

# DoubleTree update on council's agenda

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Representatives of DoubleTree Golf Resort will summarize the results of community workshops concerning the redevelopment of the property during the Rancho Penasquitos Planning Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

According to RPPB Chairman Joost Bende, the DoubleTree topic will be limited to 30 minutes. EDAW and Windstar — the firms hired by DoubleTree's owner, Cornerstone, to conduct the study — will give a five-to 10-minute presentation. Public comments will fill the remaining designated time.

Bende said he is pleased with the DoubleTree process. "The community learned a lot and the developer learned a lot," Bende said. "We'll just have to see how they use the information.

"The community showed a great willingness to work with the developer and that's important," Bende said. "The greatest fear is the fear of the unknown."

During the three community workshops, residents voiced concerns about changes to the existing resort. When presented options on possible redevelopment plans, residents overwhelmingly requested that DoubleTree's owners make improvements to the resort as opposed to developing parcels for housing or commercial uses.

Also on the agenda is a request from Palomar Pomerado Health, which is looking to build an outpatient urgent care facility at the corner of Black Mountain Road and State Route 56.

That request involves a change in the community plan, since the property the hospital is looking to develop used to be the home of Maranatha church and school.

According to Bende, that location is not zoned for a medical facility. PPH hopes to build an outpatient facility for urgent care, diagnostic imaging and doctors' offices.

Bende said the board would probably support the proposal since there is no urgent care or imaging facilities in the community. "This is the first step of many," Bende said.

Also on the agenda is a Nextel cell tower site on open space at Black Mountain Road and State Route 56. There are currently two towers at the site and the city of San Diego would receive the leasing revenue.

The city of San Diego also will present a proposal for a pipeline project in Penasquitos Canyon. If built, recycled water would be used for landscaping in public right-of-ways.

The meeting will be held at the DoubleTree Golf Resort's El Dorado room, 14455 Penasquitos Drive.

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