



CITY OF ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE

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ELK GROVE TRAILS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Elk Grove City Hall

8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758

City Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may comment on matters that are not included on the agenda that the Trails Committee has jurisdiction over. Each speaker will be limited to one (1) three (3) minute comment opportunity.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2023.

4.2 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2023.

5. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

5.1 SUMMER PARK ESTATES MAP (PLNG22-016)

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6. PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1. 2023-2028 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Staff will provide an update on the adopted 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program. The Capital Improvement Program can be viewed on the City's website at: <https://www.elkgrovecity.org/public-works/capital-improvement-program>.

6.2. TRAIL CROSSING SURVEY

Staff will present a new GIS-based trail crossing survey to collect data about specific crossing locations.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Trails Committee may provide direction to staff for future agenda items.

8. ADJOURNMENT

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair at 6:00 p.m. with the following participants:

- Trails Committee Members Present:** Vice Chair Sharon Anderson, and Committee Members, Mark Doty, Chris Neumann and Sheri Nobleff
- Trails Committee Members Absent:** Chair Mendenhall (arrived during Item 6.4)
- City Staff/Consultants/Advisory Members:** Kaley Lyons, Senior Transportation Planner
Samuel Grimm, Senior Civil Engineer
Christal Love-Lazard, Community Engagement and Government Relations Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: M/S Doty/Neumann to approve the agenda as presented. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 4 (Doty, Neumann, Anderson, Nobleff.); Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Mendenhall).***

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 4.1 – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2023

MOTION: M/S Nobleff/Neumann to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2023 as prepared. **The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 4 (Doty, Neumann, Anderson, Nobleff); Noes: 0; Absent: 1 (Mendenhall).**

DEVELOPMENT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

None.

PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM 6.1 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Christal Love-Lazard presented an update on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) process and Climate Ambassadors Program. She said the Climate Ambassadors Program would include education and outreach regarding the CAP, videos, and other engagement efforts and will include a modest stipend. She announced the draft CAP and EIR should have a draft later this year.

Member Doty asked what was being asked from ambassadors and involvement from the Trails Committee.

Ms. Love-Lazard said a solicitation would go out for ambassadors seeking people of all ages and backgrounds. She said the announcement would be made on social media this week.

Member Neumann asked about the time commitment required of ambassadors.

Ms. Love-Lazard said it would likely be 6-12 months for ambassadors and that consultants would help with technical aspects. She announced that Carrie Whitlock would be the contact going forward as the CAP Project Manager.

Member Doty asked how many ambassadors were being sought.

Ms. Love-Lazard said it was likely 15-25 but to confirm with Ms. Whitlock.

Vice Chair Anderson asked if the ambassador opportunity would be cross-linked on the volunteer page as well.

Kaley Lyons said she would check, and she would also send out the link to the ambassador application when ready.

ITEM 6.2 INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION TOOLKIT

Sam Grimm presented on the Inclusive Community Participation Toolkit currently underway. He said that in 2022, the City Council adopted a Smart City Plan, including a proactive engagement component. Ms. Love-Lazard leads the creation of the toolkit which would be used to help plan, execute, and evaluate engagement opportunities as well as serve as a resource for internal city staff. Ms. Love-Lazard said the city was working toward uniform engagement that was more inclusive in the community and more cohesive in nature, so there were not silos in city engagement. She said there would be survey opportunities for public input and right now the link was for Committee members. Ms. Love-Lazard offered to meet one on one with Committee members as well, or with Kristyn Laurence, Public Affairs Manager.

Vice Chair Anderson said she had a good avenue with her anti-trash group to getting the word out, especially with the City and CCSD. She said Alex Lepper, City staff, was asking for any type of input and would help people be heard.

There was also discussion about a future resident academy to educate residents about local government. Ms. Love-Lazard asked for feedback and offered to review the toolkit with the Committee.

Vice Chair Anderson said this was special to lift the lid on how government operates for residents.

Member Noblett discussed the value of educating the public about why things are the way they are and that it was helpful to build a shared understanding.

