

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 4, 2012
City Council Chambers Conference Room

PRESENT: Vice Chair Claudia Cook
Commissioner Marca DeMonaco
Commissioner Sonya Sevier

Councilman Jeff Templeman
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran

ABSENT: Commissioner Yvette Picconi
Chair Rebecca Pike

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2012

Commissioner DeMonaco made a motion to approve the minutes of July 3, 2012 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sevier and approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2012 – SPECIAL JOINT COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner DeMonaco made a motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2012 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sevier and approved by unanimous vote.

REPORT ON WALNUT CREEK OPEN SPACE CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN

Mr. Duran reported that the City Council held a hearing on the Walnut Creek Open Space Conceptual Master Plan on August 28th. He commented that there were a number of individuals who spoke from the audience with various concerns with elements of the plan. He added that most of the concerns were the ones raised at the joint Commission meeting. He further added that some of the Councilmembers had concern with approving the entire Master Plan. In the end the Council approved a motion to receive and file the conceptual master plan and authorize staff to pursue the entitlements and environmental analysis for the plan but only authorized going forward with phase one improvements and that any improvements other than those identified in phase one must go through an additional assessment and public review process.

WESTERN DAYS PARADE PARTICIPATION

Commissioner DeMonaco reported on the Western Days Parade planning meeting she attended on August 20th. She reported that they are working getting more equestrian participants. Commissioner Sevier added that she is making additional contacts. There was further discussion on the parade plans and plans to get more equestrian entries and parade volunteers.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that the City has been in on-going negotiations with NJD for the donation of the south 40 acres and the trail development. He added that at this point the two parties are far apart in negotiations and NJD has decided to just go forward with building the east west trail through their project. He added that in the future negotiations could always resume.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that Councilman Templeman had a conflict and could not attend the meeting.

MEMEBRS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no audience member comments.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Vice Chair Cook commented that there are starting to be some maintenance issues on the Baseline trail. Mr. Duran responded that he will report it to the Landscape Maintenance Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.