Emily Ander?
 - d) The developer?
 - e) Set up Mayor Meeting to discuss Roseland issues
 - i) Shared issues throughout the area
 - ii) This will help spread our message and get us more contacts
- 7) Anyone have NEW updates of their areas of on-going research? 20 minutes
 - a) "What's changed?"
 - b) School issues? Fred
 - i) We are not overcrowded
 - ii) Budget Qs outstanding
 - c) Water/wastewater issues? Matt
 - i) Conservation plan/Water shortage plan- see above
 - ii) SR Not providing recycled water for construction projects, so potable water is being used.
 - (1) Elsewhere agencies are requiring non-potable for these projects
 - (2) City giving them potable water
 - (a) Do we know how much is going to construction projects
 - (3) 5 yr sewer line inspection was done this week on Aloise
 - (a) Everything looks ok.
 - (b) Also done in Roseland these days
 - d) Traffic?
 - i) See comments above.
 - e) Transportation groups?
 - i) Do we want to reach out to SMART to see if that's in their plans?
 - f) Climate change/Pollution?
 - i) HI declared a climate emergency
 - ii) Union of concerned scientists predicting "stronger" and "more bizarre" storms upcoming.
 - g) Wildlife?
 - h) Homelessness issues?
 - i) Police?
 - j) City Goal/mission statements?

- k) Auto row? Ron?
- 8) Next meeting? May 19?

As always, feel free to email materials to Devina at Devina@DevinaDouglasLaw.com if you have info you wish for her to add to the website.