

Public Comments Received on the Proposed
New Zoo at Elk Grove Project

Fall 2021 through March 21, 2024

From: notification@elkgrovecity.org
To: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-10-26 11:39 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:39:50 PM

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Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-10-26 11:39 PM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 10/27/2021 2:39:45 AM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Marie oleman
email	
phone	
comments	It has been our pleasure to provide "browse" (tree branches) to the zoo for many years. The Zoo wrote an article several years ago needing "browse" to feed the animals especially the giraffes. My husband and I called the zoo and offered our non fruit bearing mulberry tree limbs to the zoo. They came out and cut as many branches as their truck would hold. Then we hired a tree service to come and trim the trees and every year the zoo comes out to the house and collects the "browse" to keep the animals feed. The zoo has a list of trees that are listed and edible for the animals so you too can help feed them. Having the zoo in EG would be great. Lots of trees here in town to help them with food.

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Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-10-27 11:46 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:47:00 AM

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Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-10-27 11:46 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 10/27/2021 2:46:56 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Kathleen Goldsberry
email	
phone	
comments	So happy to see a zoo come this way.

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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org
To: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-11-16 11:39 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:39:06 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-11-16 11:39 PM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 11/17/2021 2:39:02 AM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Chinh Vu
email	
phone	
comments	Hello, It would be awesome to have the zoo in Elk Grove. Has site south Kammerer Road been explored? What would be the impact for not leaving the land for light industrial and commercial? What is the impact on proposed development in the surrounding? What would be the fiscal impact on City beside paying for the land? Would it effect development already in the City's 5-year plan? Thank you, Chinh Vu

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-11-16 11:39 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 1:26:09 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Thank you for your email. I'll try and address your questions. First, land south of Kammerer is not currently in the City, so pursuing a site there would require annexation, which is a multi-year process and requires approval by a regional agency, the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission. Water and sewer services have not been fully defined for that area either.

While a zoo is already allowed under the current zoning for the property with a conditional use permit, the City has also been working on an effort to re-envision this area with a more diverse and mixed range of land uses. You can read more about that effort under the [Kammerer Road Urban Design Study](#).

We are working with the Sacramento Zoological Society in the preparation of a feasibility study, which will look at the construction and operating costs and potential revenue and funding sources. Funding the project is expected to be a partnership. Many of the roadways and other infrastructure to serve the site have been in the City's plans for some time.

Christopher



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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:39 PM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org
To: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-12-22 09:37 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, December 22, 2021 9:37:55 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2021-12-22 09:37 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 12/22/2021 12:37:52 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Hoang Nguyen
email	
phone	
comments	We're very excited with the prospect of having a zoo in the city. One quick question please, will we expect to see an increase in taxation for city residents? Thank you.

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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org
To: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-01-05 08:22 AM(PST) (1) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 8:23:02 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-01-05 08:22 AM(PST) (1) was submitted by Guest on 1/5/2022 11:22:59 AM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Yadira Morales
email	
phone	
comments	Hi, looking forward to the Sacramento Zoo moving to Elk Grove! My question is what will happen to the current location of the zoo in Land Park? Thanks, Yadira

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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org
To: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-01-05 09:43 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:43:23 AM

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Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-01-05 09:43 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 1/5/2022 12:43:11 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Margie McConnell
email	
phone	
comments	What happens to the current zoo? I love that zoo. It's truly a historic part of Land Park and Sacramento. I recently bought a house in the neighborhood near the current zoo and love that it is close to my home. I am very disappointed that once again we are building new and shiny and getting rid of historic!

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-03-10 09:38 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:48:50 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning,

Thank you for your comments. At this stage we are focused on the overall feasibility of developing a zoo in Elk Grove. If the Council desires to move to the next stage (a question they will consider on March 23), then we would move into the design phase. During that effort we would have opportunities to collect ideas like this. I will save these and pass along to the design team in the event we move into that work phase.

Please make sure you are subscribed to our email list so you can receive project updates, including additional public engagement opportunities.

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Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 9:38 AM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-03-10 09:38 AM(PST) Submission Notification

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Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-03-10 09:38 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 3/10/2022 12:38:12 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Heidi
email	
phone	
comments	<p>I am a resident of Elk Grove and a frequent visitor to The Sacramento Zoo. I would love to offer some suggestions of what my family, friends, and neighbors would like to see at the zoo: interactive exhibits and experiences with animals, a shuttle that could transport residents near the zoo from various convenient spots like the Costco parking lot, school programs connected to the zoo and relevant environmental issues, a tram or safari bus to give tours through the zoo like the ones at San Diego Zoo, discounted days throughout the year for locals, seniors, veterans, a wide variety of dining options at the zoo itself, a large gift shop where souvenirs can be purchased, cool photo ops throughout the property, a butterfly area, exhibits related to Central Valley plants and wildlife.</p>

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-03-18 12:02 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Friday, March 18, 2022 2:04:56 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your interest in the Zoo project. First, if you have not already done so, please sign up for the email list [on the website](#). We have been using this extensively to share what is going on with the project and will use it when we identify upcoming participation opportunities.

The next big event for the Zoo will be this coming Wednesday during the City Council meeting. Staff will be sharing the results of the feasibility study and the Council will be discussing the next steps. Specifically, we will be asking Council to move the Zoo to the next phase, which is developing a full site master plan and a thorough financing plan. If we move forward with master planning we will be identifying multiple opportunities for engagement on the design. Again, be signed up to the email list.

Wednesday's Council meeting will be held both in person and online. You can find information and the [agenda on the website \(item 9.1\)](#). The meeting begins at 6:00 pm, but I expect the item to start no earlier than 7:30 pm. You are welcome to come down to City Hall (8400 Laguna Palms Way) or you can join from home. We stream the meeting on the website, or there will be a Zoom link. If you watch from home and want to provide comments you'll need to use the Zoom link.

If you have any other questions please feel free to contact us.

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Sent: Friday, March 18, 2022 12:02 PM

To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>

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Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-03-18 12:02 PM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 3/18/2022 3:02:03 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Noel Janney
email	
phone	
comments	Hello, I'd like to know how I can support bringing the zoo to Elk Grove. I prefer to be contacted via email, but would be interested in any upcoming meetings open to the public, as well as opportunities to help review/pass/fund or otherwise support the effort. Thank you, Noel Janney

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From: [Nathan Chronister](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-04 10:22 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 12:03:58 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Thank you for your response Mr. Jordan. The idea that I would like to propose is a "prehistoric garden". Certain types of plants such as tree-ferns, ginkgo, and horsetail are known from the fossil record. Known as "living fossils", these plants lived in the time of the dinosaurs or earlier, but they are still alive today. If you can imagine a grove of these trees and plants, with a small nature trail winding through it, that would create a unique space that would be perfect for educational programs, school groups, or to simply experience what the Earth was like a long time ago.

Why at the zoo? Well, the current exhibit of animatronic dinosaurs is one of the most popular attractions at the zoo. A prehistoric garden would provide a perfect location for future animatronic dinosaur exhibits. Showing them in their natural habitat would add a whole new level and something that people can't experience anywhere else. In the near future, these animatronic creatures will be far more realistic, and they will be able to walk freely through their environment, a lot more like real animals. The new zoo in Elk Grove could be the first place in the world to offer this unique experience.

Thanks for putting this idea on the list. I would like to hear what you think, and I look forward to more discussion about possibilities for the zoo.

Nathan Chronister

On Wed, May 4, 2022 at 10:29 AM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for the interest in the Zoo Project. You can signup for email notices on the project page (www.elkgrovecity.org/zoo) using the form at the top of the page. Be sure to check the box for the Zoo before hitting submit.

There will be opportunities for public engagement and participation in the design process beginning later this summer as we move into the design phase, so be on the lookout for email notices about ways to participate. You can of course email us your ideas and we can add them to the list others have shared to date.

Christopher



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Name	Value
name	Nathan Chronister
email	
phone	

Hi. I would like to be on your e-mailing list to receive updates on the planning process and any opportunities to provide input. I would like to present a proposal **comments** on a possible feature at the new site that would help add to the unique interest that our zoo is going to draw. Is there an upcoming opportunity where I can do this?