ITEM 6.3 MAY IS BIKE MONTH UPDATE

Kaley Lyons presented an update on anticipated activities for May is Bike Month. She said activities currently include a booth at the Living Smart Farmers Market on May 7th, Trails Committee bike ride on May 10th, a proclamation at City Council on May 10th, and a booth at the NeighborGood Market on May 11th. She said there would also be involvement and support from the Elk Grove Cycling Club and BikeHaus, a local bike shop.

Member Doty asked about energizer stations aside from these events and said there was coordination in the past with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments on Bike to Work/School Day.

Ms. Lyons said she would like to incorporate energizer stations and have events for Bike to Work/School Day as well. She said this could be discussed for next year and there was consensus to bring back energizer stations in 2024.

ITEM 6.4 UPDATE ON PRIOR TRAILS COMMITTEE REQUESTS

Kaley Lyons presented an update on prior requests received from the Trails Committee.

The Committee discussed some items that had been addressed and could be removed from the list, and focused on the development of a policy regarding motorized vehicles on trails.

Chair Mendenhall recommended that CCSD be highly involved in development of the policy as well as the Elk Grove Police Department and potentially SACOG and neighboring jurisdictions. He said there were questions about devices with gasoline vs. electric motors and width of devices on trails. He also

suggested expanding the policy development to include sidewalks and bike lanes.

Member Doty recommended including the Disability Advisory Committee in policy development as well.

Ms. Lyons said policy development would happen in-house with City staff rather than bringing on a consultant and would include a wide variety of partners and stakeholders.

Vice Chair Anderson mentioned safety education on trails and said that giving notice to people as you approach should be included in the education.

TRAILS COMMITTEE MATTERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Neumann asked about the stop sign striping exiting the parking lot at the new Raley's shopping center on Elk Grove Blvd. He said it was located too far forward and people were stopping in the sidewalk crossing and that the other exits have the striping at the back of curb.

Sam Grimm said he would circulate the concern internally to determine how to address it and confirmed the City has some jurisdiction for this concern.

ADJOURNMENT

The Elk Grove Trails Committee Regular Meeting of April 17, 2023, was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Prepared by Kaley Lyons

APPROVED:

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00 p.m. with the following participants:

Trails Committee Members Present: Chair Mark Mendenhall, Vice Chair Sharon Anderson, and Committee Members, Mark Doty

Trails Committee Members Absent: Sheri Noblett, Chris Neumann

City Staff/Consultants/Advisory Members: Christopher Jordan, Director of Strategic Planning and Innovation
Samuel Grimm, Senior Civil Engineer
Sarah Kirchgessner, Senior Planner
Christina Castro, CIP Manager
Scott Jones, Cosumnes CSD
Christine Manitta, Cosumnes CSD
Tim Denham, Wood Rodgers
Abby Miramontes, Wood Rodgers
Bryan Wilson, Sheldon Partners LLC
Tiffany Wilson, The Village Shopping Center

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: M/S Anderson/Doty to approve the agenda as presented. ***The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: 3 (Doty, Anderson, Mendenhall.); Noes: 0; Absent: 2(Noblett, Neumann).***

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

PRESENTATION

ITEM 4.1 – GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT REVIEW

Christopher Jordan presented on guidelines for project review, including application of policy documents to projects that come before the Trails Committee, regulatory framework, and guidance documents.

Chair Mendenhall asked why the Trails Committee was receiving the presentation. Staff said it was to inform the Trails Committee about the development process and how projects are conditioned.

Committee Member Doty expressed concern that some projects in the past have not followed the evaluation and design criteria.

DEVELOPMENT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

ITEM 5.1 THE VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER (PLNG22-066)

Sarah Kirchgessner presented the project, including description and site plan. She indicated staff were still discussing the design and expect a resubmittal after some modifications to routing of bicycle and pedestrian movements.

Chair Mendenhall expressed concern about the crossings and urged avoiding a situation like the one near Costco/In-n-out where the trail is not visible when approaching Elk Grove Blvd.

