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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report for July 26, 2023

Illegal Fireworks Task Force

The use of illegal fireworks continues to be a concern in Elk Grove and throughout the region. The City and Cosumnes Community Services District partnered once again this year to staff a task force dedicated to enforcement of the City's illegal fireworks ordinance. This year's task force included police officers (including the use of aerial drones), CCSD personnel and code enforcement officers. The goal of this task force was to identify locations and persons using illegal fireworks, collect illegal fireworks and issue citations where possible. The result of these efforts included the issuance of 17 administrative citations for total of \$6,300 in fines and confiscation of 213 lbs of illegal fireworks. The City received a total of 601 reports of illegal fireworks on July 4th.

Oasis Park Recreation Center Opening

Cosumnes CSD and the City will host a grand opening celebration for Oasis Park Recreation Center tomorrow (Thursday, July 27) from 5 to 8 p.m. at the park located at 8015 Poppy Ridge Road. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. Free activities, entertainment, and refreshments will be provided for the community. Details are available on the City's and CSD's social media sites.

Strauss Magic is Back

The Strauss Festival of Elk Grove returns this week. This outdoor musical production is sponsored by the City and other local organizations and presented by community organizers. Each performance features a live orchestra and a storyline brought to life by local dancers. Nightly festivities start at Elk Grove Park at 7:30 p.m. and will run tomorrow through Sunday, July 27-31. Admission is free, parking is \$10. Learn more at straussfestival.com.

BBQ in the Beat Repeats!

The Elk Grove Police Department will continue their BBQ in the Beat event series this Saturday (July 29) at Miwok Park (9344 Village Tree Drive) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet local officers, check out some of the special vehicles and equipment and enjoy games and a free barbecue lunch.

Main Street Marketing Update

New street banners, a colorful mural, and new advertising featuring the new Main Street marketing campaign has begun showing up around the City. This campaign is a partnership between the City and Explore Elk Grove to promote visitation in the historic area.

Public Affairs plays a role in this campaign through event planning and programming at the Old Town Plaza. As part of that, they've partnered with Gloria and friends to offer a free Zumba class at the Old Town Plaza this Sunday (July 30) beginning at 10 a.m. Also debuting next week is Country on the Plaza on Friday, August 4 from 7-9 p.m. featuring free line dancing lessons and music from the band Gunpowder and Lace. Lastly, The Creative Space Market will take place monthly on the first Sunday of each month. Join us for the Aloha Sunday market on August 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information and scheduled happenings on Main Street, visit mainstreetelkgrove.com.

Time for National Night Out

National Night Out is next Tuesday, August 1. Members of the Elk Grove Police Department are working with neighborhood organizers to compile a list of celebrations being held throughout the city. Officers and other city officials will visit these parties to connect with residents and promote ways to keep our city safe.

New City Podcast

Looking for a different way to get your City news? The City has introduced Elk Grove CityCast, a podcast exploring hot topics, sharing local happenings, and introducing some of the people making a difference in the community. Tune in on the City's website, Spotify, Google podcasts, or a growing network of podcast places. New episodes will be added monthly. Tune in this month to hear an interview with Sarah Bontrager, our Housing and Public Services Manager on how the City is serving Elk Grove's unhoused population, putting new Measure E funding to work to help address homelessness, and gaining recognition as one of the top 100 places to live in America.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A
STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE
Updated as of Wednesday, July 26, 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. Authorization to execute the O&M Performance Guarantee contract is scheduled for the July council meeting.

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. 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. The Final NEPA v2 was submitted to Caltrans on July 19, 2023 for review/comment/approval. It is anticipated a Final NEPA document will be issued this Fall 2023 along with a Final Project Report. 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, July 26, 2023

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Oasis Park Recreation Center Grand Opening	July 27 5 p.m.	Oasis Park 8015 Poppy Ridge Rd
NeighborGood Market	July 27 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Strauss Festival	July 27-30 8:15 p.m.	Elk Grove Park 9950 Elk Grove-Florin Rd
BBQ in the Beat	July 29 11 a.m.	Miwok Park 9344 Village Tree Dr
Zumba with Gloria	July 30 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Food Truck Mania	August 2 5 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
NeighborGood Market	August 3 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Fridays in the Grove: Country in the Plaza	August 4 7 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Cosumnes CSD Community Campout	August 5 Noon	Elk Grove Regional Park 9950 Elk Grove-Florin Rd
First Saturday Art Reception	August 5 4 p.m.	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center 9683 Elk Grove Florin Road
Tire Collection Event	August 6-9 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane
The Creative Space Market Aloha Sunday	August 6 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
City Council Meeting	August 7 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

ATTACHMENT C

**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS
AS OF JULY 26, 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	Staff is preparing this information for a presentation in August 2023.