



## CITY OF ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE

### Committee Members:

Mark Mendenhall, Chair | Sharon Anderson, Vice Chair  
Lisa Dixon | Merwin Rose | Steve Zehnder

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### Regular Meeting of the Trails Committee Monday, November 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers, Elk Grove City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758

### MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Mark Mendenhall called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Steve Zehnder and Lisa Dixon were absent.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Tom Franzioa, member of the City of Elk Grove's Rural Roadway Committee, stated he has proposed a trail along rural roads in Elk Grove in response to Committee Member Dixon's request for trails along rural roads in Elk Grove. He noted workshop #2 for rural roads in Elk Grove will be held next month.

Gary Grunwald, Public Works, responded to questions regarding Bond Road widening specifications. He noted the City would construct a three foot wide paved bike lane, two foot wide concrete gutter, and curb along the south side of Bond Road as part of the Bond Road widening project. He also noted persons wishing to develop their property along the south side of the road would be conditioned to install a concrete sidewalk and five to six foot wide decomposed granite path like those along Van Ruiten Acres (9988 Bond Road). On the north side of Bond Road the City plans to install a three to five foot wide paved shoulder, a gravel shoulder, and then a ditch.

John Smoley, Planning, responded to questions regarding Committee appointments. The updated Trails Committee resolution (adopted May 25, 2005) states that each member of the City Council shall appoint one member to the Committee and that each member shall serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing Councilmember. The resolution also states initial appointments, subsequent appointments, and/or reappointments by Council members shall be made every two years, prior to December 1 of each even-numbered year commencing in the year 2005. City Council Members reappointed the current Trails Committee member on October 11, 2006. Nevertheless, the City clerk has stated incoming City Council Members may end the terms of existing Trails Committee Members and appoint new members.

John Smoley, Planning, responded to questions regarding the ethics tests the City Attorney has asked the Trails Committee to complete. The Assistant City Attorney confirmed the test is available online and is highly encouraged but optional, at this point. Should the Committee accept payment or reimbursement from the City for any official Committee activities or training in the future, such an exam will be mandatory.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion: Approve the minutes of the Trails Committee Meeting of October 20, 2006.

Action: Anderson/Mendenhall, 3/0/0

4. **PROJECT UPDATES AND STAFF REPORTS**

A. Trails Master Plan Update - John Smoley, Planning

Mr. Smoley noted the absence of questions and tremendous praise of the Planning Commission for the

efforts of the Trails Committee in completing the Plan. He also noted the date the Plan would be brought to City Council was indefinite at this point, due to financial questions regarding Plan implementation and the presence of two brand new City Council Members at the December 13 meeting of the City Council. The Trails Committee reaffirmed their desire to request specific funding for priority projects on a case-by case basis after the Plan has been adopted.

## **5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' FORUM**

Chair Mendenhall stated his desire to identify priority projects to guide Trails Committee efforts (beyond review of proposed development) once the Trails Master Plan has been adopted. A general discussion ensued with the Committee identifying the following options:

- A. Focus on completing segments of the Powerline Trail not likely to be completed by developers.
- B. Focus on consistent signage for bike routes, possibly leading to the development of a map and trail route numbering system.
- C. Work more closely with the CSD to develop trails. This could involve working together to construct critical creek crossings and offering to advise the CSD on development of the trails portion of their proposed Parks Master Plan.
- D. Do more to connect City trails with the excellent trail network in the Southgate neighborhood just north of Calvine Road.
- E. Consider using unused road widening funds to build trails or consider initiating a trails fee every development application would have to pay, rather than the current practice of requiring only developers with planned trails on their property to fund trail construction.
- F. Mark traffic sensors on every left turn lane in Elk Grove to enable cyclists to see exactly where they need to position their bicycles to trip the signal.
- G. Organize a Bike to Work Day/Week/Month activity (in conjunction with National Bike to Work Month every May) event to build support for trails, educate the public about Elk Grove's trails, and identify volunteer opportunities related to trails.
- H. Send Trails Committee representatives to speak at local schools and organize bike/walk to school days to promote bicycling and walking as healthy habits akin to candy and soda machine reductions in progress in some schools.

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The next regular meeting of the Trails Committee is scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2006. The Committee decided to cancel the December meeting for the holidays unless development applications or other matters require immediate review by the Committee. At Chair Mendenhall's request the Trails Committee also agreed to choose several top projects identified (see Committee Members' Forum above) at the meeting to focus on once the Trails Master Plan has been adopted.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

### **ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

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