Member Doty appreciated the single driveway on Elk Grove Blvd. and suggested the trail crossing on the main driveway be parallel to Elk Grove Blvd.

Vice Chair Anderson expressed concern about the project's proximity to a future hospital and Project Elevate and what is being proposed on Wymark & Big Horn.

Staff responded that the west driveway on Wymark lines up with the proposed hospital entrance and there would be a possibility of looking at a controlled crossing. Staff said Big Horn Blvd. had some challenges as a 4-lane facility and encouraged the crossing to occur at Civic Center Dr. and Elk Grove Blvd.

Vice Chair Anderson indicated she would like to see signage for drivers to look both ways when exiting the shopping center.

ITEM 5.2 SUMMER FLATS AT WATERMAN ROAD (PLNG23-006)

Sarah Kirchgessner presented the project and reviewed what was shown on the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan (BPTMP). She said the site plan shows shifting the trail alignment from the east side to the west side due to wetlands. The applicant, designer, and Cosumnes Community Services District (CCSD) were present to review the project and answer questions.

Chair Mendenhall said he would like to see the trail connection re-designed to indicate the main alignment vs. connection to the neighborhood.

CCSD staff said they were recommending the trail remain on the east side of the parcel. The Project Applicant said trail connections should be considered on the CCSD property. Staff said vernal pools and wetlands were creating a challenge to connect to the park on the north side of the parcel and the trail alignment as drawn will fall in the middle of the CCSD parcel.

Vice Chair Anderson asked why this project was avoiding vernal pools compared to prior projects.

CCSD staff said they were limited on how much they could mitigate for their parcel and the Project Applicant designed the trail to avoid vernal pools.

Chair Mendenhall said he wanted to be sure the trail reached Bond Road and provided a connection to Wright Park.

Member Doty asked what vernal pools/wetlands were being disturbed. The Project Applicant said homes were disturbing some vernal pools in the Army Corp permit, not yet issued. Member Doty said he was strongly in favor of the trail continuing on the east side.

Christopher Jordan provided some background about how the trail started on the south side.

Chair Mendenhall expressed appreciation for the trail connections to the new homes and said the trail should connect north/south to Bond Road as well as to Wright Park.

CCSD staff described how CCSD typically designed connectivity from project to project.

Chair Mendenhall said the trail should look and feel like a trail, avoiding poorly aligned connections.

PROJECT UPDATES, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM 6.1 BRIEFING ON WTR096 LOTZ/PROMENADE EXTENSION

Christina Castro presented an update on Lotz/Promenade and Whitelock Parkway projects with pedestrian facilities. She said Lotz/Promenade would be constructed first before the Whitelock Parkway overcrossing. She said per the Elk Grove Roadway Fee Program, Lotz was a 6-lane facility with speeds posted around 45 mph and SEPA and City standards identified the lane requirements with the street cross section including a 5' bike lane. Staff was proposing a change in the standards with

high-speed arterials to have a Class 1 bicycle facility parallel to the road on both sides to improve comfort for bicyclists. Ms. Castro said staff were working on an ultimate solution so what would be constructed initially may look different but should be planned for the ultimate condition. Staff continues to push the diverging diamond interchange and a separate bridge for the bike/pedestrian crossing that comes down in Elk Grove Park.

Chair Mendenhall asked how Whitelock's trail would connect.

Staff said the design was not yet complete to show elevations. Staff were looking to remove non-signalized at-grade crossings and pushing crossings to intersections. Staff said Lotz would be the main Class 1 trail north/south for connecting to the overcrossing. Staff would be advancing the cross section change standards and requesting feedback. Staff shared exhibits, including how to transition bikes from Class 2 to Class 1 facilities.

Chair Mendenhall said he did not see very many bikes on Whitelock Parkway without a bike lane.

The Committee appreciated the update and seeing the separate bridge structure and numerous considerations for bikes. Staff said grant funds were more readily available for bike/pedestrian facilities than vehicle overcrossings at this time.

