



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, August 20, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, Elk Grove City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Chair Mendenhall called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM with Committee Member Dixon absent.

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

Vice Chair Anderson noted that she had attended the Cosumnes Community Service District's (CSD) Board meeting last month as a member of the public. During their budget discussions she asked about the status of priority projects identified by the CSD during fiscal year 2004-2005. Fred Bremerman, Management Analyst for the CSD, will be providing her with updates on those projects.

Chair Mendenhall asked staff to elaborate on the City and CSD's recent agreement. John Smoley, Planning, stated the details related to trails were unclear and would have to be worked out in the coming months. Fred Bremerman, Management Analyst for the CSD, stated the City and CSD were now partners in trail planning and that the CSD would be responsible for maintaining trails.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Approve the agenda of the August 20, 2007 Trails Committee Meeting.

Action: Anderson/Mendenhall, 4/0/0

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion: Approve the minutes of the Trails Committee Meeting of July 16, 2007.

Action: Jordan/Mendenhall, 4/0/0

5. **PROJECT UPDATES AND STAFF REPORTS**

A. Review of the draft Rural Roads Policies and Standards

Motion: The last sentence of Rural Road Improvement Standards section V.B. should be changed to ensure people with disabilities and cyclists have paths constructed of materials appropriate for those uses. The Committee recommends the last sentence be changed to read, "If included within the Rural Residential area, paths shall be constructed with materials appropriate for the intended use."

Action: Zehnder/Anderson, 4/0/0

B. Trails Master Plan Priority Trail Project cost estimate work session

The Committee and staff reviewed aerial photographs and maps and identified trail priority project components for cost estimate purposes. Gary Grunwald, Public Works, indicated he would work with an intern to develop cost estimates for these projects and share them with the trails volunteers to help identify feasible grants to apply for.

6. 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.

The Committee postponed their discussion of these items indefinitely due to the length of the meeting.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Development of consistent signage for bike routes, possibly leading to the development of a map and trail route numbering system.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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