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-20 12:31 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 8:50:17 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

It would come down to financing, both for construction and operations, and it is likely that other habitats would need to be reconfigured to make room, since we would not reserve space for an elephant habitat as part of the first phase. At this point, I do not expect us to ever have elephants.

From: Ed C <
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 10:38 AM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Re: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-20 12:31 AM(PST) Submission Notification

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I see. Is it possible that we can add elephants in the future? If so, like in how many years? If not, then... awww.

Thank you so much for the quick reply.

Eddie

On May 20, 2022, at 8:33 AM, Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hi Eddie,

Thanks for reaching out and appreciate the question. A complete list of species has not been finalized, but there is a potential key species list in the [Feasibility Study](#) (see page 10 of the document, page 12 in the PDF). Lions are listed as part of the African Savannah, along with cheetahs.

You will notice that elephants are not listed and we do not anticipate including them in the new facility for a couple of reasons. First, given their size everything needed house them is also massive, and with that scale comes substantial construction cost. The current working cost estimate for the Phase 1 zoo is approximately \$175 million and it includes about 41 acres of habitat space for an extensive array of species. For comparison, the Oregon Zoo in Portland recently opened a new elephant habitat and it alone cost over \$50 million. Second, from an operations perspective it can take 3-4 times as much staff and support resources to care for elephants as it would other large species, such as giraffe and rhino.

We will be talking more about the design and range of species that could be at the zoo

later this summer, so be sure to sign up for the [email list on the website](#) to stay informed of upcoming events and activities.

Christopher



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Name	Value
name	Eddie
email	
phone	

comments Hi. Excited about the new expansion zoo. Question... why will there be no Elephants and Lions at this new location? What is needed to have those animals? Thanks, Eddie

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To: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-04-14 12:21 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022 12:13:40 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hey Chris, just heard that the Zoo and Elk Grove are moving forward following last night's council meeting! Hope the Zoo can break ground by Spring/Summer of 2024!

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On Thu, Apr 14, 2022 at 3:18 PM,
> wrote:

Thanks Chris, looking forward to hearing more in late May or early June!

[Sent from the all new AOL app for Android](#)

On Thu, Apr 14, 2022 at 3:11 PM, Christopher Jordan
<cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hello Kenneth,

We will have more details on the schedule to share in May, but generally speaking we are planning to start the EIR this year. A typical EIR takes about 9-12 months to complete. A lot of data will need to go into the analysis, including water, sewer, and electrical demands, and pulling that information together will take some time, so we don't have a definitive start date yet.

Again, we will have more to share in May, so stay tuned!

Christopher



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Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 12:22 PM
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Name	Value
name	Kenneth Pearson II
email	
phone	

comments So if Everything goes well with the relocation process the next few months, could the city and the Zoo start the EIR (Environmental Review Process) this Summer?
How long is that expected to take?

k below:

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-26 02:00 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Friday, May 27, 2022 12:21:01 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your inquiry about memorial benches or picnic tables at the Zoo. We are just starting the planning process and may look at a program like this, but no decisions have been made. If a program is established it would likely be after approval of the project and the effort moves into construction.

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Name	Value
name	Donalee Eiri
email	

phone

comments Memorial benches and/or picnic tables information

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: Fwd: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-29 06:52 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022 7:05:14 AM

Good morning,
We are just beginning the design process and will add these suggestions to the list. Thanks for sharing.

Christopher

From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022, 6:54 AM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-29 06:52 AM(PST) Submission Notification

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Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-29 06:52 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 5/29/2022 1:52:27 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Judy Bracerros
email	
phone	
comments	Was wondering if the zoo could put in a tram that takes you above zoo and you can see everything and for Seniors would be one way for them to get from one side of the park to the other. Was also wondering if park benches would be put throughout the zoo so seniors could sit down if need be.. Thank you Elk Grove Resident...

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To:
Subject: FW: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-01 12:02 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:09:14 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed zoo. The City has not made a definitive decision on the project and appreciates comments throughout the process. We will be investigating these concerns through the design and review process; for example, we are anticipating a buffer area to occur along Lotz Parkway near the existing residences.

Later this year we will be initiating an Environmental Impact Report for the project, which will look at topics including noise, odor, and safety. We may use other zoos as reference points for some of this analysis and encourage you to visit the neighborhood around the existing zoo to experience their current operations.

We appreciate your concerns about the area roadways, but I will note that many of the roadways in the area have been planned for major employment and visitor uses. Timing of improvements to the roads is alignment with the sequencing of development and availability of construction funds. Lotz Parkway is planned for further widening and extension to Whitelock Parkway in the coming years and West Stockton and Promenade Parkway realignments to Whitelock Parkway are also in design phase. Kammerer Road will be widened to a six-lane facility over time as funding becomes available and environmental review will be completed later this year for the extension to I-5. We will be conducting studies around traffic and circulation with the intent of directing zoo trips away from existing neighborhoods.

Regarding the Delta Shores area, this is a private development that is located in the City of Sacramento. The Elk Grove City limits end just north of the Laguna/I-5 interchange.

If you have other comments or questions please send them along as these will help us make sure we are addressing concerns throughout the design and review process.

Christopher



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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:03 PM

To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-01 12:02 PM(PST) Submission Notification

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-01 12:02 PM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 6/1/2022 7:02:47 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	monika
email	
phone	
comments	hello.... We are very concerned that a ZOO is planned next to homes in our area... I was not told that I would have to deal with over 1 million visitors to crowd the EG residents out of the area ... leave alone the NOISE that we have to deal with. I am not rich and cannot relocate because I don't want to hear stupid monkeys and lions in the middle of the night and smell the stick of a zoo in my neighborhood. I am paying \$9000 / year in property taxes... which are not used to any advantage for MY family.... AND we were promised a road to EG city ... not the ridiculous "upgrade" of kamerer which is still just 1 lane instead of 2 on each side.... no Bilby ... no Lotz... nothing. With the casino (we knew about) on one side and a zoo we wouldn't have bought here if we knew about this one) at the other... we have no way out without crazy visitors... I did not move to a resort - vacation area... this is only Elk Grove.... What are you guys thinking? there is PLENTY of room by Delta shores... and great access to the same freeway.... put the zoo there and keep it away from homes!!!! this is not correct management of this city and I have been here for over 20 years. BIG disappointment. that you do not care about your residents.

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-31 09:26 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5:12:25 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon,
Thank you for your comments. We have added them to our running list.

Christopher



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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 9:27 PM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-31 09:26 PM(PST) Submission Notification

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-05-31 09:26 PM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 6/1/2022 4:26:58 AM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Amy Bullock
email	
phone	
comments	Hi! I just wanted to write in and say how excited I am about the potential move to Elk Grove! Coming from Modesto, and currently being a member of the Fresno Zoo, I could see myself changing the membership to Elk Grove for sure! It will be closer, and much, much larger than Fresno! It will be closer to the size of San Fran (but that zoo sucks), and has the potential to be a tourist destination for people from other countries if done correctly! This has the opportunity for lots of revenue! My son and I are very, very excited! Here's hoping the move happens! Thank you! Amy

From: [Jeanne Olivas](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-21 11:58 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 8:28:33 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image001.png](#)

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

That is awesome news! I plan on retiring from my job and would be available for a part-time job at the zoo! So very exciting!

Thanks!

Jeanne.

On Wed, Jun 22, 2022, 8:09 AM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Olivas,

Thank you for your email. The zoo is a very complex project. The schedule we have outlined involves development of the conceptual and schematic plans beginning this summer and continuing through 2023, at which point the City Council will consider the formal approvals. If the Council approves the project, we anticipate about 9-12 months to prepare the construction documents and bid the first phase for construction. The construction schedule is anticipated for another 18-24 months. At that point staff and the animals could start moving in and preparing for opening day. All told, we expect opening no sooner than summer 2027. There are several contingencies to that schedule, including securing the necessary funding from sponsors, donors, and partners, as well as the City.

As we move through the various work elements we will be sharing updates on the website, email announcements, and social media. Please make sure you sign up for the updates on the website at www.elkgrovecity.org/zoo.

Christopher



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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 12:09 PM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-21 11:58 AM(PST) Submission Notification

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-21 11:58 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 6/21/2022 2:58:18 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Jeanne Olivas
email	
phone	

comments When is the zoo project expected to be completed?