Member Doty would like staff to consider not jumping north and south to avoid the zipper road.

Staff said West Stockton could potentially be used or converted into the trail system in an interim condition with the goal to avoid at-grade crossings near the Lotz/Whitelock intersection.

TRAILS COMMITTEE MATTERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trails Committee would like to meet the new Traffic Engineer and receive a presentation on the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program.

ADJOURNMENT

The Elk Grove Trails Committee Regular Meeting of May 15, 2023, was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Prepared by Samuel Grimm and Kaley Lyons

APPROVED:



TRAILS COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT
July 17, 2023



PROJECT: SUMMER PARK ESTATES MAP
FILE: PLNG22-016
LOCATION: 8577 Bader Road
APN: 122-0230-033
STAFF: Sarah Kirchgessner, Senior Planner

INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND:

The proposed Project site is located on the east side of Bader Road, approximately 1,200 feet south of Calvine Road (8577 Bader Road) (APN: 122-0230-033). The Project consists of a Tentative Subdivision Map to subdivide one parcel (± 36 acres) into 19 parcels (2 gross acres in size minimum) consistent with the Rural Residential General Plan land use designation and AR-2 zoning designations. The Project is proposed to be gated.

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Staff recommendation:

City Staff would like feedback from the Trails Committee on the Applicant's proposed development as it pertains to implementing the City's bicycle and trails requirements.

