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To:

Mayor and City Council

From:

Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject:

City Manager's General Administrative Report for March 27, 2024

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## Tune into the State of the City Address

Mayor Singh-Allen will deliver her fourth State of the City address this Friday, March 29 at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at District56. The speech provides an opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments and look ahead to what's possible for Elk Grove's future. The speech will be livestreamed on the City's website beginning at 12:30 p.m.

## Coffee with a Cop

Freshly brewed coffee and the opportunity to sit down and chat with local officers. The Elk Grove Police Department will host another round of Coffee with a Cop next Wednesday, April 3 at McDonald's (8710 Elk Grove Blvd.) between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Stop by and connect with our law enforcement team.

#### **Call for Artist Submissions**

The Elk Grove Arts Commission is currently seeking proposals for a public art sculpture for the front of the new Elk Grove Library. The project will infuse more public art into our historic district and provide a warm welcome to all visitors. Artists are invited to submit their statements of qualifications by 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 18. Details are available on our website.

## **Family Fun Day**

The Youth Commission will host Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 13 from Noon to 4 p.m. at the Old Town Plaza. This free event will feature carnival games, music, and other activities. Food will be available for purchase.

## **Festival Vendor Opportunities**

The City is now accepting vendor applications for the Salute to the Red, White and Blue on July 4 and the Multicultural Festival in September. If you know any fun and unique vendors that specialize in food and drinks, holiday themed-items, cultural crafts, or kids' activities, please refer them to the events section of the City's website for more information.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

### **ATTACHMENT A**

#### STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE

Updated as of Wednesday, March 27, 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:

The Planning Commission is scheduled to consider the proposed Zoo at their April 4, 2024, meeting. A public meeting to discuss the Financing Plan will be held on April 17, 2024, via Zoom. Details are available on the City's website at <a href="https://www.elkgrovecity.org/zoo">www.elkgrovecity.org/zoo</a>.

### 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 April.

## **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, March 27, 2024

<u>EVENT</u>	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Arts Commission Meeting	March 28	Council Chambers
	6:30 p.m.	8400 Laguna Palms Way
State of the City Address	March 29	RSVP Required
	11:30 a.m.	Listen Live
Coffee with a Cop	April 3	McDonald's
	8:30 a.m.	8710 Elk Grove Blvd.
Food Truck Mania	April 3	Old Town Plaza
	5 p.m.	9615 Railroad Street
Planning Commission Meeting	April 4	Council Chambers
	6 p.m.	8400 Laguna Palms Way
First Saturday Art Reception	April 6	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center
	4 p.m.	9683 Elk Grove Florin Road
Tire Collection Event	April 7-10	Special Waste Collection Cente
	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	9255 Disposal Lane
Historic Preservation Committee	April 8	Council Chambers
Meeting	6 p.m.	8400 Laguna Palms Way
City Council Meeting	April 10	Council Chambers
	6 p.m.	8400 Laguna Palms Way
Family Fun Day	April 13	Old Town Plaza
	Noon	9615 Railroad Street
Dia de la Concha	April 14	District56
	10 a.m.	8230 Civic Center Drive

## ATTACHMENT C

# STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS

Updated as of Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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

Date	Direction/Follow Up	Status
	There are no open items.	