

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
January 3, 2012  
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

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2011 AND DECEMBER 7, 2012

Commissioner Picconi made a motion to approve the minutes of October 4, 2011 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sevier and approved by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Picconi made a motion to approve the minutes of the joint Commission meeting of December 7, 2011 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook and approved by unanimous vote.

TRAILS UPDATE

Mr. Duran thanked the Commissioners for their input at the joint commission meeting on the Northern Foothills study. He reported that based upon comments made at the meeting the engineer will take a closer look at the feasibility of the extension of the Shirlimar trail. He added that the revised study should then be completed this month.

Commissioner Pike asked when the City will make a decision about accepting the south 40 acres. Mr. Duran responded that one of the purposes of the study was to determine the feasibility of trails on the south 40 and usefulness of the land to the City. He added that after the City Council reviews the study they can have discussions about acceptance of the land.

Commissioner Cook commented that she believes that the ideal situation would be to have loops instead of trails that dead end because of safety reasons.

Mr. Duran reported that the improvements to the Poison Oak Trail have been completed.

#### WESTERN DAYS PARADE UPDATE

Commissioner Cook reported that the Chamber has asked if the Commission could come up with ideas to try and get more equestrian entries in the parade. Councilman Templeman suggested inviting managers of the various boarding stables to attend to a meeting. The Commission discussed this idea and agreed to host a special meeting for ranch operators to introduce them to the Commission and discuss the parade opportunities.

#### ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that the Walnut Creek Open Space planning meeting scheduled for January 12 has been postponed because the consultant has not completed preparing the final draft plan.

Mr. Duran announced that it is time to schedule a date for the annual trail clean-up. He suggested April 14 or 21. The Commissioners agreed to check their calendars and respond back if there are any conflicts with those dates. Mr. Duran also stated that Parks Maintenance staff feels that there is a need for a sufficient amount of clean-up work at Horsethief Canyon Park to hold the clean-up there again this year.

#### CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Templeman reported on the State's elimination of Redevelopment Agencies and the impacts it will have on the City. He reported on the approval of the Olive Garden and Panda Express restaurants. He responded to a question he explained the issues that the City Council discussed regarding the removal of oak trees on the Olive Garden site.

#### MEMEBRS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no audience member comments.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 to the next regular scheduled meeting on March 6, 2012.