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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for October 25, 2023**

#### **Enhanced Winter Sanctuary Open House**

Staff from the City and The Gathering Inn will host an open house for the Enhanced Winter Sanctuary tomorrow (October 26) from 4-7 p.m. at the facility at 9260 Elk Grove Boulevard. Visitors will have a chance to get a first-hand look at the facility, meet the management team, and learn more about the preparations in place to operate the facility beginning on November 1. More information about the program, funded by Measure E, is available on the City's website.

#### **Last NeighborGood Market of the Season**

Tomorrow night (October 26) will be the last NeighborGood Market of the season. Join us at District56 from 5-8 p.m. to shop local, connect with friends, and experience all that's good in the neighborhood.

#### **Hallo-palooza**

Explore Elk Grove and the Elk Grove Police Department will host the Hallo-palooza & Trunk or Treat event this Friday, October 27 from 5 – 8 pm at District56. This free family event will feature a costume contest, activities, and safe trunk-or-treating. Details are available on the Explore Elk Grove website.

#### **Dia de Los Muertos Celebration**

Learn and celebrate Dia de Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, with ARTners at a FREE family event this Sunday, October 29 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at District56. This indoor and outdoor event will feature community altar building, painting and murals, music, and artisan displays. This event is sponsored by the City and the Elk Grove Arts Commission.

#### **Survey: Tell Us Your Trails Tales**

The City wants to make it easier to navigate Elk Grove's walking and biking trails. A new online survey is now open and residents are encouraged to share how they use the trails, the navigation tools they prefer, any challenges they've experienced, and ideas for improvement. This feedback will be used to create an updated signage standard for the trails. Look for the link to the survey on the City's Facebook and Instagram pages.

**What's New with the Zoo Project?**

For the last several months, members of the zoo project team have been hard at work developing plans, drawings, and crunching numbers to see if a new zoo in Elk Grove might be possible. There is a presentation tonight to go over those details. Staff will also share the newest designs and the latest updates at a Community Open House next **Saturday, November 4** at Miwok Village Elementary School (10070 Lousada Drive) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Details about this event and the project are available on the City's website.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE**  
*Updated as of Wednesday, October 25, 2023*

**District56**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sacramento Zoo Relocation**

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

Update: In May 2022, the City and SZS executed a Memorandum of Understanding outlining next steps in the project, and activities are ongoing. SZS has retained a design team for the facility and the City is leading planning and design for off-site infrastructure. The concept site plan design, along with renderings, was released to the public in November 2022. The schematic design plan, plan of finance, and environmental impact report are being prepared for Council consideration in 2024. **At the October 25, 2023 Council meeting, staff will present an update on the design work. A Community Town Hall to present the latest design plans will be held on November 4, 2023 at Miwok Elementary School.**

#### Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Association (JPA)

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

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

#### Kammerer Road Extension

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

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

Update: Kammerer Road Extension

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

## ATTACHMENT B

### UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

*Updated as of Wednesday, October 25, 2023*

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Enhanced Winter Sanctuary Open House	October 26 4 to 7 p.m.	Enhanced Winter Sanctuary 9260 Elk Grove Blvd
NeighborGood Market	October 26 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Arts Commission Meeting	October 26 6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Hallo-palooza & Trunk or Treat	October 27 5 – 8 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
River City Marketplace Honey Brunch	October 29 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
ARTGrove Dia De Los Muertos	October 29 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Food Truck Mania	November 1 5 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Zoo Community Update	November 4 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Miwok Elementary School 10070 Lousada Dr
First Saturday Art Reception	November 4 4 p.m.	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center 9683 Elk Grove Florin Rd
Evening of Hope – Denim & Diamonds	November 4 6 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Tire Collection Event	November 5-8 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane

**ATTACHMENT C**

**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS  
AS OF OCTOBER 25, 2023**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Direction/Follow Up</b>	<b>Status</b>
7/26/2023	Report back on illegal fireworks activity from the 2023 Fourth of July and provide information on enforcement activities and fines.	Staff is preparing this information for a future Council meeting.