

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
November 6, 2012
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 6:00 by Vice Chair Cook

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of September 4, 2012 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeMonaco and approved by unanimous vote.

WESTERN DAYS PARADE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Duran stated that this is an opportunity for the Commissioners to comment on their involvement in the Western Days Parade. Commissioner DeMonaco commented that there was good equestrian participation and that from comments from the post parade critique meeting everything went well. There was some general discussion on the details of the parade. Commissioner Pike commented that as a parade participant she felt things ran smoothly.

TRAILS UPDATE

Mr. Duran reported that even though the Sycamore Creek trail is officially closed riders have used the area enough to create a semi-usable path. He added that since this is not an improved trail the trail will remain officially closed. He also reported that City staff has completed annual maintenance to the Face Trail improving drainage for the upcoming rain season.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that for some time the City has been in discussions with Waste Management about the feasibility of offering a commercial and residential manure recycling program. He added that Waste Management is currently evaluating a potential opportunity. He introduced Carolyn Anderson from Waste Management to discuss the idea.

Ms. Anderson explained that the difficulty in providing a program up to this point has been in finding a cost effective location to take the manure. She added that they may have found a local location. She added that there next step is to identify which customers could benefit from the service and asked for any insight from the Commission.

Commissioner Pike commented that the street she lives on has more than 25 horses. She suggested identifying the streets that are zoned for horse keeping. The Commissioners also shared their personal experiences and knowledge of how horse owners dispose of manure. They suggested to cross check streets that are zoned for horse keeping with those that have commercial or multiple bin service. There was additional discussion on the need for a cost-effective recycling program and ways to identify those who could benefit.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Templeman provided an update on the State's elimination of Redevelopment Agencies and the impact on the City. He also commented on the State's overall budget issues. He also reported on the City's efforts to work with local hotels on parking concerns for trailers. He also reported on the City's financial condition and the recently completed Gladstone street improvement project.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

It was suggested that the Commission send a letter to Commissioner Sevier's mother thanking her for her assistance with the Western Days parade.

Commissioner Piccone complimented the Sheriff's Department on their prompt response to an issue at the Foothill Blvd. pumpkin patch.

Commissioner Pike asked what the status was of the storm water brochure regarding horse keeping that the Commission commented on. Mr. Duran responded that he will inquire with the Public Works Department. She also commented that the Commission information on the City web site needs to be updated and suggested that when available best management practices for storm water could be put on the web site.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.