

ECIA Conservation Committee Minutes
January 3, 2017

Eldorado Community Improvement Association- Conservation Committee Meeting held January 3, 2017 7:00 PM at the Eldorado Community Center.

Attendees: Jim Daniel (Chair), Jerry Gulseth, John Parker, Tom Brimacombe (Meeting Secretary), Tom Breedenberg, John Reynolds, Mary Clark, Rob Egemeier, David Yard (Board Liason)

1. Approval of minutes of Nov. 1, 2016 meeting.
2. Guests: none
3. February 7 Meeting Chair- To be determined.
4. Priorities for the Preserve trails in 2017:
 - Trail 105: East end erosion control.
 - Trail 101: East end multiple trails and rutting- Hire Jan Willem Jansens as planning consultant.
 - Trailhead 4, east side of County Rd. 51: Remove abandoned refrigerator.
 - Trail 301: Complete "Lombard Street" switchbacks on S.E. ridge. Complete erosion control features identified on October 2016 trail work day.
 - Salt cedar removal in vicinity of 200 series trails.
 - Trail 201: East side meadow head cut. Consult with Jan Willem Jansens.
 - Trail 102: Add switchback to steep fall line section.
5. County Land Development Permit: David Yard will verify if ECIA has filed for renewal, and whether permit applies to all greenbelts, or is site specific.
6. Tools purchased in 2016: Backpack sprayer for soil compaction, Stihl chain saw, 2 Rogue Hoes,
4 material carrying bags.
7. Tool sharpening and Brush Hog mower: Will coordinate with ECIA maintenance staff to sharpen trail tools. Status of Brush Hog repair not determined
8. Committee's shed clean-up: Date to be determined.
9. Chain saw training date: To be determined. David Yard offered to conduct chain saw use and safety clinic.
10. Greenbelt Trail Standards status: David Yard will move for adoption of standards at next ECIA Board working session.
11. Remediation of Los Alamos greenbelt project: John Reynolds described current conditions of two spurs of the upper Los Alamos Park greenbelt, nick-named "Paseo Biblioteca" (north), and "Glorieta Spur" (south). Conservation Committee will conduct a survey of these sections to determine feasibility of trail remediation and access improvements. Committee to place notice in Vistas newsletter and on ECIA website regarding general intent to continue greenbelt improvements in Eldorado. David Yard reiterated the Board's policy that greenbelt maintenance is a responsibility of the ECIA.
12. Best Landscaping Practices publication project: Jerry Gulseth had no progress to report.
13. Cecil Rich committee membership vote: Postponed due to Cecil's absence.
14. COLTPAC update: Phase 3 of County Rail-Trail improvement of section running through Eldorado is nearing completion.
15. Old Business: None.
16. New Business:
Tom Brimacombe and John Parker described scouting the southeast portion of the Preserve on Glorieta Mesa. They proposed planning a new hike-bike trail that would begin at the far end of Trail 403, near junction 4E, and loop northward back to Trailhead 4. Length of the new trail would be approximately 3 miles, with a halfway shortcut, and would incorporate some remains

of old ranch roads. Trail would be accessible to hikers, but particular emphasis would be on creating a mountain bike-friendly track that would avoid steep grades, as well as being less prone to erosion and maintenance needs.
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

There was no December 2016 Meeting