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From: [donthompson](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-03 03:21 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Thursday, July 14, 2022 12:28:50 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Thank you for the response. Much appreciated.
Don Thompson

On Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 11:36:58 AM PDT, Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hello Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for your message. We are still studying options for where the entrance to the zoo may be located, but are focusing on solutions that promote regional traffic on Kammerer Road, rather than through existing neighborhoods. We are conducting iterative traffic modeling and our design teams will be paying close attention to this issue.

If you have any other questions or concerns please let us know.

Christopher



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Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 3:22 PM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-03 03:21 PM(PST) Submission Notification

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-06-03 03:21 PM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 6/3/2022 10:21:55 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Don Thompson
email	
phone	
comments	Interested in the proposed ingress and egress relating to the Zoo in this proposed location. Have family located in adjacent housing area.

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To: greggonzalez
Subject: RE: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-07-22 10:50 AM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Friday, July 22, 2022 11:01:48 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello Mr. Gonzalez,

Thank you for your email. Final approvals for the zoo are still a ways off, and construction will take several years, so no hirings for the facility are occurring. Additionally, the Zoo would be operated by the Sacramento Zoological Society, who operates the current Sacramento Zoo. They will be responsible for staffing, so you will want to continue to connect with them about employment opportunities.

Christopher



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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2022 10:51 AM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-07-22 10:50 AM(PST) Submission Notification

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-07-22 10:50 AM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 7/22/2022 1:50:56 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Greg Gonzalez
email	
phone	

comments

Dear elk grove zoo, Im excited to see the new plans for the zoo coming to elk grove. I would love to see myself working in maintenance for the zoo in my future. Maybe i missed something were to apply. I did apply for the sacramento zoo, currently hoping to hear back. If you had more info on were i could apply or be pointed further to be a part of this awesome transition and or a future employee, i would appreciate any information. Please and thank you for your time. Respectfully Greg Gonzalez

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To: gZ
Subject: FW: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-08-14 07:04 PM(PST) Submission Notification
Date: Monday, August 15, 2022 2:56:47 PM

Hello Mr. Allen,

Thank you for your email. We checked with the staff at the current Zoo and there is not a designated "sensory garden" at the existing facility.

The focus of the proposed Zoo is on animals and conservation. As we continue with the design process we plan to engage with the City's Diversity Advisory Committee to incorporate feedback and best practices around accommodating all users. We expect to start that process later this fall and continue into the detailed planning work next year.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Christopher

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From: notification@elkgrovecity.org <notification@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 7:05 PM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-08-14 07:04 PM(PST) Submission Notification

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Zoo Comments and Questions 2022-08-14 07:04 PM(PST) was submitted by Guest on 8/14/2022 10:04:37 PM (GMT-08:00) US/Pacific

Name	Value
name	Gary Allen
email	
phone	
comments	Will you still have a similar Sensory Garden that is in the current Zoo for the blind?

From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, December 2, 2022 9:40:23 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning,

To sign up for updates about the New Zoo in Elk Grove, visit the [project webpage](#), scroll all the way to the bottom, and complete the Sign Up for Updates section in the lower right corner.

Christopher



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Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 8:24 AM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>; Christal Love-Lazard <clazard@elkgrovecity.org>; Darrell Doan <ddoan@elkgrovecity.org>; Kristyn Laurence <klaurence@elkgrovecity.org>; Luis Aguilar <laguilar@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Fri, 12/02/2022 - 08:24

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Yizhou Jiang

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Hi, I'm excited about this new coming zoo project. How can I get informed on what can help, either part time job, volunteer or donation? Thanks

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, January 27, 2023 10:25:26 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning,
There are currently no plans for artificial turf at the complex, but thank you for the interest.

Christopher



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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Fri, 01/27/2023 - 09:56

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Shalveen Gill

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Hi, I own a artificial turf store in south Sacramento and would love to talk to you about putting in turf at the new Zoo.

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, January 27, 2023 10:28:32 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

We confirmed you are on the list to receive email updates on the project.

Christopher



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To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>; Christal Love-Lazard <clazard@elkgrovecity.org>; Darrell Doan <ddoan@elkgrovecity.org>; Kristyn Laurence <klaurence@elkgrovecity.org>; Luis Aguilar <laguilar@elkgrovecity.org>
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Thu, 01/26/2023 - 14:50

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Diane Smith

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

I would like to receive updates about the new zoo! Thanks!

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, January 27, 2023 10:30:06 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning,

Thank you for the email. I'm going to pass it along to the staff at the Sacramento Zoological Society to see how this may fit in with their program and operations.

Christopher



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Submitted on Thu, 01/26/2023 - 10:52

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Brennan Anderson

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

How can we partner with the new Zoo?

From: [Diane Smith](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, January 27, 2023 2:27:47 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Thanks so very much!

On Fri, Jan 27, 2023 at 10:28 AM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hello,

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Thu, 01/26/2023 - 14:50

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Diane Smith

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

I would like to receive updates about the new zoo! Thanks!

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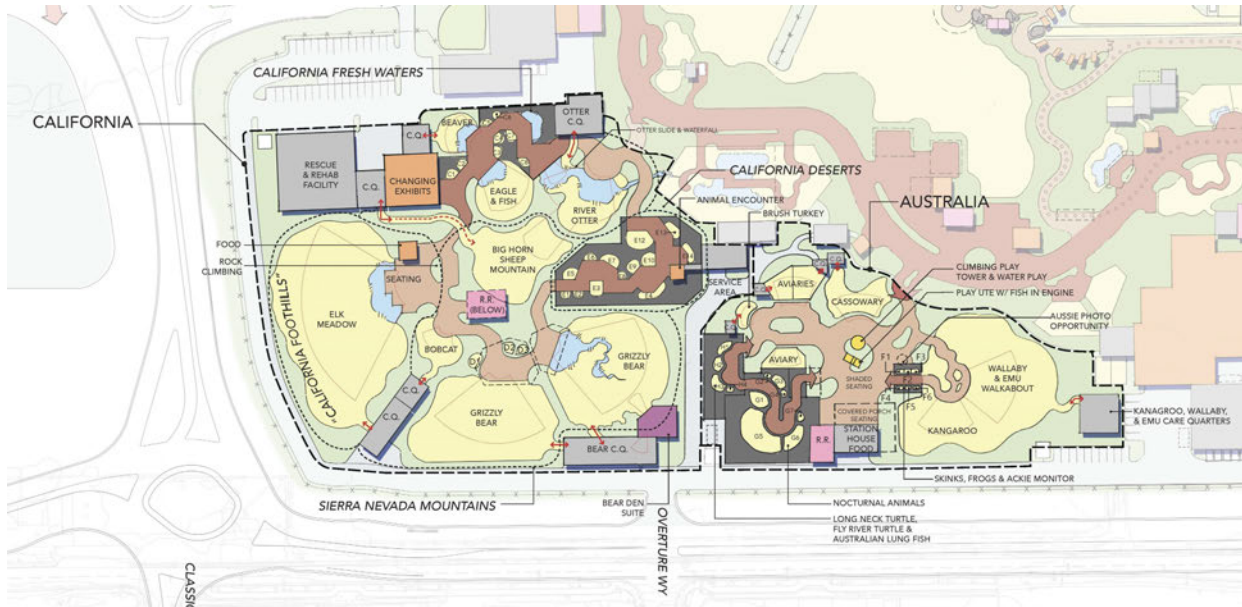
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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:00:18 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hello,

My apologies for the extended delay returning your message.

We are setting aside space in the Phase 2 areas for a California zone. Part of that could include an Elk Meadow habitat that could feature elk. I've clipped that portion of the plan below for you. No final decisions have been made yet and our focus right now is on Phase 1, so things could change in the future.



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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Sat, 01/21/2023 - 15:52

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Summer Smith

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Hello There,

I had a dream for real Elk in Elk Grove after a large heard was poached on the Northern Coast. I remember eating a delicious sandwich and watching real live Elk which I never saw in Elk Grove as a child. I hope the new zoo incorporates an elk population that was lost in Trinidad and maybe a beautiful heard could roam up north. Again. Elk babies sound cute. Thank you all!!! So excited!

Summer

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, February 10, 2023 8:42:11 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Thank you for your email. We conducted several outreach events around the potential design of the zoo last summer (2022) and have used that feedback to inform the conceptual design that is on the website. We are now working with the design team to refine the design and work through the details with zoo operations staff. We don't anticipate additional outreach until the fall.

