

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 4, 2010
Senior Citizen / Community Center Meeting Room

PRESENT: Vice Chair Claudia Cook
Commissioner Shari Nichols
Commissioner Rebecca Pike
Commissioner Yvette Picconi

Councilman Jeff Templeman
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran

ABSENT: Commissioner Doug Aschenbrenner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Cook.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2010

Commissioner Pike made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2010 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nichols and passed unanimously.

TRAIL CLEAN-UP DAY

Mr. Duran reported that the Parks Maintenance staff is all prepared to assist with the clean-up. The Commission discussed ways to further promote the activity. Commissioner Picconi volunteered to make an announcement at the next City Council meeting. The Commissioners discussed preparation and assignments for the activity.

FARMERS MARKET BOOTH

The Commission discussed the booth for the May 12th Farmers Market. They also agreed to have a booth the fourth Wednesday in June, July and August, June 23rd, July 28th and August 25th. They discussed schedules for working the booth.

HOOFBEATS ARTICLES

Commissioner Pike offered to draft the article for June on fly control. They also agreed that the July article should be on vehicle and horse safety.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that at the last meeting there was discussion of equestrian friendly crosswalk buttons at certain intersections. Mr. Duran reported that in speaking with the Public Works Department, the first review should be to identify the locations where buttons currently exist and

also those intersections where there are trail connections. He added that this information will be brought back to a future meeting for discussion.

Commissioner Cook responded that the issue is not just the button locations but the issue of utility vaults and the like in the trail right of way. Mr. Duran responded that he will report back on the encroachment permit process that is used in siting these types of equipment.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Templeman reported that a recent court decision was not successful in blocking the state from taking \$2 million from the City redevelopment agency. The impact is to delay implementation of a façade rehab program in the downtown. He also commented on the upcoming budget public hearing next week.

He also reported that the Council recently discussed a renewal of the agreement with the Adair's for the management of Sycamore Canyon Equestrian Center. Mr. Duran explained the details of the proposed agreement and that it would be brought back to the Council in the near future.

Councilman Templeman suggested that when the new Equestrian Commissioner is appointed beginning in August, that the Commission could consider changing the time of the meetings to 6:00 p.m. if that is more convenient for Commissioners.

Councilman Templeman provided an update on the Canyon Gateway and the Grove Station projects. In response to a question, Councilman Templeman provided an update on the NJD housing development in the northern foothills. He added that one of the major issues will be to allow clustering of homes and that at some point in the process the Commission will have an opportunity to provide their input.

Councilman Templeman also provided updates on the Agency owned property on Bonita and Cataract, the vacant pads adjacent to Costco and Saffron at the Walker House.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Cook commented that she looks forward to reviewing the northern foothills development.

Commissioner Picconi explained a concern she has with surveying that is being done and possible development of vacant property next to her property off of Baseline. Mr. Duran suggested that she contact the City's Planning Department to understand the zoning, access and boundary issues with the property.

Commissioner Cook thanked the City for quick response to removing the jagged posts by the wash on Wehner Lane.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.