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To:

Mayor and City Council

From:

Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject:

City Manager's General Administrative Report for April 24, 2024

Special Waste Collection Center Celebrates 10 Years

Earlier this week, the City's Special Waste Collection Center (SWCC) marked a major milestone, turning 10 years old. The facility, which opened on Earth Day of 2014, continues to play a vital role in our conservation efforts. During its 10 years of operation, the SWCC has collected 594 tons of household hazardous waste – roughly the same weight as 40 fire trucks. Please join me in thanking our Recycling & Waste team for their work and recognizing more than a decade of recycling, repurposing, and giving Elk Grove a cleaner, greener option for disposing of hazardous waste, e-waste, tires, and more.

New Creek Monitoring System

Springtime snowmelt will soon descend on local creeks and waterways and Elk Grove's Public Works staff have added a new online tool to monitor our local creeks. A new creek monitoring system will report real-time data on water levels from six locations throughout the city. This tool will be especially helpful to track next winter's flood conditions, but the public can access information anytime. View the current water levels from the drainage page of the City's website.

Water Fitness Demo Day - REMINDER

Sample water fitness classes available at the Elk Grove Aquatics Center for free this Sunday, April 28. Participants can try out classes like Deep Water Aerobics, Aqua Jogging, Aqua Spin, and Stretch. Pre-registration is required. Visit cosumnesced.gov for details.

Youth Commission Scholarship Opportunities

The City and its Youth Commission support local students pursuing higher education. Students in grades 9-12 can apply to receive one of four \$500-\$1000 scholarships. Applications can be found online on the city's website. Students must live or attend high school within the Elk Grove city limits. The deadline for applications is Friday, May 3.

Fridays in the Grove Goes Country

We're bringing back a crowd favorite, Country in the Plaza, at Old Town Plaza next Friday, May 3 from 5-8 p.m. Free line dance lessons and live music from Gunpowder and Lace will be part of this Fridays in the Grove event. Details can be found on the city's website.

Blues in the Grove Ticket Sales

Make some summer plans to join the Arts Commission for Blues in the Grove at District56 on Sunday July 21 from Noon to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for this indoor show featuring the Mick Martin Blues Band, Zydeco Flames, Anni Sampson, and Bob Jones and the Chosen Few. General admission seating is \$40 per person. Details can be found 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, April 24, 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 www.elkgrovecity.org/zoo.

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 execution process and the project kickoff meeting has been scheduled for the end of 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 attended and presented 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, April 24, 2024

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Elk Grove Festival of the Arts	April 27	Old Town Plaza
	10 am	9615 Railroad Street
Food Truck Mania	May 1	Old Town Plaza
	5 pm	9615 Railroad Street
Fridays in the Grove	May 3	Old Town Plaza
Country in the Plaza	5 pm	9615 Railroad Street
First Saturday Art Reception	May 4	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center
	4 pm	9683 Elk Grove Florin Road
Tire Collection Event	May 5-6-7-8	Special Waste Collection Center
	9 am – 3pm	9255 Disposal Lane
City Council Meeting	May 8	Council Chambers
	6 p.m.	8400 Laguna Palms Way
Fridays in the Grove	May 17	District56
Wag n Walk	5 p.m.	9701 Big Horn Blvd.

ATTACHMENT C

STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS

Updated as of Wednesday, April 24, 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.	