Does that answer your question?

Christopher



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Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 4:20 PM

Subject: Zoo Comment Submission

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Submitted on Fri, 02/10/2023 - 16:19

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Judy Pribyl-Jasperson

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Are there was to engage the public. I.e. big rootball for new zoo alanimals?

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Monday, March 20, 2023 10:42:47 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning,

Thank you for reaching out. The last update that was provided was in November when the Sacramento Zoological Society released draft concept images for the facility. The City is currently working with the Society to develop a more detailed schematic design and complete the environmental analysis, and then move into a financing plan. We expect this work will be completed early next year when the City Council considers approvals for the project.

Be sure to sign up for the email notifications on the project website for when updates are released.

Christopher



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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Sun, 03/19/2023 - 17:49

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Terri Mulvihill

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Looking for updates in the new zoo!

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, March 24, 2023 10:00:37 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning Mr. Braverman,

The proposed Zoo site is about 65 acres and would be developed in phases. The initial phase is around 40 acres, so there is lots of room to grow and add additional zones over time as funding becomes available. The current Land Park zoo is less than 15 acres, so this is a major expansion opportunity. Most zoos in similar communities are about 55-65 acres, so we are comfortable with the approach.

If you have any additional questions please let me know.

Christopher



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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Fri, 03/24/2023 - 08:41

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Jeffrey Braverman

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Is there room for the zoo to grow, if needed?

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 11:21:16 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

You can contact our partner, the Sacramento Zoological Society, for opportunities to volunteer with the organization. [Volunteer at the Zoo | Sacramento Zoo - Sacramento, CA \(saczo.org\)](#)

Christopher



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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Sun, 04/30/2023 - 04:50

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Wanda Ramirez

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Would love to be a part of the zoo as a volunteer my dream job

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 11:22:36 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

While the design of the New Zoo in Elk Grove is ongoing, you can visit the existing zoo in Sacramento. [Visit the Sacramento Zoo | Sacramento Zoo - Sacramento, CA \(saczoo.org\)](#)

Christopher



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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Tue, 05/02/2023 - 11:13

Submitted by: Anonymous

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Name

amiyah adside

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

is your zoo open

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From: [Cesar](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 9:37:58 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image001.png](#)

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Thanks for the response Christopher!

This helps a lot.

Cesar Bonilla

On Wed, May 24, 2023, 6:59 PM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for reaching out. The operation of the Zoo is by the non-profit Sacramento Zoological Society. You can visit [their website](#) to learn more about employment opportunities.

Christopher



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Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 11:44 AM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>; Christal Love-Lazard <clazard@elkgrovecity.org>; Darrell Doan <ddoan@elkgrovecity.org>; Kristyn Laurence <klaurence@elkgrovecity.org>; Luis Aguilar <laguilar@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Wed, 05/24/2023 - 11:43

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Cesar Bonilla

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Hello! Id like to know if there will be a website where I can apply to work at the new zoo in any capacity.

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From: cjordan@elkgrovecity.org
To:
Subject: RE: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Saturday, June 3, 2023 5:33:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Yes, the Sacramento Zoo in Land Park is open. You can find hours and ticket information on their website at [Sacramento Zoo - Homepage | Sacramento Zoo - Sacramento, CA \(saczo.org\)](#).

Christopher



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From: City of Elk Grove <noreply@elkgrovecity.org>

Sent: Saturday, June 3, 2023 12:35 AM

To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>; Christal Love-Lazard <clazard@elkgrovecity.org>; Darrell Doan <ddoan@elkgrovecity.org>; Kristyn Laurence <klaurence@elkgrovecity.org>; Luis Aguilar <laguilar@elkgrovecity.org>

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Sat, 06/03/2023 - 00:35

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Shawn

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Is the Sacramento zoo still available to the public at land park of Sacramento?

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From: [Audrey Dittmann](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Monday, July 10, 2023 1:13:49 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Thank you so much for the info! A check is in the mail today for the new zoo giraffe enclosure.

Audrey Dittmann

On Mon, Jul 10, 2023 at 2:48 PM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

The City is working with the Sacramento Zoological Society, the operator of the Zoo in Land Park, on development of the New Zoo in Elk Grove. You can visit their website at the link below to learn about donation opportunities.

[Donate to the Zoo | Sacramento Zoo - Sacramento, CA \(saczo.org\)](#)

Christopher



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Subject: Zoo Comment Submission

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Sun, 07/09/2023 - 05:22

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Audrey Dittmann

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Is this the zoo with the baby giraffe? If so, can you send me your address for making a donation?

Thank you.

Audrey Dittmann

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From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, October 27, 2023 12:26:39 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Fri, 10/27/2023 - 12:26

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

James Fong

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Update on The New Sacramento Zoo. To be informed on upcoming review and presentations.

From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 1:00:51 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Tue, 10/31/2023 - 01:00

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Wanda Ramirez

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Will you have volunteer job opportunities at the zoo ? If so who do I contact? I would love to be a part of the New Zoo anyway it be a volunteer or as a employee.

From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023 8:40:08 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Sat, 11/04/2023 - 20:39

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Kathleen Lieb

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

Would like email updates on what is king on in the city besides on Facebook. I don't get the notifications in a timely manner.

From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Monday, November 6, 2023 3:25:48 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Mon, 11/06/2023 - 15:25

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Robert Noakes

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

I would like an update Master Diagram of the planned zoo. I was told the one available on this web site is three version old. I would like to know that our taxes are actually spent to make something move forward and not just BBQ meetings.

From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Wednesday, December 27, 2023 2:52:33 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Wed, 12/27/2023 - 14:52

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Denzil Verardo

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

As retired Chief Deputy Director for State Parks, I am excited about the zoo & it's progress.

From: [Mark Crane](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Friday, January 5, 2024 3:15:21 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Christopher: The one problem (issue) almost everybody has with VMT is that it comes from a black box and nobody knows how to challenge it. In the case of the zoo it is showing a significant and unavoidable impact, so who is going to challenge that. Trip reduction is only as good as the TDM program set up, the City monitoring the results and then having true financial penalties if the zoo is not meeting the trip reduction criteria. However, you may be in a situation where the zoo is more popular than expected and even with all the TDM measures working as planned, there is still a traffic problem. It is also interesting that in most other EIRs for other jurisdictions, while the VMT analysis is done for CEQA purposes, there is also the more traditional level of service, etc analysis done and evaluated for large projects based upon City general plan criteria. This allows the jurisdiction to determineI significant impacts, needed mitigations and funding estimates.I didn't see that for the zoo, but maybe I missed it. Probably the City did not want that information floating around since they will be the ones on the hook for funding these measures. I think this is why Darryl Steinberg in Sacramento came up with the CEQA VMT significance criteria when they were evaluating the impacts of the new arena downtown. I also didn't see any safety evaluation at the SR 99 interchange, which is a Caltrans CEQA requirement.

Finally, Ascent is a very good firm heading up the EIR. Have worked and peer reviewed their work many times and it has always been excellent. Kimley Horn for traffic can be good or bad. It just depends who they have working on the job.

Have a nice weekend.

Mark Crane

On Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 2:32 PM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Mr. Crane,

Thank you for the reply. I encourage you to read more about the VMT impacts in the EIR. It certainly is a unique project.

Christopher

From: Mark Crane <mark.crane@elkgrovecity.org>
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 2:19 PM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Re: Zoo Comment Submission

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Christopher: Thank you so much for the very quick and detailed response to my comment letter on the zoo that I sent yesterday. As with other contacts I have had with City staff (primarily the police department and their Citizens Academy), Elk Grove's service is levels above what I have seen from other jurisdictions. This is based on my 50 years of being a traffic and transportation engineer, completing almost 1000 projects in that time frame and attending and giving presentations at more public hearings than I care to think about.

I took a look at the traffic section and saw the usual "Significant and Unavoidable" designation for the VMT analysis. This is almost the standard transportation finding for City General Plans and large projects and is quickly overridden by City politicians. Didn't look to see how many others there were, but I'm assuming if there are any they will experience a similar fate.

I will send in my comment letter but two final thoughts.

