

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
January 5, 2010  
Council Chambers Conference Room

PRESENT: Vice Chair Claudia Cook  
Commissioner Doug Aschenbrenner  
Commissioner Shari Nichols  
Commissioner Rebecca Pike

Councilman Emmett Badar  
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran

ABSENT: Chair Misty Reiss

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Cook. Mr. Duran announced that Chair Reiss called and will not be able to attend the meeting because she is caring for a sick horse. He added that Councilman Badar is in attendance for Councilman Templeman who is ill.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2009 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pike and passed unanimously.

#### TRAILS UPDATE

Mr. Duran reported that restoration of the Poison Oak trail will begin in the spring.

Mr. Duran reported that the trails map is going to the printer and should be complete by the end of the month. He added that the initial printing will be 1,000 copies and he asked for suggestions on how to distribute the map. Suggestions were to make them available at the Feed Store and equestrian centers.

Mr. Duran reported on a complaint that was received by a horse rider who had conflicts with bike riders on the trail along the Baseline wash. He added that he will request that the Sheriff's Posse make patrols of the area. It was suggested that a trail etiquette article would be a good idea for the City newsletter.

Commissioner Cook commented that the telephone posts at the trail entrance off of Wehner Lane have deteriorated and are jagged and dangerous. Mr. Duran responded that he will report it to County Flood Control.

## ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that the County has finally agreed that the water tank at the top of the face trail is on County park land. The County has repaired the fence and painted over the graffiti but the City is still encouraging them to demolish the tank.

Mr. Duran asked if there is interest in scheduling another trail clean-up day this year. The Commission expressed interest in a clean-up day and discussed the best month to schedule it. Mr. Duran stated that he will coordinate with the Parks Maintenance staff and bring back to the next meeting some suggested dates.

## CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Badar reported on the upcoming Mayor's State of the City Dinner as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. He also gave a detailed update on the City Hall renovation project. In response to a question, Mr. Badar stated that there is no intention of changing the name of the Stanley Plummer Community Building.

Councilman Badar explained the various activities that are being planned for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In response to a question he provided an update on the Fresh and Easy project and the Grove Station project.

## MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Marca DeMonaco introduced herself as an applicant for the Commission. She commented that she felt the Commission has a lack of identity in the Community and volunteered to help out in any way. She suggested providing information for individual horse owner evacuation plans. She questioned the City moving away from the Western theme in the downtown.

## COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Vice Chair Cook presented a draft outline for Hoofbeats articles that she prepared. Commissioner Pike presented a similar outline that she also prepared. There was discussion on the types of articles, target audience, etc. Commissioners Cook and Pike agreed to work together to present an article outline for the next meeting. There was further discussion on ideas to let the community know about the Commission and to establish a Commission identity. It was discussed and agreed that the Commission should have a regular presence at the Farmers Market.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.