

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 3, 2006
Council Chambers Conference Room

PRESENT: Vice Chair Darlene McGrady
Commissioner Shari Nichols
Commissioner Misty Reiss
Commissioner Debbie Humphreys

Assistant City Manager Ken Duran

ABSENT: Chair Sally Feola

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair McGrady called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. by leading the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2006

Commissioner Humphreys made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reiss and passed unanimously.

SYCAMORE CANYON EQUESTRIAN CENTER LEASE UPDATE

Mr. Duran reported that the Adair's have an architect who is revising the plans to renovate the lower area restroom. He also reported that they are finalizing the site plan for submittal for the CUP submittal.

TRAILS UPDATE

Mr. Duran reported that the trail grant that the Commission had recommended at their last meeting has been submitted to the County. He added based upon past grant cycles it will probably be several months before the City hears a response.

Mr. Duran reported that based upon a series of recent traffic accidents on San Dimas Ave. north of Via Verde Ave. the City had requested that the Traffic Engineer review the accidents and the stretch of roadway. He added that the Traffic Engineer made preliminary recommendations to the Traffic Safety Committee including the removal of the equestrian fence as a precautionary

measure. Also, because of the fence removal the recommendation is for a temporary closure of the trail to horse traffic. The Committee approved of the recommendations and agreed to forward the recommendation to the City Council. The City Council, at their meeting last Tuesday approved the recommendations. The removal of the fence began last Wednesday and was completed by Friday and the signs have been installed closing the trail to horses. The City is continuing to analyze the road conditions, trail and appropriate trail barriers.

Vice Chair McGrady expressed that her main concern would be the permanent closure of the trail because it is a major trail connector. Commissioner Nichols added that she and other riders from her stable use the trail to get to Bonelli and Walnut Creek. She added that without the trail the only way to get to Bonelli is ride in the street across the freeway overpass.

Council Ebner asked if the Commissioners felt that a guard rail would be enough of a barrier. Commissioner Humphreys responded that a guard rail alone would be too low and dangerous to horses.

In response to a question Mr. Duran stated the additional analysis could take as long as six months but the Council has directed staff to speed up the process as much as possible. He further elaborated on the issues that are being analyzed.

Vice Chair McGrady stated that she appreciated the notification from Mr. Duran prior to the City Council meeting. She also stated that the Commission should have input if there is any consideration to relocating the trail. Mr. Duran assured them that the Commission would be consulted with any significant changes to the trail are proposed.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no audience members present.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Vice Chair McGrady reported that there is a costume play day scheduled for October 29th.

Commissioner Humphreys announced that she will not be able to attend the November meeting.

Vice Chair McGrady suggested that it would be a good idea to coordinate a volunteer trail clean-up project on Sycamore Creek Trail after the rains. Other Commissioners agreed that that would be a good idea. Mr. Duran will discuss

the idea with the Park Maintenance Manager and bring the idea back to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.