The lack of trees and shade for both the visitors and the animals was a repeated complaint I saw for the Houston zoo. It is also going to be an issue for Elk Grove for maybe 10 + years until the trees are really starting to get big.

I have travelled to over 140 countries and seen more than 100 zoos around the world. There are good zoos and there are horrible zoos (like the one in Reno and most in third world countries). There is also controversy about the function of a zoo and what makes a good zoo versus a horrible zoo. I would not be surprised if you will be receiving numerous comment letters from the animal welfare organizations supporting their side of the issue (like there are too many animals in too small an area). Glad I don't have to respond to the comments.

Thank you again.

Mark Crane

On Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 11:32 AM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Mr. Crane,

Thank you for your email. The Draft EIR is [available today](#). I encourage you to review that document and provide any comments on it that you may have. The comment period runs until February 20, 2024.

That said, I'll try and address your questions below.

Christopher

I Please provide a history of the quality of work provided by the selected zoo design team. A review of comments by residents going to zoos in other cities designed by this group had many complaints. In particular, lack of trees and shade for both humans and the animals. Houston is a good example.

SHR Studios, the design team selected for this project, has extensive experience with zoo and aquarium design and construction. Among their many projects include the Houston Zoo, Zoos Victoria, Nashville Zoo, Fresno Zoo, and Auckland Zoo. I direct you to their [website](#) for a more extensive list of their work history.

I cannot speak to the design decisions made by the other zoos you reference, but can say that a variety of design decisions have to be made throughout a project's design progression. It becomes a combination of animal care (the top priority), customer/guest experience, and overall project budget. For the proposed New Zoo in Elk Grove, we are aware of the lack of existing trees/shade across the site and are designing both landscaping and shade structures throughout the campus for both humans and animals. In fact, if you look at the [site plan](#) and some of the [sections](#) we presented in November 2023, you will see shade canopies and trellises integrated throughout the design, both for guests and the animals.

2. What animal welfare/ animal protection organizations have been asked to participate in the design of the new zoo? Who is looking out for the animals in the zoo design? If none, please state why not.

The design is informed by the latest design protocols for zoological parks, including the standards of the US Department of Agriculture (a required permitting and inspection entity under Federal law and regulation) and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). Additionally, the animal care staff from the existing Zoo, along with medical care staff from the Zoo and UC Davis have been involved in habitat and holding facility design.

3. How much is parking going to cost?

The cost for visitors to park at the proposed Zoo has not been determined. We are looking at a number of models as part of the plan of finance and will have a specific

recommendation for the City Council later this spring.

4. Please provide figures showing existing and planned land uses at least a half mile away from all sides of the zoo. This would also include all pedestrian and bicycle access as well as the route of the proposed light rail extension.

The attached graphics show the City's latest approved General Plan land uses and Transportation Plan for the City. On the land use plan, the large green area at the northwest corner of Lotz Parkway and Kammerer Road is the site of the proposed Zoo; you can see the surrounding land uses from there.

On the Transportation Plan, the proposed light rail line is labeled as "Future High-Frequency Transit Alignment" and the stops are "High-Frequency Transit Stop." You will see one station immediately at the Zoo site. Bicycle and trail facilities are also shown on this map, including Class I and Class IV facilities around the north, east, and west sides of the site.

I'll also note that the City was awarded a State grant in late 2023 for updating of the Light Rail extension master plan. That work will get underway later this year.

5. Please provide a detailed description of how much outdoor space as well as indoor temperature controlled space will be provided for each animal group as well as the number of each species proposed.

I have this information broken down in a couple of places. First, [Appendix C of the EIR](#) lists the animal program, including their count and habitat size. Second, I'm attaching the Building Program summary for Phase 1A & 1B; this will describe the size of the holding areas for each of the habitats. You can then cross reference this with the another attachment, which is an excerpt of the Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, and Technology Engineering Basis of Design report. This document provides maps of the location of the buildings (by their ID number) and then describes the conditioning for each building.

6. Why was there no citizen's advisory committee formed during the design process?

The City already has several citizen's advisory committees that it takes projects to monthly. The Planning Commission will serve as the primary advisory committee responsible for assessing the design aspects, prior to Council's consideration. Additionally, input has been solicited from the Trails Committee and Art Commission, leveraging their respective subject matter expertise. It is noteworthy that the City traditionally does not convene specific advisory committees for individual projects, as existing advisory committees are well-equipped and trained to comprehensively review such matters. Nevertheless, the City recognizes the significance of surpassing the conventional approach of soliciting input predominately from existing advisory

committees or commissions, especially on larger projects. In pursuit of thorough public engagement, extensive outreach initiatives have been undertaken. The design process has incorporated project-specific outreach efforts, encompassing the following for the current project:

- Outreach events at the 2022 4th of July event at Elk Grove Park and the 2022 Multicultural Festival at District 56
- A neighborhood BBQ in the Sterling Meadows neighborhood (directly east of the site) in July 2022
- Community open houses and presentations in August 2022 and November 2023
- Presentations at various community groups, including but not limited to, Rotary Club meetings, Chamber of Commerce, EGUSD staff meetings, Al Misbaah, Civic Summer program, and Del Webb/Glenbrooke.
- Community surveys in 2022

This feedback has informed design decisions throughout the effort and is augmented with the programming needs for the Project, animal care requirements and best practices, and operations and maintenance considerations. Please also note there are still numerous opportunities for public comment at the upcoming public hearings.



Christopher J. Jordan (he/him)

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Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 12:27 PM

Subject: Zoo Comment Submission

Submitted on Thu, 01/04/2024 - 12:27

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Mark D. Crane

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

I have a list of several items that should be covered in the Draft EIR for the zoo.

- 1 Please provide a history of the quality of work provided by the selected zoo design team. A review of comments by residents going to zoos in other cities designed by this group had many complaints. In particular, lack of trees and shade for both humans and the animals. Houston is a good example.
2. What animal welfare/ animal protection organizations have been asked to participate in the design of the new zoo? Who is looking out for the animals in the zoo design? If none, please state why not.
3. How much is parking going to cost?
4. Please provide figures showing existing and planned land uses at least a half mile away from all sides of the zoo. This would also include all pedestrian and bicycle access as well as the route of the proposed light rail extension.
5. Please provide a detailed description of how much outdoor space as well as indoor temperature controlled space will be provided for each animal group as well as the number of each species proposed.
6. Why was there no citizen's advisory committee formed during the design process?

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to having these issues covered in the Draft EIR.

Mark Crane

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Mark Crane, P.E.
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Mark Crane, P.E.

From: [Christopher Jordan](#)
To: [Joan Olsen](#)
Subject: RE: Public Comments on Zoo Draft EIR
Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:31:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Great question. We provide a public meeting opportunity for people that would like to provide their comments verbally, as opposed to in writing. It is typically provided towards the later half of the comment period, but not at the conclusion. That way if people feel they have missed something they would like to comment on they have additional time to do so.

Our preferred format for receiving comments is in writing. This way we can respond directly to your words and not risk a transcription error. It also helps us have a clearer record of who provided the comment so we can provide you with a copy of the response when the Final EIR is prepared. But, we do provide the meeting opportunity for those that would like it.

I will note that the meeting is just an opportunity to receive your comments. We will not be responding to comments at the meeting, nor is there a lot of discussion about the project. The meeting format is a short presentation/overview of the EIR and the project, then we pass the microphone around.

Christopher



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From: Joan Olsen <jbrooks51@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 8:13 AM

To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: Public Comments on Zoo Draft EIR

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello,

I have a question about the review period and the meeting date to hear comments. Why is the meeting scheduled before the end of the review period. If someone reviews it between Feb 7 and Feb 20 is there a second meeting scheduled for them to attend?

Thank you

Joan

From: [JM Nemmers](#)
To: [Zoo Project](#)
Subject: Comment re: proposed zoo
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 9:02:45 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Greetings,

I'm pleased that a modern zoo is being planned for the Elk Grove area. My only request is that the animal exhibits be designed to allow visibility from the viewpoint of young children. As a grandparent, this would be a major improvement over the high (+- 4') barriers between visitors and many of the animal exhibits at the existing Land Park zoo. These barriers currently prevent young children from seeing the animals without being frequently hoisted up by taller and older people for a proper view. Frustrating and limiting for the kids, to say nothing of being physically demanding on adults, especially us older ones!

