

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 8, 2013
City Council Chambers Conference Room

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

Councilman Jeff Templeman
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Pike.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Commissioner Picconi made a motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2012 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeMonaco and approved by unanimous vote.

TRAIL CLEAN-UP PROJECT 2013

Mr. Duran suggested that the Commission select April 13 for this year's trail clean-up project, with a rain date of April 20th. The Commission concurred with the suggestion of those dates. They agreed to discuss the details of the project at their next meeting.

UPDATE ON BRASADA/NORTHERN FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Mr. Duran reported that the design element entitlements for the Brasada project are working their way through the process. He added that Development Plan Review Board has reviewed the grading plan, tree, removal plan, landscape plan, fencing plan and architectural guidelines. Those design elements will next be reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council. He added that there have been some changes to the plan but none of them impact horse keeping ability. He also added that the developer has requested an amendment to the Specific Plan to allow for the ability to a limited second story element on the architectural design.

Mr. Duran also reported that the City and developer have resumed discussions on the south 40 acres and the possibility of trail improvements there. Councilman Templeman added that there was originally some disagreement over drainage issues responsibility on

the south 40 acres but there are some new ideas that are being discussed. There was some discussion and explanation of the water run-off issues

Chair Pike asked about the trail fencing material being proposed for the project. Mr. Duran responded that the proposed material by the developer is concrete posts with cable, however, this does not meet the City trail standard and City staff is not recommending approval of that material. The Commission concurred that they did not feel that would be an appropriate material.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that the Commissioners were sent a flyer from the Olson Company regarding a meeting they are hosting regarding their plans for a potential residential development on the San Dimas Equestrian Center property. Mr. Duran explained that the property is currently for sale and the Olson Company has expressed interest in the property for residential development. He explained the current zoning on the property and that is currently zoned for light agricultural and another use would require a zone change. He added that the meeting hosted by Olson is not a City meeting, and not a formal meeting required for an approval process. He explained that if the project were to go forward it would be reviewed by the Commission as part of the formal process. He added that the Commissioners could attend the Olson meeting but he cautioned them from discussing the project amongst themselves or speaking at the meeting on behalf of the Commission.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Templeman reported that there is a new regional water quality permit, known as the MS 4 permit, which requires the City to perform a lot of new water quality mitigations at the cost of potentially \$400,000 or more. He commented that one potential issue may be what to do with horse waste on trails or in streets. He added that the County is considered moving forward on an election for a county-wide parcel tax to raise funds for regional water quality of which a portion of the money would go to the City. He described that he is conflicted about the tax because not liking new taxes but if there is no new funding source for the water quality mitigations it will need to come from the City's general fund.

In response to a question regarding the status of the Walker House, Councilman Templeman commented that finding a new food user is on hold because of the future status of the house because of the redevelopment agency dissolution.

Councilman Templeman commented that the City has placed a measure on the March 5th election, Measure A which would increase the transient occupancy tax from 8% to 12%. He explained the Measure and purpose of transient occupancy taxes.

Commissioner DeMarco suggested that the City use some of the money in reserves to provide loans to residents for home purchases. Councilman Templeman responded that it

is prudent for the City to have at least 50% of its General Fund in reserve and that many other cities are struggling because they have adequate reserves like San Dimas.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Cook reported that she met with a representative of the County Flood Control about the locked gates to the trails along the channel. She was told that Flood Control intentionally has locked the gates because those are not designated trails and there is concern for liability.

Chair Pike reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming March 5th City election.

MEMEBRS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no audience member comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.