

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

ELK GROVE CITY HALL
May 20, 2020
Zoom Meeting

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Ted Clark called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Members Present: Ted Clark, Steven A. Capps, Bruce Cager, Ann Hennessey
Members Absent: Karen Grussenmeyer

Staff: Carrie Whitlock, Strategic Planning & Innovation Program Mgr.
Kristin Parsons, Sr. Engineer, Capital Program
Kendra Ramsey, Active Transportation Project Manager, GHD
Jim Ramsey, Risk Analyst/ADA Coordinator

2.0 APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Steve motioned to accept the February 19, 2020 minutes. Ted seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4.0 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS/POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 SUBJECT: Bike, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan

Carrie introduced Kendra. Kendra stated the plan was last completed in 2014 and it's time to update it. The plan is to help ensure people can walk and bike safely and get where they need to go. The plan will address what can be done in the next 5 years. Kendra said the plan is being developed this year and they're looking at the current (2014) plan, what other plan might impact the new plan, and how society and the community has changed and how that impacts plan development. At some point there will be a public meeting to get feedback and they'd like to return to the DAC in the fall for an update. Some goals of the plan are to increase connectivity and increase the safety of trails. Kendra asked what the committee would like to see in the plans. Steve related a personal story about needing trails to accommodate adult tricycles that many seniors use. Bruce asked about trail use and Kendra replied that the goal is to increase all use including leisure, work, shopping, etc. Bruce recommended that the plan should ensure it takes future development into consideration and that the trail infrastructure should be in place before it's needed. Ted stated it's hard for a blind person to get around using a cane or guide dog and trails and intersections can make it more difficult. Kendra said those with disabilities are being considered in the plan. Ann asked about general safety and that many trails are out of public view. Kendra discussed "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design" and how it uses things like longer sight lines and lighting.

Kristin added that safety is considered when designing a project, but the plan doesn't go into specific detail on those things because they're very project oriented rather than plan oriented. Bruce asked if EGPD has bicycle patrols and Kristin said no. Bruce asked if motorized vehicles are allowed and Carrie said generally not. Jim asked about signage on the trails like "share the road" and Kendra said that they're looking at including that in design standards. Carrie added that we would want to ensure the standards are in line with Cosumnes CSD standards. Steve asked if it could be required to have bicyclists using trails to have some sort of signal (bell, beeper, etc) that would alert other to their approach. Steve stated that there are some great trails on the east side of Elk Grove, but not on the west side. Kristin said the City is working on that. Kendra said there's an online participatory mapping tool that citizens can use to mark places where there are trail connection needs. Ted asked about the accessibility of the tool but Kendra was unsure of that. She said she'd check into it and report back. Bruce asked if anyone has made a video of our trails and Kristin said there's working on videos now. Kristin mentioned a trail completed 6 months ago that a City Trails Commission member made a video of.

5.0 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

None

6.0 COMMITTEE COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Ted moved to adjourn at 7:04 pm. Steve seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Ted Clark

TED CLARK, CHAIR
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jim Ramsey

PREPARED BY:
JIM RAMSEY, RISK ANALYST / ADA COORDINATOR