I wish you the best of luck on the new zoo, an impressive and long-overdue addition to the quality of life for Sacramento area residents.

Very best regards,

J. Mark Nemmers
Sacramento, CA

From: [Moua Vang](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 9:16:54 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

To Whom it May Concern,

We are an Elk Grove resident residing at the Sterling Meadows community and would like to vote against developing a zoo at the current planned location. Our concern is that if the zoo has to go through phases, it may never fully develop into what it's meant to be due to lack of funding. Also, the traffic it would create for the surrounding communities. In short, we do not need or want a zoo.

Thank you
Mo

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From: [Suzanne Jumper](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo relocation
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 9:39:05 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I vote for NO.

Of all of the needs in Elk Grove and Sacramento, this too expensive.

The renovation and partial move will take years.

The Oakland Zoo and San Francisco Zoo are near enough for different zoo experiences.

The Land Park zoo is adequate and actually quaint.

And other than employees, and those seeking to profit from the move; I've never heard of a visitor to the zoo say "Hey, we need a bigger zoo".

I give these opinions as somebody who patronize the zoo up until five years ago regularly four years with my grandchildren. I had a zoo pass, and the kids were happy every time we went.

Suzanne Jumper

Sent from my iPad

From: [Bonnie & Bruce McKinnie](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Proposed Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1:44:14 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed zoo project. I urge the city to make the current plan a reality. The larger site would be ideal to bring tourism and income to Elk Grove, as well as creating a much better life for the threatened and endangered species the zoo will house.

Thank you for your work on this project.

Bonnie McKinnie

From: [Petalcorin, Kimberly](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo Suggestions
Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 11:00:54 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Some suggestions to Elk Grove Zoo:

1st in the world zoo experience to place Elk Grove in the center of tourism and eco-friendly operation. Examples: zero plastic waste, zero water waste, green energy, innovative animal-human interaction (virtual reality and 3-D).

Summer Kids Camp for little Zookeepers/Rangers with indoor and outdoor hybrid classrooms.

Selected animal enclosures with center 360-degree view for visitors.

Bamboo forest theme with wooden hanging bridge.

Rainforest theme with butterflies

Safari-style theme with safari jeep

Overnight stay at tree house themed accommodation with open sky ceiling.

Huge Waterfalls inspired by famous California waterfall (Yosemite Falls or Burney Falls)

This zoo is Elk Grove's ticket to become world-renowned, own it! Chance like this might not happen again. Partner with Facebook, Google, or other Silicon Valley companies for your innovative technology.

Thanks! Good luck!

Sincerely,
KP

From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024 11:33:03 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Thu, 01/11/2024 - 11:32

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Jennifer Sallee

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

I think the entire zoo plan that has been presented at several meetings is outstanding. I only wish it could be even bigger. I know I don't live next door to the proposed zoo, but the possible drawbacks of noise and traffic should not be any worse than all the noise and traffic that occur every day in Elk Grove. Besides, the way things are going, if there isn't a zoo at this site, pretty soon it will just be solid tract houses with all the noise, pollution, & traffic that solid rows of houses bring. If I lived nearby, I would buy a yearly pass and walk there everyday. Since the proposed zoo, would be closer to where I live, I would certainly go there more often than I go the current zoo with its horrible traffic and lack of parking. Please don't let this wonderful opportunity die. At some point the totally dysfunctional city of Sacramento will just let the current zoo wither away.

From: [Michele Nanjo](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo in Elk Grove
Date: Friday, January 12, 2024 9:55:08 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello,

I enthusiastically support construction of the proposed zoo in Elk Grove. We have the space and once the South-East Connector is complete, it will provide convenient zoo access to the entire Sacramento region. The Sacramento area deserves a large, modern zoo that can provide not only education to the public, but first class care to the animals. There is no better place to locate this facility in our region than Elk Grove.

Regards,
Michele Nanjo

From: [Jan Quesenberry](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo
Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:41:34 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Mr. Jordan, I am in favor of building the new Elk Grove zoo at the Kammerer Rd. site. Building a smaller zoo in Elk Grove Park would be a waste of money.

Janet Quesenberry

From: [Juliana Lopez](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: New Zoo at Elk Grove
Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 8:41:52 AM
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello Mr. Jordan,

Thank you very much for the information, this is all very helpful!

Best,

Juliana Lopez (she/her)
Legal Assistant
Lozeau | Drury LLP

On Wed, Jan 24, 2024 at 5:32 PM Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hello Juliana,

The Zoo is a City project in partnership with the Sacramento Zoological Society. You can read more about the project on the City's website at www.elkgrovecity.org/zoo. The Society also maintains a webpage with information at www.saczoo.org/new-zoo.

You can access the Draft EIR on the City page. The NOC/CEQA Clearinghouse filing is [online with the State](#).

You may also be interested in the following City Council staff reports:

- [Presentation of the Feasibility Study](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding](#)

Hopefully these materials address your questions.

Christopher



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From: Juliana Lopez

Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 3:21 PM

To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>

Subject: New Zoo at Elk Grove

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello Mr. Jordan,

I was wondering if you could provide some information on the applicant involved with the New Zoo in Elk Grove Project, besides the City of Elk Grove itself. I know there is mention of the Sacramento Zoological Society, would this be them? Is there an NOC available that you would be able to send?

Thank you so much for your help in this matter.

Best regards,

Juliana Lopez (she/her)
Legal Assistant
Lozeau | Drury LLP

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From: [Predeep](#)
To: [Zoo Project](#)
Subject: EG Zoo
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024 11:37:39 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

To Whom It May Concern:

I have a question regarding the proposed zoo in EG. As you know there are many houses (built and coming in the future) near this location. What is, if any, the noise ordinance for the zoo to not disturb citizens living in this area? In particular, homes south of Kyler Rd. What kind of noises are expected from the animals. Will they put in a different area during closed hours? If project is approved, how long do you anticipate the construction to take for it to be fully built?

I would appreciate your response to this.
-Predeep Sandhu

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Walt Hess](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: New Zoo
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 10:11:16 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

As residents of District 4 for the past 13 years, we strongly support City efforts to bring the Zoo to Elk Grove. The location is perfect with good access, very open and, as we understand it, zoned for a zoo.

We have read through the EIR and see nothing major that should stop the efforts from moving forward. The new Zoo will be positive addition to our wonderful community.

Regards.

Walt and Sharon Hess

From: [Tom and Debbie Rutsch](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Comments on Draft EIR for new Zoo
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:08:25 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

The Draft EIR is well written and comprehensive. The impacts are not significant and mitigated when possible. The zoo would be a great asset to the City of Elk Grove and surrounding communities.

Tom Rutsch

From: [Suzanne Morikawa](#)
To: [Zoo Project](#)
Subject: Resident input on zoo
Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 1:45:37 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello,

I am a resident of Elk Grove and wanted to share my thoughts on moving the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove. I visited zoos in the Bay Area often when my child was young. Our favorite zoo was the Oakland Zoo, which didn't have many animals but had much more animal-centric enclosures.

When we visited the Sacramento Zoo, I found it to be the most depressing zoo we had visited anywhere. I had to lift him to be able to see any animals behind the cage link fences enclosing their very small enclosures. It was horrible. I never went back after that one visit.

I would rather see more support for ranch and farmland in Elk Grove. Instead of paving over farmland and pastures for parking lots, buildings and houses, what kind of support is the city offering to keep its farmers and ranchers? Sacramento prides itself as the "Farm to Fork Capital" yet it will be getting rid of open farmland in favor of a zoo.

In this age, I feel instead of moving the zoo, it should be shut down. There are zoos in other nearby cities. We don't need a larger zoo here in Sacramento. It is quite insulting to say that moving the zoo to Elk Grove will make it accessible to Sacramento residents when it will require a car to access. Plans to expand the Elk Grove transportation system and a hopeful nod towards a light rail does not make it accessible. The Elk Grove public transit is not very accessible to Elk Grove residents, unless they live off of Laguna or Elk Grove Blvd and travel only during rush hour in the morning and evening.

I know I am in the minority, but I feel strongly that this is another "shopping center" when it's talked about "all the jobs" that will be available. We all still have to commute to jobs elsewhere because the only jobs in Elk Grove are retail and restaurant (chain restaurants at that!).

