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January 10, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report for January 10, 2024

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Events

Volunteers and City staff are preparing for holiday observances honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this weekend. A sold-out Community Breakfast will be held at District56 on Saturday, January 13, and the MLK365 March for the Dream will take place starting at Sacramento City College on Monday, January 15. Details for the walk can be found at MLK365.org.

Pavement Preservation Award Winner

The City of Elk Grove and our Public Works Department have been selected by the International Slurry Surfacing Association (ISSA) as a 2024 Agency Pavement Preservation and Sustainability Program Award winner. The award is presented to agencies who have been champions in the promotion, use and success of pavement preservation applications represented by ISSA. This is another testament to the City's top-notch pavement management program and the City's continued investment in pavement preservation. The award will be given in February 2024 at the ISSA's 62nd Annual Meeting in Palm Harbor, Florida.

Public Comment Period for the New Zoo Draft EIR

The City has released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (or EIR) for the proposed New Zoo in Elk Grove. The EIR analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the Zoo and identifies potentially significant effects of the project.

The community and other public agencies are invited to provide comments on the Draft EIR through February 20. The EIR is available for review on the City's website at elkgrovecity.org/zoo. Physical copies are also available at City Hall (8401 Laguna Palms Way) and the Elk Grove Library (8900 Elk Grove Boulevard).

The City will host a public meeting on Tuesday, February 6 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers to receive public comment in person. Otherwise, comments must be mailed or emailed to the City. Details for submitting comments are available on the City's website.

Elk Grove Restaurant Week

The City and Explore Elk Grove encourage residents to explore all of the vibrant flavors our city has to offer during Elk Grove's 6th annual Restaurant Week. Download the free Restaurant Week pass on the Explore Elk Grove website to check-in at your favorite spots, redeem rewards, and enjoy special deals from January 12-21.

Non-Profit Help: Grant Application Period

To support the work of non-profits serving Elk Grove, the City will open its annual grant application period this Friday, January 12. This grant cycle will provide funding for programs, projects, and events in FY 2024-25. The City will host a technical assistance webinar on Tuesday, January 23 for all prospective applicants. Details about the webinar and the individual grant programs, applications, and deadlines are available at elkgrovecity.org/grants.

Elk Grove Point-in-Time Count

The City and Sacramento Steps Forward will conduct the 2024 Point-in-Time (PIT) count of people experiencing homelessness in our city on Thursday, January 25. This work is essential to secure annual federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Volunteers to support the point-in-time count are still needed. No special experience is required, and training will be provided. Sign up to volunteer on the Sacramento Steps Forward website.

Dollars for Scholars

The City of Elk Grove joins the Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation in supporting local scholars. We want to encourage graduating seniors to apply for the City of Elk Grove's scholarship which will award one student with \$1,000. The deadline for applications is January 26. Visit elkgroversf.org for details.

City Holiday Observance

In accordance with the city holiday schedule, City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE
Updated as of Wednesday, January 10, 2024

District56

Description: The City is developing a multi-phased recreational campus on 56 acres just east of Big Horn Boulevard and south of Civic Center Drive. The site is known as District56 to honor the suggestion of “District” during the public naming process and 56 for the number of acres on the site. Individual projects are described in detail below. The Elk Grove Aquatics Center, the Center (including Senior Center and Veterans Hall), The Avenue of the Arts/Commons, Veterans Grove and the Preserve Nature Area are complete and operational. Future planned phases include a library and performing arts center.

The District56 website has been launched and can be found at:
<http://www.district56elkgrove.com/>.

Amenity: Library and Performing Arts
The City has finalized a plan for the future Library and Cultural Arts Center (including a Performing Arts Center). Recommendations were presented to the Council on August 22, 2018 and were well received. The cost estimate (prepared in 2018) for the facility is between \$82-\$113 million depending on the program size and additional amenities desired.

Project Elevate: An Elevated Retail, Dining, and Entertainment Experience for Elk Grove

Description: The City owns a 20-acre property at the southeast corner of Elk Grove and Big Horn Boulevard, just north of District56 (the Civic Center/Aquatics Center) and is exploring future opportunities for the site. Specifically, the City is evaluating development of a mixed-use project that includes retail, dining, entertainment, office, and residential uses, as well as a hotel. The objective of the project is to elevate the level of retail, dining, entertainment, residential, and hospitality amenities in the City, while at the same time developing a site with enhanced design elements that promote pedestrian activity and include central, public gathering spaces. For these reasons, the City refers to this as Project Elevate.

