

Eldorado Community Improvement Association

October 4, 2016 Conservation Committee Meeting

Attendees: Jim Daniel (Chair), Jerry Gulseth, John Parker, Tom Brimacombe, Tom Bredanburg, Mark Young (Staff Liaison), John Reynolds (Meeting Secretary), Rob Egemeier, Mary Clark.

1. Approval of September Minutes – Motion to approve made by Jerry Gulseth, seconded by John Reynolds. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Guests – Cecil Rich, Paul Fink, Amy Nyman

Paul and Amy are new to Eldorado and visiting each committee.

Cecil is intending to join the committee.

3. Clarification of Mark Young's status. Mark is Staff Liaison – cannot be a committee member since he works for Hoameco.

4. Work days will be October 22nd and 29th and November 5th. Meet at Community Center at 8:30 am. We will begin on trail 301 and consider other projects once that work is completed.

5. Indian School mistakenly collected pinon on the preserve... simple mistake for which they apologized. They suggested joint work projects. Mark will follow up with them.

6. David Yard could not attend. Green belt standards will be discussed once the board settles down – likely in October.

7. Cuesta Road Trailhead incursion has been investigated by the board and they're working on an agreement (similar to a variance) that appears to be a win-win for all.

8. Steven Griego has been a great resource for trail work, but has represented himself as representing the committee. Jim will draft a tactful letter to correct any confusion this has caused, while acknowledging Steve's contributions.

9. Best Landscaping Practices Committee - Jerry will have a working session on October 16th. Cecil Rich has offered to help.

10. Cecil discussed invasive plants with the committee, which ties in closely with Jerry's efforts. The suggestion was made to investigate doing an invasive plants census for Eldorado – the existing one is from the 80s.

12. COLTPAC - John Parker gave us an update on COLTPAC activities. Expressed concern that the Rail Trail activities are resulting in lots of weeds. John Parker? to draft letter to the county suggesting they mow.

13. Old Business – There has been some movement on the Library Trail. The county seems to want to do the work and might actually do something.

14. New Business – John Parker pointed out that rocks are left over from the pilot project and should be cleaned up. Mark will bring this up with Isabel.

12. Next meeting – November, 2016. Tom Bredanburg will be Secretary.

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Rob Egemeier made motion to adjourn, Jerry Gulseth seconded.

JTR