

EQUESTRAIN COMMISSISON
MINUTES

Tuesday, August 2, 2005
City Council Conference Room

PRESENT: Chair Sally Feola
Vice Chair Darlene McGrady
Commissioner Misty Reiss

Councilman Sandy McHenry
Assistant City Manger Ken Duran
Sycamore Ranch Operator Lauree Adair

ABSENT: Commissioner Debbie Humphreys
Commissioner Shari Nichols

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Feola called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. by leading the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2005

Commissioner McGrady made a motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2005 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reiss and passed unanimously.

SYCAMORE CANYON EQUESTRIAN CENTER UPDATE

Mrs. Adair presented the August Occupancy Report which showed 96% occupancy. She added that she is still in negotiations with the City Manager on the lease. Mr. Duran added that Mrs. Adair had submitted information to the City last week on the lease and that staff may be presented deal points to the City Council in closed session this month. Councilman McHenry clarified that the Adair's have an existing lease that options for them to renew. He added that both the City and Adair's had a desire to make changes to the lease and that's why they are in negotiations. He further added that some of the issues include who should be responsible for capital improvements like the restrooms and for the City to get away from managing the day to day operations of the Ranch.

SYCAMORE CREEK TRAIL UPDATE

Mr. Duran reported that the City is set to go out to bid for the trail project with hopes to start work in September. He added that it will be bid with phase two as an alternate and the decision as to whether to construct both phases after we see how favorable the bids are. Councilman McHenry commented that he hopes that once the trail is complete there needs to be strict enforcement of riders on the road.

COMMUNITY ARENA UPDATE

Mr. Duran reported that the bleachers are scheduled to be installed August 22nd with prep work to install handicap parking and pathway to be completed a few days prior. Mr. Duran that T-Mobile has been put on notice to have the temporary cell tower removed at the Community Arena by August 15th. He added that a representative from T-Mobile responded that they are still interested in the permanent installation of the cell tower and arena lights.

Commissioner McGrady presented information she had obtained from five other community arenas in regards to rules and rental fees. She commented that San Dimas' rental fees were too high considering the amenities that are available. She suggested that the City should revisit the amount of the fees. Councilman McHenry explained the City's philosophy on rental fees in that they need to cover the costs.

Commissioner McGrady also felt that the City should allow for more rentals. Councilman McHenry explained that the original concept for rentals was to allow for as much drop in use and limit the number of reserved uses. It added that there are currently 13 weekends a year when the arena can be reserved. Commissioner Feola commented the demand is not there to warrant allowing additional rentals. Councilman McHenry recommended the Adairs and the Rodeo have not been using their rental opportunities and any additional rentals could coordinate with either of them.

Mr. Duran commented that he could present to the Commission the information that was originally reviewed when the rental fees were established. Chair Feola asked that that information and Commissioner McGrady's fee information be reviewed at the next meeting.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that there will be a submittal for a 10 lot subdivision of equestrian lots at the end of Cataract, north of Dale Park that should be before the Commission soon. Councilman McHenry explained what the current standards are for horse keeping lots.

Commissioner McGrady commented that when she spoke to Jim Henderson from the City of Glendora he commented that hoped if the Wildwood property developed it would include a trail connecting the two cities. Councilman McHenry gave a brief overview of the NJD property and lawsuit.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chair Feola reported that there is a lot of puncture vine just off of Maverick entering the park. She also asked the City to look into restoring the trail that ran east and west from the ravine north of the dog park. She commented that it has been overgrown since the

construction. She also asked if the wildflowers could be replanted again this fall north of the dog park.

Councilman McHenry gave the Commission an overview of the Vista Verde housing project along Walnut Creek. He encouraged the Commissioners to review the plans and contact County Supervisors if they were opposed to the project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on September 6th.