

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 4, 2011
City Council Chambers Conference Room

PRESENT: Chair Rebecca Pike
Vice Chair Claudia Cook
Commissioner Marca DeMonaco
Commissioner Yvette Picconi
Commissioner Sonya Sevier

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Templeman
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran
Associate Planner Marco Espinoza

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chair Pike

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

Commissioner Picconi made a motion to approve the minutes of September 6, 2011 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and approved by unanimous vote.

TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 65790 – A REQUEST TO SUBDIVIDE ONE LOT INTO FOUR AT 405 W. GLADSTONE ST.

Associate Planner Espinosa introduced this item as a request to subdivide one lot into four lots. He commented that a similar proposal had been previously reviewed by the Commission; however, the current proposal has been modified. He described the lots as all allowing for horse keeping. He reviewed the parcel map, identifying the location of the horse trail, access and potential location of horse keeping on each lot. He added that staff's only comments are whether or not the proposed trail should be moved from the east side of the road to the opposite side and that the applicant is proposing to flip the house and horse keeping location on lot 3.

In response to questions Mr. Espinosa responded that the road would actually be a private driveway serving the four lots and the driveway and trail will be maintained by the property owners through some type of association. He also elaborated on staff's concerns with the trail location.

Stan Stringfellow, representing the applicant responded to some of the Commissioners questions. He commented that the trail is proposed on the east side because of grade changes on the west side. He added that the trail location could also provide access to lots to the east for they were to be subdivided in the future. He also commented that the location of the trail is really a matter of personal preference. He also commented that he does not have a problem with moving the house on lot 3 back to its original location.

After further discussion it was the consensus of the Commission that the house on lot 3 would be better not being flipped with the horse keeping area and kept in line with the neighboring house. There was not a consensus on the location of the trail. Two Commissions preferred the trail on the west side of the road and the rest of the Commissioners expressed indifference to its location.

TRAILS UPDATE

Mr. Duran reported that City staff is reviewing a revised draft of the Northern Foothills trails study. He added that once complete, the intent is still to have a joint meeting with several Commissions including the Equestrian Commission.

Mr. Duran reported that bid opening for the work on the Poison Oak trail is scheduled for October 24th with work to begin in early November and completed in mid-December.

Mr. Duran reported that the Sycamore Creek bridge where that horse and rider accident recently occurred is within the County. He added that County staff is looking at the bridge to determine who has been maintaining it and whether or not improvements should be made to it.

WESTERN DAYS PARADE RECAP

Chair Pike complemented Commissioners Cook and DeMonaco on their assistance with the Western Days Parade. Commissioner Cook asked for suggestions and further improvements. She added that she will be meeting with the Chamber to recap the event. The Commissioners commented that things were greatly improved over last year and provided some constructive suggestions.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Duran provided an update on West Nile Virus in the region and the introduction of the Asian Tiger Mosquito. He distributed flyers for Supervisor Antonovich's annual trail ride on October 16th.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Templeman commented that he was very proud of the Commissioners involvement in the Western Days Parade, both as volunteers and participants.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Cook presented pictures of the dilapidated wooden trail fence on Baseline Rd. Mr. Duran responded that City staff is still in a dispute with the homeowners association as to who is responsible for maintenance of the fence. However, he added that he will have staff make sure there are no posts or rails in the way of the trail.

Commissioner DeMonaco reported that the signs on the southwest corner of Allen Ave. are too low.

Commissioner Pike reported on the Walnut Creek Watershed Open Space planning meeting that she attended.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 to the next regular scheduled meeting on November 1, 2011.