Update: At its August 10, 2022 meeting, the City Council approved execution of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with developer Hines. On May 15, 2023, Hines provided the City with notice of termination under the ENA. Hines and the City were unable to come to terms on proceeding with the development within the timeframe the City desires and in a manner that preserves the City’s vision for the site. Staff and the Project Elevate City Council Ad-Hoc Subcommittee are now working to identify alternative developers capable of proceeding with the project.

Sacramento Zoo Relocation

Description: The City is working with the Sacramento Zoological Society (SZS) on a possible relocation of the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove. A potential site for the zoo has been identified along Lotz Parkway just north of Kammerer Road.

Update: A Community Open House to present the latest design plans was held on November 4, 2023 at Miwok Elementary School. The materials from the Open House are available on the City's website.

On January 5, 2024, the City released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (or EIR) for the proposed Zoo. The EIR analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the Zoo. The EIR also identifies potentially significant effects of the project and proposes mitigation measures to mitigate potential impacts. The EIR is available for public review on the City's website. Physical copies are also available at City Hall (8401 Laguna Palms Way) and the Elk Grove Library (8900 Elk Grove Boulevard). The public review period will commence on January 5, 2024 and end on February 20, 2024.

Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Association (JPA)

Description: The Five agency Joint Powers Association (City of Elk Grove, City of Folsom, City of Rancho Cordova, County of Sacramento, County of El Dorado) are working to develop a connector road linking Hwy 50 in El Dorado County at the future Silva Valley Interchange in El Dorado Hills with Interstate 5 at the Hood Franklin Interchange.

Update: Sheldon Area
The Grant Line Road Precise Roadway Plan Study that focused on the 2.7-mile Segment C of the Connector was presented to City Council on August 24, 2022 where Council agreed with the recommended Roundabouts versus Signals and the inclusion of an additional intersection between Sheldon Road and Calvine Road to reduce out of direction travel. Direction to initiate further analysis of the Wilton Road Intersection alternatives, and the incorporation of the preferred intersection controls into the Rural Area Community Plan of the General Plan as part of a future General Plan Update was also provided. Project WTR091 is programmed to begin the environmental assessment of Grant Line Road between Sherman Oaks Court to Aleilani Lane and Staff expect to award the contract for design and environmental work this month.

Kammerer Road Extension

Description: The City plans to extend and eventually widen Kammerer Road between Highway 99 and Interstate 5, providing an east-west connector bypassing downtown Sacramento and alleviating traffic congestion on Laguna and Elk Grove Boulevards. The project also includes a grade separated crossing over the railroad tracks.

Update: Kammerer Road Extension
The City is preparing 30% plans for the extension of Kammerer Road from I-5 to Bruceville. The Project Report and NEPA document for the project was completed and signed by Caltrans on October 23, 2023. This concludes the environmental phase of the project and the City can now move into the Final Design and Right Of Way Acquisition phase as soon as a Final PSE Cooperative Agreement is executed with Caltrans. This Cooperative Agreement is planned to be presented for approval at the January 10, 2024 City Council meeting. The Final Design Consultant contract was approved at the December 13, 2023 City Council Meeting and a final design kickoff meeting was held on January 3, 2024.

ATTACHMENT B
UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS
Updated as of Wednesday, January 10, 2024

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Elk Grove Restaurant Week	January 12-21	www.exploreelkgrove.com/food-drink/restaurant-week/
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Community Breakfast <i>(SOLD OUT - RSVP/Tickets Required)</i>	January 13 8 a.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
<i>City Hall Closed for MLK Holiday</i>	<i>January 15</i>	
<i>Trails Committee Meeting - CANCELED</i>	January 15	
Diversity and Inclusion Commission Meeting	January 16 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Disability Advisory Committee	January 17 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
<i>Planning Commission Meeting - CANCELED</i>	January 18	
Non-Profit Grant Workshop	January 23 12:30 p.m.	www.elkgrovecity.org/grants to register
City Council Meeting	January 24 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Point-in-Time Count	January 25 5 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Lunar New Year Celebration	January 27 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street

**ATTACHMENT C
STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS
AS OF JANUARY 10, 2024**

The following is a status report of matters requested by the City Council during prior Council meetings.

Date	Direction/Follow Up	Status
7/26/2023	Report back on illegal fireworks activity from the 2023 Fourth of July and provide information on enforcement activities and fines.	Staff is preparing this information for a future Council meeting.