

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
June 1, 2010  
Senior Citizen / Community Center Meeting Room

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

Councilman Jeff Templeman  
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran

ABSENT: Commissioner Yvette Piconne

#### CALL TO ORDER

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2010

Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2010 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pike and passed with a vote of 3-0-1, with Commissioner Aschenbrenner abstaining because he was absent.

#### TRAIL CLEAN-UP DAY - RECAP

The Commission discussed the success of the recent trail clean-up project. It was reported that 46 people attended. It was suggested that a thank you letter be sent to all volunteers. Some suggestions for next year included having a first and last trail clean-up boss to monitor stragglers, have walkie talkies, better coordination on tasks that need to be completed, not enough work for the number of volunteers, are morning refreshments necessary, contact the schools earlier and try and coordinate around their schedule, there was a conflict this year with the Boy Scout jamboree, provide poison oak and snake warnings. Vice Chair Cook commented that she has a list of suggestions that she will forward to Mr. Duran. Everyone was in agreement that it was a successful event and that another one should be planned for next year.

#### FARMERS MARKET BOOTH

The Commission confirmed that they will have a booth at the Farmers Market on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>. They coordinated assignments for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## HOOFBEATS ARTICLES

Commissioner Pike reported that she is working on the next article having to do with safety between horses and vehicles. She will submit a draft to Mr. Duran.

## ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that the Environmental Impact report for the housing development in the northern foothills is being released. He added that this item will be reviewed by the Commission at one of their upcoming meetings.

## CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Templeman reported that the Council will be reviewing a new agreement with Saffron at their next meeting. He also commented that the Council will be adopting the annual budget and commented on the fiscal stability of the City. He also added that the budget includes connecting the Sycamore Ranch to the public sewer system.

In response to a question, he reported that the Council is waiting for a revised lease for the Sycamore Equestrian Center to be brought back for their review. He added that some of the issues are the length of the term and the loan arrangement for the improvements.

In response to a question Mr. Duran provided background on the on the previous plans for the cell site and restroom building at the Community Arena. He added that T-Mobile has since withdrawn their proposal.

## MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Councilman Templeman informed Marca DeManaco that the recommendation for her appointment to the Commission will be on the June 22<sup>nd</sup> City Council agenda.

## COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pike commented that she will be out of town for the July meeting.

Commissioner Pike reported that one of the volunteers at the clean up objected to city trails being cut with a blade and suggested that they be dragged instead. He also suggested a different latch on the gates of the community arena that would be easier for a person on horseback to open. Mr. Duran responded that he will discuss these items with the Parks Manager.

Commissioner Pike asked about options for recycling horse manure. Mr. Duran reported that at the time of the last agreement with Waste Management manure recycling was discussed but not economical at the time. The agreement does require that the issue be reviewed annually. He added that he will discuss the item again with Waste Management.

Councilman Templeman asked the Commission if they were still interested in changing the meeting time of their meetings to 6:00 p.m. They were in agreement and asked the item to be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

It was reported that some of the commissioners will be attending the Rodeo Committee meeting next Monday.

Councilman Templeman asked about the amount of use of the community arena. The consensus of the Commissioners was that the arena is used quite a bit. Commissioner Pike commented that it could be used more for events if there were more facilities such as restrooms. Mr. Duran gave a brief background on the rental policy. He suggested providing a more detailed background on the history of the arena, rental policy and park master plan at a future meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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