

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
November 7, 2006

City Council Conference Room

PRESENT: Chair Sally Feola  
Vice Chair Darlene McGrady  
Commissioner Misty Reiss  
Commissioner Shari Nichols  
  
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran

ABSENT: Commissioner Debbie Humphreys

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feola called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2006

Commissioner Reiss made a motion to approve the minutes of October 3, 2006 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair McGrady and passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

The Commission deferred the elections until the next meeting when all Commissioners could be present.

EQUESTRIAN RELATED SIGNAGE FOR SYCAMORE CANYON ROAD

Mr. Duran reported that in February the City's Traffic Safety Committee reviewed new traffic control signs on Sycamore Canyon Road for after the completion of the Creek Trail. Staff felt that the Equestrian Commission should review and comment on the proposed signage plan. The Commission reviewed the minutes from the Traffic Safety Committee and the proposed sign locations. The Commissioners had concern with signs that strictly prohibit equestrian riders on Sycamore Canyon Road because there may be times when the creek trail will not be passable and the trail is too difficult for less experienced riders. It was suggested that the signs be friendlier and not strictly prohibitive.

SYCAMORE CREEK TRAIL VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP PROJECT

Mr. Duran commented that at the last meeting it was suggested a volunteer trail clean-up project for Sycamore Creek trail after the rainy season. Mr. Duran spoke with Mark Rheude, Landscape Maintenance Manager, who felt that that was a good idea and he even suggested a program twice a year, before and after the rainy season. The Commission agreed that it was two late to coordinate a project before this rainy season.

Virginia Nichols reported that CSHA Region #7 would like to coordinate a clean-up project in the spring. Vice Chair McGrady suggested Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> for the project.

#### TRAILS UPDATE

Mr. Duran updated the Commission on the removal of the trail fence on San Dimas Avenue and the traffic study that has been initiated. Commissioner Nichols expressed real concern for the permanent or prolonged closure of the trail. She stated that that trail is the only link for people riding from the Via Verde area. She added that to get to Bonelli Park on Via Verde Ave. is unsafe because you have to ride in the street and cross the freeway over pass. Mr. Duran said that he will keep the Commission updated as the study progresses.

#### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Vice Chair McGrady inquired about the bucking chutes that were left at the community arena after the rodeo. She asked if the City was aware that they were planning to leave them up permanently. Mr. Duran replied that he was not aware that they were left up but would look into the matter and whether or not they are in the way of community use of the arena.

Vice Chair McGrady also commented that she heard from the Adairs that the rodeo left a lot of trash by the old water trough and that manure was dumped along the strawberry trail.

Commissioner Feola reported that there is an old water trough that was dumped in the trees just off of Maverick.

Chair Feola asked about the status of the Walnut Creek housing proposal. Mr. Duran updated the Commission on the status of the Vista Verde Ranch project that is being processed by the County.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m