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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report for August 9, 2023

Historical Society and Resident Conversation regarding the Civil War event

As you may be aware, a few months ago several residents spoke at a City Council meeting with concerns regarding the Elk Grove Historical Society's Civil War event. As an update to the general public, the City helped facilitate a meeting between those residents and the Historical Society last week. The meeting was an open dialogue regarding the issue with both groups discussing their concerns and brainstorming possible strategies and next steps. The City will be following-up with the Historical Society shortly on how they plan to proceed.

Public Works Awards Received

The Elk Grove Public Works team was awarded three Project of the Year awards from the American Public Works Association's (APWA's) Sacramento Chapter at a luncheon on August 4. In the award category of transportation, both the Grant Line Road Widening Phase 2 and Arterial Roads Rehabilitation and Bike Lanes were recognized. The Studio Court and PD Campus project was highlighted in the structures award category. Please join me in congratulating our Public Works team on these honors.

Celebrate Elk Grove's Accessibility Advocates

The Disability Advisory Committee is accepting nominations online for the 17th Annual Above and Beyond Awards through this Friday, August 11. Introduced in 2007, the award recognizes individuals, businesses, or organizations that go above and beyond for individuals with disabilities in our community. The City Council will recognize honorees during Disability Awareness Month in October. Visit the city's website to submit your nomination.

Fridays in the Grove

Last Friday, we had a great turnout at Country in the Plaza which is part of the Fridays in the Grove event series. We estimated about 200 guests line danced the night away. Our next Fridays in the Grove event returns to District56 next Friday, August 18. Join us for a movie under the stars around 8 p.m. This month's film is the animated favorite, Luca. Details can be found on our website.

BBQ in the Beat Repeats

The Police Department will continue their BBQ in the Beat event series next Saturday, August 19, at Amundson Park (8730 Heritage Hill Drive) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors can meet local officers, check out some of the special vehicles and equipment and enjoy games and a free barbecue lunch. Cosumnes Fire Department will also have a fire engine on site.

Elk Grove Multicultural Festival Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers to assist at the 11th annual Elk Grove Multicultural Festival. The Festival is scheduled on Saturday, September 9, at District56. Volunteers will help lead kids' activities, behind the scenes with the bands and dance groups, support the festival logistics team, and more. All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and high school students can earn community service credits. Visit the city's website for details.

A Copa Club Afternoon

Tickets are now on sale for the Elk Grove Arts Commission's next production, A Copa Club Afternoon scheduled on Sunday, September 24, from 3-5:30 p.m. at District56. This cabaret-esque event will feature performances by Gary Mendoza, Carly Rhodes, Tressa Gaye, Martin Beal, and Leslie Sandefur. Seating is limited and general admission is \$10 per person. Purchase your tickets on Eventbrite.

New City Podcast Explores Hot Topics

Looking for a new way to get your City news? The Public Affairs team has launched the Elk Grove CityCast, a podcast exploring hot topics, sharing local happenings, and introducing some of the people making a difference in the community. Our third episode drops tomorrow featuring an interview with Police Lieutenant Dan Templeton discussing the new community prosecutor program. Tune in for a new episode each month. You can find the Elk Grove Citycast on our website or just about anywhere you get your podcasts.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE
Updated as of Wednesday, August 9, 2023

District56

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

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

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

Amenity: Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System Improvements
The City Council awarded a design build contract for a 1.15-million-kilowatt hours (kWh) system on January 27, 2021 to provide electricity to The Center, Aquatics Center, The Avenue and The Preserve. Construction started in January 2022 and the major components of the system were installed that summer. The system was connected to SMUD in the fall 2022 and commissioning is expected to be complete early in 2023. A 30-day proving period was completed in early 2023 and the system is generating electricity as designed. The O&M Performance Guarantee contract was executed at the July 26th council meeting and final project closeout activities are underway.

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

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

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

working to identify alternative developers capable of proceeding with the project.

Sacramento Zoo Relocation

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

Update: In May 2022, the City and SZS executed a Memorandum of Understanding outlining next steps in the project, and activities are ongoing. SZS has retained a design team for the facility and the City is leading planning and design for off-site infrastructure. The concept site plan design, along with renderings, was released to the public in November 2022. The schematic design plan, plan of finance, and environmental impact report are being prepared for Council consideration in early 2024.

Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Association (JPA)

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

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

Kammerer Road Extension

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

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

Update: Kammerer Road Extension

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

ATTACHMENT B

UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

Updated as of Wednesday, August 9, 2023

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
NeighborGood Market	August 10 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Hot Summer Nights Concert Series Featuring: Innersoul	August 11 6:30 p.m.	Laguna Town Hall 3020 Renwick Ave
Americana Vintage Market	August 12 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Back to School Resource Fair	August 13 2 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Historic Preservation Committee Meeting	August 14 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Diversity & Inclusion Commission Meeting	August 15 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Disability Advisory Committee Meeting	August 16 6 p.m.	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center 9683 Elk Grove Florin Road
NeighborGood Market	August 17 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Planning Commission Meeting	August 17 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Hot Summer Nights Concert Series Featuring: Keep on Truckin'	August 11 6:30 p.m.	Laguna Town Hall 3020 Renwick Ave
Fridays in the Grove Movie Night – Luca	August 18 7 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Elk Grove Youth Soccer Jamboree	August 19 7 a.m.	Elk Grove Regional Park 9950 Elk Grove Florin Rd
BBQ in the Beat	August 19 11 a.m.	Amundson Park 8730 Heritage Hill Dr
Camden Music by the Lake Featuring: Cover Me Badd	August 19 6 p.m.	Camden Neighborhood Allister Way
Trails Committee Meeting	August 21 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
City Council Meeting	August 23 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

ATTACHMENT C

**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS
AS OF AUGUST 9, 2023**

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

Date	Direction/Follow Up	Status
5/10/2023	Report back on improvements to the registration process for Trap-Neuter-Return at the Animal Shelter	This item is on the agenda for the August 9 City Council meeting.
7/26/2023	Report back on illegal fireworks activity from the 2023 Fourth of July and provide information on enforcement activities and fines.	Staff is preparing this information for a future Council meeting.