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October 11, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

**Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report for October 11, 2023**

### **Learn More About the Enhanced Winter Sanctuary**

The City and The Gathering Inn are inviting the community to attend two upcoming meetings to learn more about the Enhanced Winter Sanctuary.

A learning session is scheduled on Monday, October 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the site, the former Rite Aid building, located at 9260 Elk Grove Blvd. At this meeting, residents will have a chance to meet the management team, ask questions, and learn more about the program and the safeguards being implemented to serve and protect participants as well as members of the community.

A drop-in open house will be held on Thursday, October 26 from 4 to 7 p.m., at the same location, to provide a first-hand look at the space, meet the management team, and share information on the preparations in place prior to its opening on November 1.

More information and the answers to some frequently asked questions about the program can be found on the City's website.

### **Northern California Band Invitational**

High school marching bands from throughout northern California will converge on Elk Grove streets and school sites this Saturday (October 14) to compete in the Franklin High School Invitational Band Review. To accommodate the event, road closures and alternative routes around Franklin High School will be in place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Motorists are encouraged to plan accordingly.

### **Badges vs Axes Charity Basketball Game**

The Police Department will take on the Cosumnes Fire Department in an inaugural Badges vs Axes charity basketball game this Saturday, October 14 at 6 p.m. in Elk Grove High School's Cartwright Gym. Bragging rights are on the line for the players and those who attend have a chance to score prizes from the Sacramento Kings and other sources. All proceeds benefit the Specials Olympics. Adult admission is \$10 and kids ages 5-12 are \$5. Tickets are available online. Visit the Police Department's Facebook page for the link to buy your tickets.

**Adoption Fees Waived Free Through October 15**

Elk Grove Animal Services is waiving adoption fees for all shelter animals through Sunday, October 15, as part of Adoptober Fest. The animal shelter is filled with adoptable cats, dogs, and even an adoptable rabbit, with more animals becoming available every day. The Animal Shelter is located at 9150 Union Park Way. You can also view adoptable pets online at [elkgrovecity.org/adopt](http://elkgrovecity.org/adopt).

**Drive up, Drop off, Do Good**

Help support our community with donations of new and unopened packaged items at a Donation Drive Thru event at City Hall on October 20 (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and 21 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) hosted by the Elk Grove Community Action Network (EG CAN). These donations directly benefit Elk Grove residents through several Elk Grove nonprofit organizations. For a list of needed items, visit the City's website at [elkgrovecity.org/donationdrivethru](http://elkgrovecity.org/donationdrivethru).

**Fridays in the Grove: Comedy Night**

Tickets are nearly sold out for the last Fridays in the Grove event this season. Join the City, Explore Elk Grove, and Sacramento's Laughs Unlimited for a special outdoor comedy performance at Old Town Plaza next Friday, October 20 at 7 p.m. General admission seating is still available for \$10 per person. Visit [MainStreetElkGrove.com](http://MainStreetElkGrove.com) for tickets and information.

**Keeping Riders Safe and Smart. Free Bicycle Education Class**

The City and the Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA) will host a free Bicycle Education Class for all ages at the Old Town Plaza on Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Residents of all ages can learn bike control skills and some street riding rules and techniques from an LCI certified instructor. Class space is limited. Bring a working bike and a helmet.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE**  
*Updated as of Wednesday, October 11, 2023*

**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:** In May 2022, the City and SZS executed a Memorandum of Understanding outlining next steps in the project, and activities are ongoing. SZS has retained a design team for the facility and the City is leading planning and design for off-site infrastructure. The concept site plan design, along with renderings, was released to the public in November 2022. The schematic design plan, plan of finance, and environmental impact report are being prepared for Council consideration in 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 in the fall.

**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:** Environmental  
In 2017, the City, County, and JPA transferred responsibility for completion of the environmental work to the Connector JPA as a tiered Mitigated Negative Declaration document under their programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Draft EIR document was circulated for public comment and the public comment period ended on April 2, 2018. The final CEQA document was approved at the JPA board meeting in December 2018. In October 2021, the City and the JPA transferred the NEPA Implementing Agency Role from the JPA to the City. This allows the City to lead the delivery of the NEPA document with the California Department of Transportation remaining the NEPA Lead.

Update: Kammerer Road Extension

The City is preparing 30% plans for the extension of Kammerer Road from I-5 to Bruceville, and the City is also preparing a project report for the I-5 Hood Franklin Interchange. Once the project has completed NEPA, right-of-way acquisitions can begin. Caltrans has approved the Final NEPA document, and it is ready for Caltrans signatures which will occur once a Final Project Report is approved and a Final PSE Cooperative Agreement between the City and Caltrans is finalized. It is anticipated the NEPA process will be completed in late Fall 2023. Once that occurs, the Environmental Phase will be completed, and the project can then advance into the Right-Of-Way/Final Design phase.

**ATTACHMENT B****UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS***Updated as of Wednesday, October 11, 2023*

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
NeighborGood Market	October 12 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Americana Vintage Market	October 14 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Badges vs Axes Charity Basketball Game	October 14 6 p.m.	Elk Grove High School Cartwright Gym
Enhanced Winter Sanctuary Community Learning Session	October 16 6 p.m.	Enhanced Winter Sanctuary 9260 Elk Grove Blvd
Trails Committee Meeting	October 16 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Diversity & Inclusion Commission Meeting	October 17 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
NeighborGood Market	October 19 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Planning Commission Meeting	October 19 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Donation Drive Thru	October 20 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Elk Grove City Hall 8401 Laguna Palms Way
Fridays in the Grove: Comedy Night	October 20 7 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Donation Drive Thru	October 21 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Elk Grove City Hall 8401 Laguna Palms Way
Bicycle Education Class	October 21 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
City Council Meeting	October 25 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Enhanced Winter Sanctuary Open House	October 26 4 to 7 p.m.	Enhanced Winter Sanctuary 9260 Elk Grove Blvd

**ATTACHMENT C**

**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS  
AS OF OCTOBER 11, 2023**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Direction/Follow Up</b>	<b>Status</b>
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.