Figure 1 – Trails Master Plan Context Map

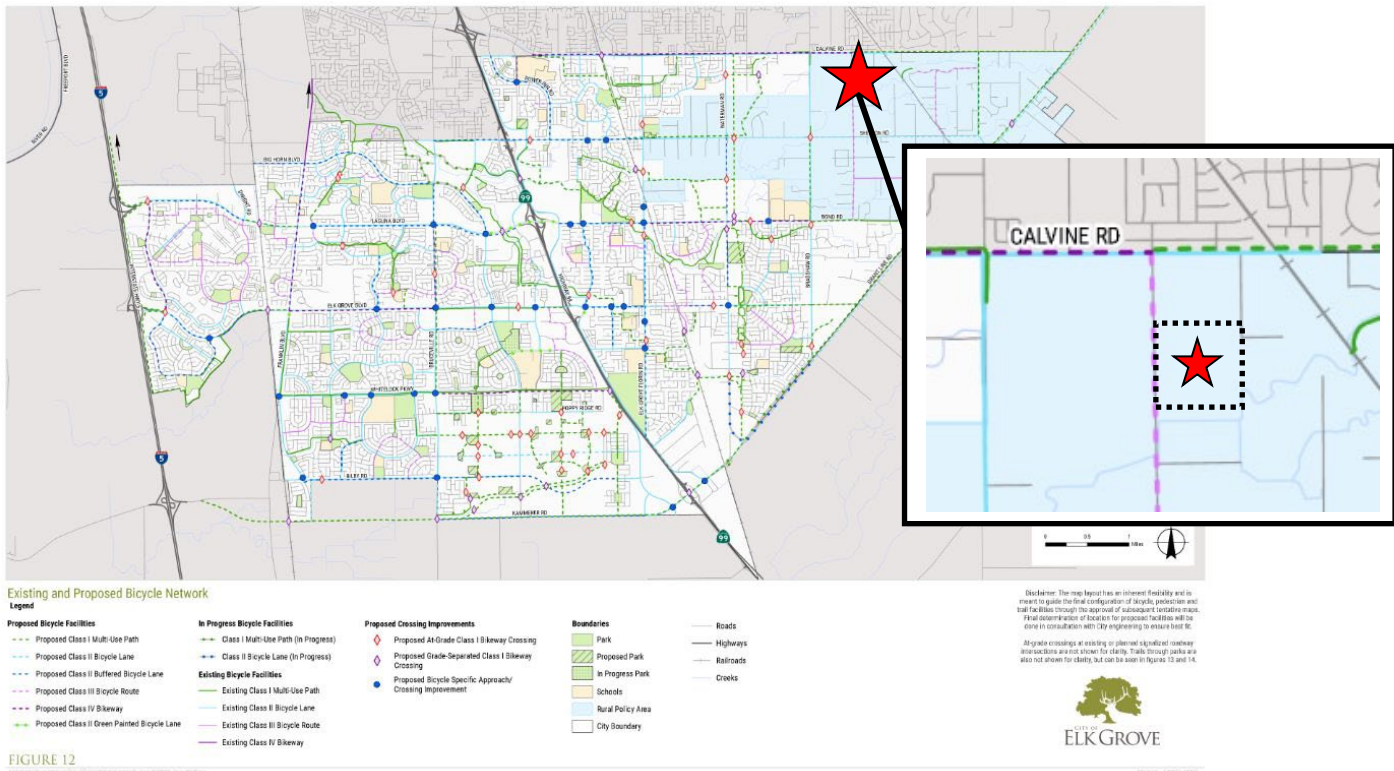


Figure 2 - Project Tentative Subdivision Map

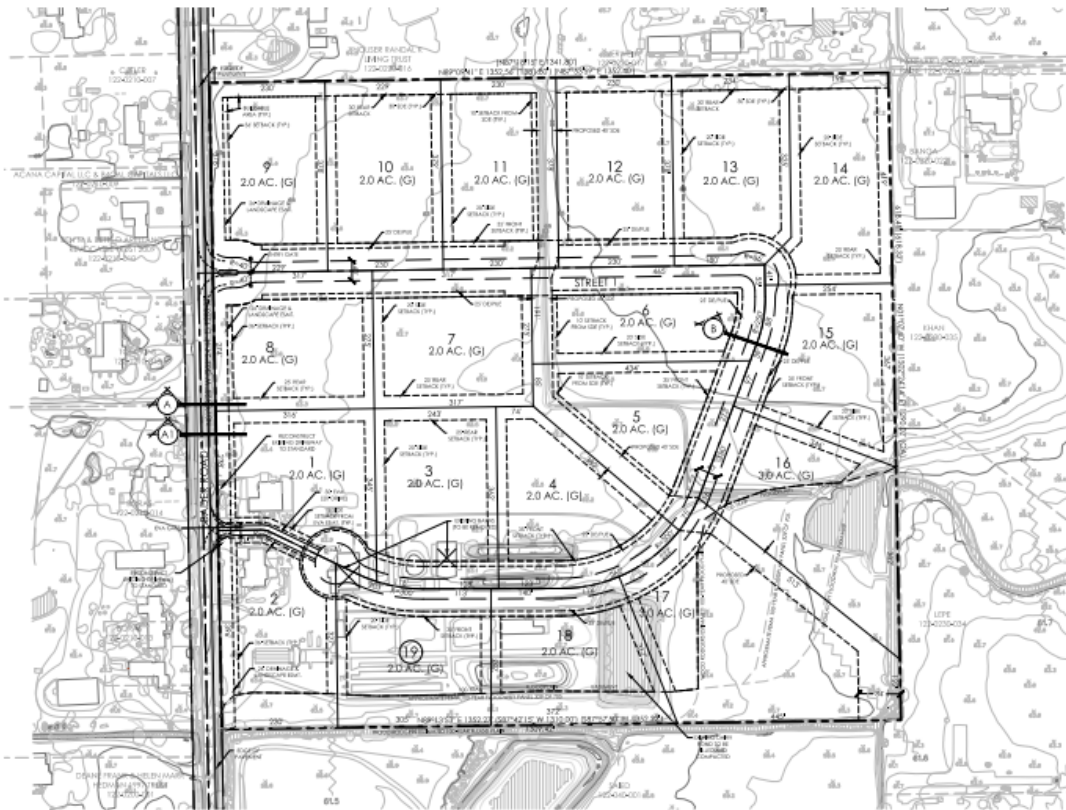


Figure 3. Proposed Bader Road Cross Section

