

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
September 1, 2009  
Council Chambers Conference Room

PRESENT: Chair Misty Reiss  
Vice Chair Claudia Cook  
Commissioner Doug Aschenbrenner  
Commissioner Shari Nichols  
  
Councilman Jeff Templeman  
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Reiss. Mr. Duran announced that Commissioner Aschenbrenner has been reappointed by the City Council; however, Rebecca Molle declined to seek reappointment due to traveling a lot. He added that three applications have been received for the vacancy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2009

Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes of July 7, 2009 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Cook and passed unanimously.

HORSETHIEF CANYON PARK MASTER PLAN REVIEW

Mr. Duran reported that at the last meeting, the Commission had asked for a background and review of the Horsethief Canyon Park Master Plan. He provided the Commission with a history of the development of the Master Plan concluding with the adoption of the plan by the City Council in 2003. Phase two of development was concluded in 2004. He distributed copies of the Master Plan and pointed out equestrian related elements.

Councilman Templeman suggested that the Commission should think about any future community arena improvements as part of future park development.

Commissioner Nichols commented that there needs to be more area adjacent to the arena for participants and warm-up areas. Chair Reiss commented that the staging area identified in the Master Plan should be closer to the arena. Mr. Duran responded that the location of the staging area was a point of a great deal of discussion during the planning process and ultimately the Council moved it to its current location.

The Commission discussed the best way to bring forward suggestions for future improvements to the Community Arena. It was the consensus that the Commission should work with the Rodeo Committee toward a proposal that can be presented to the City as a partnership. Chair Reiss agreed to have discussions with the Rodeo Committee.

There was discussion on the minimum arena size for various types of events. There was discussion on identifying the types of events that need an arena and what their various needs are.

Commissioner Cook asked if the Park Master Plan is open for changes. Mr. Duran responded that there was a very lengthy process, including a lot of community input, that led to the approval of the plan. Though he added that the Council can also change a plan, it is probably more subject to tweaking rather than major changes.

#### SAN DIMAS RODEO REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that Bob Hardcastle from the Rodeo Committee was supposed to be in attendance to discuss ways the Commission can become more involved with the Rodeo. Commissioner Reiss added that as a member of the Committee she has spoken to Mr. Hardcastle about some suggestions. Since the Rodeo will take place before the next meeting, Chair Reiss volunteered to contact Mr. Hardcastle and then contact the Commissioners with information.

#### ASSISTANT CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that there is no eminent threat to San Dimas from the recent fires. He added that the fires are a reminder of the ongoing potential. City staff has been brushing up on the City's emergency plans including reviewing large animal evacuations. He added that he will review procedures with the Humane Society. He also stated that the City will be making contact with stable facilities in town to update contact information. It was also suggested that the City should identify all private residents in town who may have property large enough to house evacuated horses. It was suggested to write the next newspaper article about large animal evacuation planning.

#### CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Templeman reported that the pump house at the top of the Face Trail has still not been cleaned up by the County. He added that the County is still pointing the finger on whose property it is.

He reported that grading has begun on the Bonita and San Dimas Canyon Road property making way for Fresh and Easy. He provided updates on the Grove Station project and the City Hall renovation. He provided a budget update and explained the State budget impact on the City. He reported that the City Council approved the continued prohibition of parking RVs, trailers, etc. in the front yard set back with enforcement to resume in January of 2010.

## MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

San Dimas resident Becky Pike had no comments.

## COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chair Reiss reported cars speeding while entering Horsethief Canyon Park parking lot.

Commissioner Cook shared some information from a vet that could be used for a future Hoofbeats article.

## ADJOURNMENT

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