No to the Zoo.

Suzanne Morikawa

From: [Ty Morgan](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: zoo
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 8:25:48 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I don't have any particular expertise in the area of environmental impact for humans, but the animals deserve a better environment. The Sacramento Zoo is woefully out of date, and the animals suffer there from a lack of space etc. This move would give them such a better life.

And really aren't we just moving the environmental impact rather than adding to it?

Sincerely,
Ty Morgan

From: [Karen Trinkaus](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Sacramento zoo expansion
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 9:24:29 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I'm all for it! I have three kids and live off Waterman. Very excited about the prospect of a more local zoo.

Karen Trinkaus

From: [Genevive Taylor](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Cc: [Rick Jennings](#); [Beverly S Boido](#); [Michelle Bell](#); [Genevive Taylor](#)
Subject: Re: Sacramento Zoo Move to Elk Grove- Not Vetted
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 9:30:48 AM
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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good morning Chris-

I understand the exit of the ZOO, as the ZOO Board is looking for greener pastures and EG is a growing, vibrant city with much more access to ZOO expansion and keeping with the rules/regulations of ZOOS. Yes, the Land Park Zoo is small and restricted and little to no room for many of the large animals, etc. I would only hope the

ZOO Board can be more vocal and informational in the proposed move to EG and to also suggest or assist in the future of the existing ZOO location, as I had asked or suggested a Children's ZOO, aka-a small ZOO. This ask also includes more info. sharing with the Land Park Community Association, the Council Member for Land Park and a mailer for all who, like me, are very concerned.

Thank you-Art

On Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 09:01:10 AM PST, Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org> wrote:

Hell Mr. Taylor,

Thank you for your email. Since the existing Zoo site in Land Park, along with the totality of the William Land Park complex, is the property and responsibility of the City of Sacramento, the City of Elk Grove would have no role in determining future use for the site. You would need to contact the City of Sacramento for details as to their intent with the site if the relocation to Elk Grove is approved by the Elk Grove City Council.

I am aware that there were multiple efforts over the years to study expansion of the current site in Land Plan, along with relocation to other sites in the City of Sacramento and the City never selected a strategy. Again, I'd need to defer to the City of Sacramento on any outreach they conducted on that process with the Land Park Neighborhood Association and others in the Land Park area when those studies were prepared.

Christopher



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From: Genevive Taylor
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 10:31 PM
To: Christopher Jordan <cjordan@elkgrovecity.org>
Cc: Genevive Taylor
Subject: Sacramento Zoo Move to Elk Grove- Not Vetted

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Greetings Christopher-

I am interested in finding out more information on the Sacramento Zoo move to Elk Grove. I understand some of the reasons, but am not happy with the fact that

Land Park and Sacramento Residents have not been able to be aware, in the loop, notified or given a presentation that I can remember. It was more like an announcement

on TV and of course, NO mention of what is happening with the Zoo property, once the Animals are gone.

Also, no word from the Land Park Community Association or any updates from our Council Member regarding the proposed move. I would hope, since the Sacramento Zoo is the central focus of William Land Park (WLP) and the Amusements that reside in WLP, that there would be a mention of what is planned to fill the void of NO Zoo?

I can only suggest that if the Sacramento Zoo leaves that there can be a Children's or Smaller Zoo, as what Folsom and Lodi have. Attached is the info. I received from

a friend, tonight.

<https://elkgrovelagunaneews.com/2024/02/06/elk-grove-to-hold-public-meeting-on-sacramento-zoo-relocation-february-6-2024/>

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Thank you-

Art Taylor

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From: [Crystalyn Denny](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo project
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 10:50:10 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I believe Elk Grove should welcome the zoo with open arms! Its about time something is made of all the land. Without putting up more housing developments! What a great source of revenue for the city to have our Capital's zoo be housed! Please don't let this great opportunity slip by!

Kindest regards,

C Denny

From: [Kat Chang](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Love to see the zoo!
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 2:56:19 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Mr. Jordan,

All of my family and friends can't wait for the zoo to arrive! I don't know if those who agree or are neutral with this new development will write to you, but those who oppose are usually more inclined to reach out to the officials.

So hopefully you also get to hear many voices like me who fully support this development. Really hoping it'd go through.

And just curious, when will the final approval stage take place? I see Spring 2024 on the website but is there an exact date?

Thank you for all you do.

Katherine

From: [Jay Maestas](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 3:07:43 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good afternoon,

I applaud your work to bring the Zoo to Elk Grove. I hope your hard work is successful. Elk Grove needs more entertainment especially ones that can leave a lasting impression on families that wish to experience nature and learn about unique wild animals.

Thank you

Jay

From: [Yahoo Mail](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Yes to new zoo
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 4:37:16 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I am a resident of district 2 and am pro- zoo in Elk Grove. The sooner the better.

-Geoff Mayfield

From: [Jordan Lumaquin](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 5:05:59 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Please bring the Zoo to Elk Grove! Moved to Sacramento in 1990, and then to Elk Grove in 2006. My family and I would love to have the Zoo here!

From: [Janine Comrack](#)
To: [Zoo Project](#)
Subject: "New" Zoo at Elk Grove
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 5:14:37 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello--

I have a question for you—will the absolutely wonderful merry-go-round (or carousel, if you will) be included in the new zoo? The incredible hand-made animal characters are (to me) more of a draw than the actual living residents in the zoo. If the zoo's almost 100 year legacy is to continue, the merry-go-round needs to be a part of it.(just sayin')

Thank you for your time.

Janine Comrack

From: [tom](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Opposing the elk Grove zoo.
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 5:38:42 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

As someone who lives in the community near Krammer road. I would ask for the zoo not be approved.

The amount of added traffic would not be welcomed.

The smell of the animals and poop would be overwhelming.

From: [Gregory Uba](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Comments on Zoo coming to Elk Grove
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 7:24:57 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I would like to see it be more than a traditional zoo.

Things I would like to see include:

1. IMAX type theater featuring movies about animals, conservation, climate change, etc
2. An ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION Center/Bookstore that would provide opportunities to engage in advocacy... Perhaps with support from one or more environmental organizations.
3. An ART Room? Where visitors can draw, paint animals. Display visitor art/student art/senior art?
4. An area where visitors can learn about extinct and endangered animals and environmental efforts to preserve biodiversity...
5. An INSECT Pavilion? If I remember correctly, the San Francisco Zoo has a nice insect house.
6. Instead of a tram, maybe bike, e-bike, scooter rentals?
7. An animal rescue/rehabilitation program.
8. An animal view exhibit where visitors can experience a simulated animal eye view of their environment... For example a burrowing animal... A tree dwelling animal...

I think the FOOD Court should feature foods from the locales of the animals as well as vegetarian and vegan food with an explanation of carbon footprint impact on animals in the world.

I think the parking area should include EV Charging area, priority parking for carpools. I would like to see solar panels that do double duty as shaded parking spaces... The City of Santa Monica has something like this at their City Hall I think.

Gregory Uba

Elk Grove 95758

From: [City of Elk Grove](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#); [Christal Love-Lazard](#); [Darrell Doan](#); [Kristyn Laurence](#); [Luis Aguilar](#)
Subject: Zoo Comment Submission
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 9:25:12 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Submitted on Thu, 02/08/2024 - 21:25

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Name

Lisa Farrell

Email

Phone

Comments/Questions

I think building the new Sac Zoo in Elk Grove would be wonderful for the city and the people who live here. It would be such a wonder benefit and opportunity for families with children. It would also likely give teens and adults/seniors an enriching place to volunteer. This would be so beneficial, especially for the teen and senior population. There will be so many benefits to both the city as well as the people of Elk Grove. Build it!

From: [Utsav Patel](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo Comments
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 10:18:50 PM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

I read the article on ABC10. As a resident of Elk Grove I have no concerns about the construction of the zoo and support the zoo being built where it will be with the proposed upgrades. I am excited to have a zoo in our city and am looking forward to the tourism it will bring in for the city.

