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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for February 28, 2024**

Recognize Elk Grove's Shining Stars – FINAL REMINDER

The deadline for nominations for the City's Stars of Service award is tomorrow, February 29. Make sure the outstanding volunteers you know are recognized for their contributions to the community. The online form is quick and easy. Submit a nomination at elkgrovecity.org/starsofservice.

Have Coffee with a Cop

Sip and socialize with Elk Grove officers at Coffee with a Cop tomorrow morning (February 29) from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Starbucks at 8868 Bond Road. This is a great opportunity to get to know the people behind the badge and for our officers to connect with the community. We hope you'll stop by.

Elk Grove 101 – FINAL REMINDER

If you've considered becoming more involved in city government, time is running out to join the first cohort for Elk Grove 101, an immersive new seven-session course about Elk Grove's local government. The course is for anyone 18 and older who lives or works in Elk Grove. Classes will meet weekly from April 2 to May 7. Applications will be accepted through this Friday, March 1. Visit the city's website for details.

Pet Vaccines to Go

Elk Grove Animal Services' will host their next Drive-Thru Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, March 9 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Animal Shelter (9150 Union Park Way). Online appointments will open one week prior to the event on the city's website. Vaccines for dogs and cats will be available free of charge with proof of Elk Grove residency. Free microchipping and pet licensing (for newly acquired spayed/neutered pets) will also be available. Supplies are limited and will be made available on a first come, first served basis. Visit the Animal Services Facebook page for other details.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE
Updated as of Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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: A Community Open House to present the latest design plans was held on November 4, 2023 at

Miwok Elementary School. The materials from the Open House are available on the City's website.

On January 5, 2024, the City released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (or EIR) for the proposed Zoo. The EIR analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the Zoo. The EIR also identifies potentially significant effects of the project, and proposes mitigation measures to mitigate potential impacts. The EIR is available for public review on the City's website. Physical copies are also available at City Hall (8401 Laguna Palms Way) and the Elk Grove Library (8900 Elk Grove Boulevard). The public review period commenced on January 5, 2024 and will end on February 20, 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. The contract is in the final approval process and project kickoff meeting is scheduled for March.

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: Kammerer Road Extension
The City is preparing 30% plans for the extension of Kammerer Road from I-5 to Bruceville. The environmental phase of the project has been completed and the City can now move into the Final Design and Right Of Way Acquisition phase with the Final PSE Cooperative Agreement signed by all parties on 02/07/2024. The Final Design Consultant has started final design efforts and will be assisting the City with seeking grant opportunities for the project. Earlier this month, the City was informed the Kammerer project was one of thirty-six projects added to the California Public Utilities Commission's Railroad Grade Separation Priority List for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. By being on this list, the project is eligible for future grant funds of up to \$5 million to construct the Kammerer overcrossing of the Union Pacific Railroad. As part of this grant opportunity, the City will be attending and presenting on the Kammerer overcrossing at an Evidentiary Hearing on April 3, 2024 with the California Public Utilities Commission and Caltrans.

ATTACHMENT B

UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

Updated as of Wednesday, February 28, 2024

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Coffee with a Cop	February 29 7:30 a.m.	Starbucks 8868 Bond Road
First Saturday Art Reception	March 1 4 p.m.	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center 9020 Elk Grove Blvd
Tire Collection Event	March 3-6 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane
Food Truck Mania	March 6 5 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Planning Commission Meeting	March 7 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Drive Thru Pet Vaccine Clinic	March 9 8 a.m.	Animal Shelter 9150 Union Park Way
Historic Preservation Committee Meeting	March 11 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
City Council Meeting	March 13 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
State of the City Address	March 29 11:30 a.m.	District56 8230 Civic Center Drive