

CITY OF ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2005

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Chairman Mendenhall called the meeting to order. Members Zehnder, Dixon and Rose were in attendance. Member Anderson was absent.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Donna Hansen, General Manager of the Elk Grove Community Services District (EGCSD), introduced herself.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Trails Committee approved the action minutes for the December 20, 2004 Trails Committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 4. DISCUSSION OF BOND ROAD BRIDGE TRAIL CROSSING:** Kirt Hunter, Public Works, discussed the Bond Road and Waterman Road Bridge Widening projects as the improvements relate to planning for a trail along Laguna Creek below the bridges.

ITEM DISCUSSION: The Committee stated a preference for a minimum ten-foot and an optimal 15- to 16-foot of headroom clearance below the bridge. Hunter related that Public Works aims to provide 11.5 feet of clearance. The Committee expressed a preference for the trail to be ten feet wide, however, eight feet is their recommended minimum. Public Works will take the Committee's recommendations to the regulatory agencies for consideration. The Committee requested that the trail be rough graded asphalt so as to minimize slippage. Jenny Smith with the EGCSD stated that this portion of the Laguna Creek trail is one of EGCSD's priority projects and that EGCSD is currently evaluating funding opportunities.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: No action was taken.

- 5. DISCUSSION OF OLD TOWN ELK GROVE BIKE ROUTE STUDY:** The Trails Committee reviewed exhibits illustrating the five potential bike route alignments through Old Town Elk Grove.

ITEM DISCUSSION: The Committee stated concurrence with the City's preferred alternative alignment, given current financial constraints.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: The Committee will submit a letter to the City relating their preferred alignment.

- 6. DISCUSSION OF TRAILS IN THE ELK GROVE TRIANGLE SPECIAL PLANNING AREA:** The Trails Committee discussed the DiBenedetto Estates project (EG-00-095) located northwest of the Elk Grove Boulevard/Grant Line Road intersection as it relates to trails planning in the Elk Grove Triangle Special Planning Area.

ITEM DISCUSSION: The DiBenedetto Estates project was approved by the Planning Commission on January 13th. The Committee is interested in construction of a multi-use trail along Grant Line Road within the project site that was not approved by the Planning Commission. The approval did include a sidewalk and earthen berm (for noise attenuation) between Grant Line Road and the residential lots.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: The Committee requests that the City consider grading a bench within the berm and constructing an eight foot wide decomposed granite path.

- 7. TRAILS COMMITTEE WORKSHOP ON UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION:** The Trails Committee discussed plans to make a presentation to the City Council on trails-related issues.

ITEM DISCUSSION: The Committee discussed their main talking points. The Committee intends to present their priority projects list and request buy-in from the City Council. Smith stated the while EGCSD is not eligible to apply for Caltrans money for trails, the City is. The Committee would like to promote cooperation between the EGCSD and City.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: No action taken.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The Committee requested the following items for the February 28th meeting:

- Update on the Bond Road and Waterman Road Bridge projects;
- Update on the trail along Grant Line Road; and
- Further discussion on the City Council presentation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

~~Pending Approval~~

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