Thanks,
Utsav Patel

From: [Linda Hnub Ci Xiong](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove residents
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 7:03:16 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Please build a little water park area to cool off in the summer! That would be so much fun for the kids. Animals and a little bit of water splash. Not asking for a lot just a little area where it's sprinklers and the kids can walk through it and splash

Linda Xiong

From: [Jordbert Cedillo](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove zoo
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 8:01:54 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

To whom it may concern,
I am a current resident next door to the proposed zoo in Elk Grove. I live on Cello way. I for one am incredibly excited to have the zoo so close to where I live. And would look forward to being approved.

From: [JayantiKaurTV](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Elk Grove Zoo
Date: Friday, February 9, 2024 11:20:46 AM

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello,

I'm a resident in Elk Grove and I'm excited about out the zoo. My only concern would be health of the water. If there is a way to keep exposure of pollutants down to a minimal that will be great.

Thank you

From: [Judi Cutaia](#)
To: [Christopher Jordan](#)
Subject: Zoo
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Hello,

Plans for zoo look good!
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Hi Elk Grove Zoo Stakeholders,

I think like a animal science kidtropolis would be so cool to have. With the trends of safety, weather, and health the popularity of indoor playgrounds are popular. Normally people don't think of going to the zoo on rainy days, but having many indoor interactive options relating to zoo and environment theme will help the zoo be popular year round. I also think having the right selection of food & beverages will make it an appeal for revenue, people will spend it there. Having event packages will be great too. We also lack local aquatic animal options if that is possible it would be cool.

Thank you for your time hearing us.
Respectfully
Eileen

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I want the zoo here. It will bring much needed space for the animals, expand the social culture of our beautiful city, and a regional attraction.

I understand there may be h2o quality issues? Can there be sedimentation basins or bioswales or another balanced means?

Thank you

From: [Alejo Patten](#)
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Title:

A Perspective of the Elk Groove Zoo from a man living in Galt: By Alejo Patten

Opinion:

As someone who lives in the town of Galt and drives near the proposed future site and works in elk groove and who's visited the current zoo, I feel Elk groove would be a massive improvement to what we haven at Sacramento, face the facts the current thirteen acre zoo in Sacramento is too small, like the size of tomorrow land or carsland in disneyland (not very big). I visited the zoo this week and my god so many animals were sad, the line for food was very long and the people at the zoo were very short staffed. There's another thing to consider, not all of us can make it to San Diego, and it would boost the towns economy. I don't think environmental issues will be a problem since California is known to have good weather and we are pushing for carbon neutral tech, you can be damm well sure those engineers could build solar powered buildings with electric safari vehicles and find ways to create wells or rainwater containers for the animals. I assume members on the team are former Disney imagineers and let me tell ya, if those guys are on the team. if you ask them to build a mountain, they will build the mountain. I know money is always a factor but come on people what happened to risk taking, also we just got out of a pandemic and bringing something positive to the community in these times would be a good thing, also if a casino can be approved here in town I don't see why a zoo cant. To the politicians, think about it as well, you guys approve the zoo there would be more people voting for y'all and you would have even more backing than before. Regarding the noise impact, the zoo is gonna be in a pretty decent farmland and I'm sure they can build noise barriers (you can not really hear anything outside the current zoo), not many people live there and honestly if a zoo was just across the street from me I think that be the coolest thing in the world and as a kid I would hang out there every day. Then there are people in elk groove who need jobs and there are those who wish to train to become animal caretakers or veterinarians, you are opening a treasure trove of educational opportunities with this zoo, imagine collaborations with colleges and high schools. I know we feel a need for more housing in the city, but as a galtonian heed my words of warning you cant have a successful town if there's more houses than jobs.

Mr. Patten of Galt signing out.

Comments on the City of Elk Grove Zoo EIR
by Michael Monasky
February 20, 2024

The EIR is incomplete and therefore inaccurate...

The city and its consultant decided to perform a health risk impact assessment as part of its EIR for the zoo. The report is incomplete and therefore inaccurate and should include the neglected items indicated below.

Cancer plays second fiddle to heart and lung diseases...

Appendix E of the report contains a five page explanation of an additional 360 page core data dump. Unfortunately, the report only addresses the acute stage of exposure to toxic air contaminants during construction of the zoo; it does not explain the chronic additional toxic exposures due to 1.1-1.6 millions individuals driving cars each year to visit the zoo. Additionally, the report only looks at deaths due to cancer, which are more than two and a half times the level permitted by law. Unmitigated construction techniques and processes will result in many more cancer deaths for our community. Cancer competes with heart and lung diseases as the number one cause of death in the United States; in fact, heart disease is number one, and lung disease is number four. This appendix makes no mention of increases in such diseases as congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive lung disease, asthma, emphysema, and interaction with other, complicating co-morbid conditions such as viral and bacterial infectious ailments.

UCD - 15 Leading Causes of Death ↓	➡ Deaths ↑↓	↔ Population ↑↓	← Crude Rate Per 100,000 ↑↓
#Diseases of heart (I00-I09,I11,I13,I20-I51)	673,594	333,287,557	202.1
#Malignant neoplasms (C00-C97)	611,963	333,287,557	183.6
#Cerebrovascular diseases (I60-I69)	162,070	333,287,557	48.6
#Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47)	144,567	333,287,557	43.4
#Accidents (unintentional injuries) (V01-X59,Y85-Y86)	136,771	333,287,557	41.0
#Alzheimer disease (G30)	113,904	333,287,557	34.2
#Diabetes mellitus (E10-E14)	94,356	333,287,557	28.3
#Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis (N00-N07,N17-N19,N25-N27)	55,065	333,287,557	16.5
#Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis (K70,K73-K74)	51,784	333,287,557	15.5
#COVID-19 (U07.1)	49,608	333,287,557	14.9
#Influenza and pneumonia (J09-J18)	44,613	333,287,557	13.4
#Essential hypertension and hypertensive renal disease (I10,I12,I15)	42,180	333,287,557	12.7
#Septicemia (A40-A41)	41,474	333,287,557	12.4
#Parkinson disease (G20-G21)	40,132	333,287,557	12.0
#Intentional self-harm (suicide) (*U03,X60-X84,Y87.0)	30,402	333,287,557	9.1

<https://wonder.cdc.gov/controller/datarequest/D176;jsessionid=5C660EDABA71AAAD9084BE05B88D>

Cars suck air 80 to 400 times faster than human beings...

Realize that at rest a human being consumes about 5-10 liters of air per minute; a two-liter engine idling at 800 revolutions per minute consumes 800 liters of air per minute, or about 80 to 160 times more than a human being. While cruising at 2,000 revolutions per minute, the two liter internal combustion engine takes in air 200 to 400 times faster than a human being. This plan and its report encourage individual automobile use over public transit and ignore the impacts of human health risks.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EeUGcKiG_w

Violent, exploding suburbs...

The city has had a reputation of rampant development as evidenced by the explosive population growth since incorporation in 2000. Neighboring cities, such as Rancho Cordova and Folsom, have the same intentions to build until they explode. Most of that development here and there takes shape as single family dwellings which defy public transit planning and implementation. We are in for more global warming, flooding in the valley, increases in heart and lung chronic diseases, not to mention gridlock on our streets.

Pave paradise, put up a parking lot...

Ten acres of this 65 acre project is committed to automobile parking. Two lots are mentioned, one paved with asphalt, the other with gravel. The zoo plan expects 1.6M visits each year; that would be over 4,300 visitors a day, every day. With 1,700 parking spaces in both lots, each car must carry at least three visitors each day every day of the year in each parking space. How much pollution each car will deposit into the atmosphere is not mentioned in the report. The math just doesn't add up.

CEQA sets a higher bar than that met by the city and its contractor...

VMT impacts human health and the natural environment. Human health is impacted as increases in vehicle travel lead to more vehicle crashes, poor air quality, increases in chronic disease associated with reduced physical activity, and worse mental health. Increases in vehicle travel also negatively affect other road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, other motorists, and many transit users. The natural environment is impacted as higher VMT leads to more collisions with wildlife and fragments habitat. Additionally, development that leads to more vehicle travel also tends to consume more energy, water, and open space (including farmland and sensitive habitat). This increase in impermeable surfaces raises the flood risk and pollutant transport into waterways.

<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/transportation-planning/documents/sb-743/2020-04-13-qanda-implementationtimingmemo-ally.pdf>

So it's back to the drawing board, boys and girls...should this project ever attain the better part of a billion dollars needed to build it in the first place.