

Minutes for March 2017 CC Meeting

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

Attendees: Jim Daniel (Chair), Jerry Gulseth, Tom Brimacombe, Tom Bredenberg (Meeting Secretary), John Reynolds, Mary Clark, Rob Egemeier, Cecil Rich, John Henriksen (Board Liaison)

1. Approval of minutes of February 7, 2017.

2. Guests: Paul Butt, Paul Fink, John Gervers, Jan Willam Jensen of Ecotone

3. Mountain bikers and vandalism on preserve trails: Intentional removal of rock structures and water bars noted on 300 series trails, presumably by mountain bikers. We may have to reconsider biker access to all trails.

4. Jan Willam of Ecotone: Educational Power Point Presentation and Priorities for the Preserve trails in 2017:

- PPP on last 10 years of Committee activity well received and suggested web posting and presenting to the Board at annual meeting. Jim and John H. will discuss it at next working session.

- Trail Restoration Plan for 2017 (see attachment 1) Entrance trail to 3A has no apparent good solutions and will require further recon. Portions of the 200 series are becoming dangerous without action the trails could face closure in 2 to 5 years. They may also require seasonal closures and restrictions.

These two areas are the major areas to be addressed in 2017 with work dates TBD. Other work on the 300 series and 101 is not as urgent.

5. Muddy trails discussion: Fencing and a gate at the 200 trail head was proposed to restrict horses

6. Tree pruning seminar: John Gervers announced a workshop co-sponsored by the Road and Conservation Committees scheduled for Thursday, March 16 (see 2nd attachment)

7. Chainsaw training: scheduled for 12:30 PM MDT Sunday, March 12, 2017 and limited to committee members.

8. Committee's shed cleaning and tool sharpening: Jerry reported this was done 02-14-2017.

9. Los Alamos Canyon greenbelt project: Saturday March 25, 2017. Meet at Senior Center at 9:00 AM on Torreon for tractor work and support.

10. Landscaping practices: Jerry reported that his computer was unfortunately attacked and much of his work will require re-inputting.

11. Forest service request: The committee was consulted regarding a US Forest Service plan to survey trees on 2.5 acres in the 300 area of the preserve. There were no objections from the committee so John H. will let Isabel know.

12. Old business: None other than described above.

13. New business: Tamarisk eradication: Cecil, Tom Brimacombe and Paul Butt will form a sub-committee to further discuss best time to treat. Mark Young: Proposed HOMEEO administrative changes could eliminate Mark Young's role of staff liaison for the committee. The committee will send HOMEEO a letter at our next meeting expressing our position.

14. Adjournment, next meeting Tuesday, April 4, 2017.Minutes

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