

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 5, 2008
Council Chambers Conference Room

PRESENT: Vice Chair Misty Reiss
Commissioner Shari Nichols
Commissioner Doug Aschenbrenner
Commissioner Claudia Cook

Assistant City Manager Ken Duran

ABSENT: Rebecca Mollé

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Misty Reiss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by leading the flag salute. Mr. Duran introduced Claudia Cook, recently appointed to the Commission by the City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2008 AND JULY 1, 2008

Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes of May 6, 2008 and July 1, 2008 as submitted. Commissioner Aschenbrenner seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention from Commissioner Cook who was not present at either meeting.

PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 08-01 – NJD/NORTHERN FOOTHILLS

Assistant City Manager for Community Development Larry Stevens provided a history of the property in the Northern Foothills which included the City's rezoning of the property, a subsequent lawsuit on that rezoning of the property and the settlement agreement that resulted in the applicant submitting this development application. He described the application as 58 rural residential lots on 300 acres in San Dimas. He described and showed maps identifying the location of the 300 acres and lot locations.

Mr. Stevens described that all lots would be equestrian lots and provide for locations for horse keeping. Commissioner Reiss added that there should be no build zones to prevent someone from building in a location that would preclude a future owner or neighbor from keeping horses.

Mr. Stevens pointed out that the preliminary map shows two common horse keeping areas but there is no explanation as to what they would be used for. The Commission agreed that this needs to be clarified.

Commissioner Nichols commented that there is a good system of unofficial trails throughout the Foothills and the development should maintain them. Commissioner Cook commented that it should not be a gated community that would prohibit access to the trail system Commissioner Nichols commented that the suggested 8' trail width was too narrow. Mr. Stevens responded that there may be locations where there isn't room for any wider than 8'.

After further discussion the Commission consensus was to provide the following comments:

- The development should include a trail system that is open to the public and provides connectivity to existing trails in San Dimas and Glendora.
- The Commission would like to review the designated trail system before it is finalized.
- The minimum trail width should be 8' with wider trails where possible.
- Each lot should identify a horse keeping location. The location should be ample in size for the boarding of horses. Each lot should contain a no build zone to preclude someone from building in the future in that area in a manner that would preclude a future owner or neighbor from keeping horses.
- The Commission would like clarification on the designated community horse keeping areas identified on the map.

FARMERS MARKET BOOTH

The Commission discussed the information booth they will be hosting at the August 13th Farmers Market. They shared literature to be made available.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that Councilman Templeman is participating in National Night Out activities this evening will be unable to be in attendance.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairperson Reiss reported that she heard of people loitering or other inappropriate activity occurring in the stands at the Community arena, primarily at dusk. Mr. Duran will report the information to the Sheriff's department.

Commissioner Nichols reported that the new tack store was open during the car show.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.