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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for June 28, 2023**

### **Happy Birthday, Elk Grove!**

Elk Grove has been a community since 1850, but we became a city officially on July 1, 2000. As we recognize another year of incorporation this Saturday, we can be proud of what this community has accomplished over the past 23 years and commit ourselves to an even brighter future. We'll host our unofficial birthday party at Elk Grove Park next Tuesday, July 4 (aka Elk Grove Salutes the Red, White & Blue).

### **Elk Grove Made a 'Best Places to Live' List**

Elk Grove is one of this year's "Top 100 Best Places to Live in the U.S.," according to a list released by Livability.com. Elk Grove and Clovis were the only two California cities included on the list. Entries are not ranked. View all of the cities included on the list through the link shared on the City's social media channels.

### **Preparing to Party**

Staff is finalizing the details for Tuesday's Salute to the Red, White & Blue. We invite the community to join us at Elk Grove Park for fun, food, and fireworks beginning at 5 p.m. The event will include the "Let Freedom Ride Pedal Parade" at 6 p.m. opening ceremonies at 7 p.m., a free concert featuring Y2Yay at 7:30 p.m., and one of the region's most spectacular fireworks shows at 9:40 p.m. Admission is free, but parking inside the park is \$10. Special thanks to our event partners, Cosumnes CSD and Sky River Casino, and the many businesses and staff who help make this event possible.

Details on road closures and detours during the event will be released later this week on the city's website.

### **Fireworks Enforcement Details**

Legal fireworks sales opened today. The Police and Code Enforcement Departments will be out again looking for illegal fireworks and working together to keep our community safe. In addition to increasing patrols, the team is utilizing technology to assist personnel in the field. This technology includes the Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Program and Real Time Information Center. Residents can anonymously report illegal fireworks activity by calling (916) 714-5115 or email [fireworks@elkgrovepd.org](mailto:fireworks@elkgrovepd.org).

**Rock Painting Planned for Next Fridays in the Grove Event**

The next Fridays in the Grove event will invite residents to tap into their artistic side by painting rocks at The Preserve on Friday, July 21 from 11 am-2 pm. Based on the success of our Big Truck Day event, this Friday event seeks to offer something fun to do with the kids on a Friday afternoon. This event is open to all ages and free to attend. Details are available on the city's website.

**Youth Commission Recruitment - *Reminder***

The Youth Commission is currently recruiting four new members. As an advisory body to the Elk Grove City Council, members represent the needs and perspectives of the city's youth. Applications are being accepted through Wednesday, July 19. Please visit the city's website for details.

**Call for Artists - *Reminder***

The Elk Grove Arts Commission is seeking an artist or team of artists to paint a mural on the Bond Road Bridge near Elk Grove-Florin Road and Trout Way. This is a commissioned public art project open to any Sacramento County artist. Proposals must be submitted by Friday, July 28. Details are available on the city's website.

**Council Recess- *Reminder***

As a reminder, the City Council will observe a summer recess in July. There will be no meeting scheduled on July 12. The next scheduled City Council meeting will be held on July 26.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE**  
*Updated as of Wednesday, June 28, 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.

**Amenity:** Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System Improvements  
The City Council awarded a design build contract for a 1.15-million-kilowatt hours (kWh) system on January 27, 2021 to provide electricity to The Center, Aquatics Center, The Avenue and The Preserve. Construction started in January 2022 and the major components of the system were installed that summer. The system was connected to SMUD in the fall 2022 and commissioning is expected to be complete early in 2023. A 30-day proving period was completed in early 2023 and the system is generating electricity as designed. Authorization to execute the O&M Performance Guarantee contract is scheduled for the July council meeting.

**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 early 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. 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. The draft NEPA document was circulated for public comment from February 27, 2023 to March 30, 2023. Responses to those comments have been finalized and staff have submitted a draft of the Final NEPA document to Caltrans on May 10, 2023. Caltrans provided comments on Final NEPA on June 22, 2023. Staff is in the process of responding to those comments. It is anticipated a Final NEPA document will be issued this Fall 2023 along with a Final Project Report. 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, June 28, 2023*

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
NeighborGood Market	June 29 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
<i>City Hall Closed for Independence Day</i>	<i>July 4</i>	
Run 4 Hunger	July 4 8 a.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Salute to Red, White & Blue	July 4 5 p.m.	Elk Grove Regional Park 9950 Elk Grove Florin Rd
NeighborGood Market	July 6 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Comedy Under the Stars	July 7 8 p.m.	Laguna Town Hall 3020 Renwick Ave
Americana Vintage Market	July 8 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Tire Collection Event	July 9-12 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Ln
Food Truck Mania	July 12 5 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
NeighborGood Market	July 13 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Fridays in the Grove: Paint at the Preserve	July 21 11 a.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Sundae Fun Day with the City Council	July 23 2 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Oasis Park Recreation Center Grand Opening	July 27 5 p.m.	Oasis Park 8015 Poppy Ridge Rd
Strauss Festival	July 27-30 8:15 p.m.	Elk Grove Park 9950 Elk Grove-Florin Rd
BBQ in the Beat	July 29 11 a.m.	Miwok Park 9344 Village Tree Dr

**ATTACHMENT C**

**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS  
AS OF JUNE 28, 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>
5/10/2023	Report back on improvements to the registration process for Trap-Neuter-Return at the Animal Shelter	Staff is preparing this information.