



CITY OF ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE

Committee Members:

Mark Mendenhall, Chair | Sharon Anderson, Vice Chair
Lisa Dixon | Timothy Jordan | Steve Zehnder

Regular Meeting of the Trails Committee

Monday, April 16, 2007 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 6:39 PM with Sharon Anderson and Lisa Dixon absent.

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

There were no public comments for items not on the April 16, 2007 meeting agenda.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion: Approve the minutes of the Trails Committee Meeting of March 19, 2007.

Action: Mendenhall/Zehnder, 3/0/0

4. **PROJECT UPDATES AND STAFF REPORTS**

There were no project updates for April 16, 2007 meeting.

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS' FORUM**

- A. Chair Mendenhall's Item: Identify priority projects to guide Trails Committee efforts (beyond review of proposed development) now that the Trails Master Plan has been adopted. Potential projects identified by the Trails Committee include:
- i. Focus on completing segments of the Powerline Trail not likely to be completed by developers.
 - ii. Focus on consistent signage for bike routes, possibly leading to the development of a map and trail route numbering system.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. Do more to connect City trails with the excellent trail network in the Southgate neighborhood just north of Calvine Road.
 - v. 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.
 - vi. 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.
 - vii. 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.
 - viii. 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.

Chair Mendenhall requested the Committee deal with this item at the next meeting due to the absence of Committee members Anderson and Dixon. However, Chair Mendenhall briefly mentioned signage and how it is a significant issue within the trails system.

B. Chair Mendenhall's Item: Proposal to create Bike and Trails position on city staff.

After a general discussion, the Trails Committee and members of the public stated their support for this proposal. Chair Mendenhall introduced a draft letter requesting the City Council direct staff to devote one full-time staff position to oversee trail planning, funding, construction, and maintenance, if needed, noting the success communities like Davis and Folsom have had enhancing those communities with trails under the leadership of a staff member whose time is solely devoted to trails. Committee Member Zehnder suggested Committee members contact the City of Davis for research on how they implement the trail system within their city. To conclude, Chair Mendenhall suggested that each Committee member review the letter and bring comments and suggestions to the next meeting.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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- ii. Focus on consistent signage for bike routes, possibly leading to the development of a map and trail route numbering system.
- iii. Work more closely with the CSD and other applicable agencies (such as the Laguna Creek Watershed Council, Florin Resource Conservation District, etc.) 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.
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- ix. Work to add priority trail projects as needed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:27 PM.

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