

Dillon Beach Neighborhood Group

February 21, 2020 Meeting Notes

- I. Dillon Beach Resort Application for After-the-Fact Coastal Development Permit
 - A. Melinda Bell summarized the history of the application beginning with the work done initially believing that no California Coastal Commission review or permit was required; she ended with the submission of the after-the-fact application for the work already done plus some new items. The application was dated December 23 and submitted January 9, 2020 to the Coastal Commission.
 - B. Tom Thornley explained the new items in the application including amplified music up to 48 nights a year at a 1,750 square foot event center for up to 100 people until 10:00 pm, amplified music for up to 150 people with portable tables and seating at the beach until 10:00 pm, 65 additional beach parking spaces in the Marine Lab area, two food trucks and a concession stand at the beach. Tom has a printed copy of the 288-page application and it is online at:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/1jr1ppejzv2eld2/DBR%202020%20CDP%20FINAL%20DRAFT.pdf?dl=0>
All interested Dillon Beach residents should read the application, especially pages 6 and 7. Tom Thornley then described the 5-page document sent from the Coastal Commission in response to the application. Dillon Beach residents had called and emailed Sara Pfeifer, the Coastal Commission planner responsible for the staff report on the project to be presented to the Coastal Commission and therefore our contact person.
 - C. By now the Dillon Beach Resort has withdrawn all the new elements in the application and is applying only for after-the-fact approval of the existing changes. The application does still include 25 RV sites and existing septic improvements subject to approval of the California Coastal Commission and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Septic is still a concern, as is a well dug without a permit in 1989 close to the riparian area.
 - D. Dillon Beach Resort is required to answer the 5-page Coastal Commission response to their application by April 7, 2020. When significant changes have been made, DBNG will meet with Dillon Beach Resort to discuss the progress made and the status at that time. The meeting will be announced to all of DBNG by email.
- II. Marin County Department of Public Works has been waiting for DBNG suggestions for more traffic improvements, notably advisory signage, stop signs and crosswalks. Melinda Bell asked for all locations preferred for such improvements to be sent to her email or to dbneighborhoodgroup@gmail.com. She passed around clipboards for suggestions for further improvements by the Department of Public Works.
- III. Dillon Beach Neighborhood Group is a participant in the Marin County Coastal Communities Working Group to provide outreach and communication to all coastal residents on the County's adaption to Sea Level Rise caused by Climate Change. The Working Group will convey residents' input to the County on their plans. The Working Group will likewise provide outreach to residents and input to the County on their continuing work on the related Environmental Hazards amendments to the Local Coastal Plan. Melinda Bell urged DBNG to attend the public meeting on County Plans for nature-based adaptations to Sea Level Rise in Tomales Bay February 25 at the Dance Palace. Marin County is starting with Stinson Beach and Tomales Bay, but will work on sea level rise adaptations and environmental hazards in the entire coastal area.
- IV. Melinda Bell asked for volunteers to help with the Dillon Beach Neighborhood Group tasks, research and outreach. She also asked for donations needed for USPS mailings and meeting room rentals. She will investigate opening a bank account, but now cash donations are preferred.