

## Eldorado Conservation Committee meeting minutes- 7/5/2016 -

Attendees: Jim Daniel (Chair), Gerry Gulseth, Tom Bredenberg, John Parker, Tom Brimacombe, Greg Colello (Board Liaison), Mark Young, Mary Clark

Guest: Joe Newman

1. **Guest:** Joe Newman reported cactus restoration area in the preserve has experienced an 83% survival rate. There will be a cactus cutting giveaway on July 17 at La Tienda shopping center. Also, Joe has experienced repeated incidents of motorized dirt bikes in the greenbelts near his home, off Ave. Compadres in the Los Alamos greenbelt. Joe has confronted the riders and informed them they are trespassing, to no avail. Joe provided photographs of the illegal dirt bike riders. He has filed a report with the County Sherrieff.
  2. **Best landscaping practices project:** Gerry Gulseth reported on progress of source material compilation. A draft will be presented at the August Meeting. Will change name to "Good Landscaping Practices."
  3. **Erecting social trail signs:** Two "No Trespassing" signs will be erected on social trails on Vista Grande Peak in the Preserve. Two additional signs will be held in reserve.
  4. **Library Trail Project:** A meeting, date TDB, will occur with the county to finalize plans for ECIA staff and tractor to grade the portion of the library greenbelt trail that lies on county property. County volunteer coordinator Carol Branch will supervise work performed by ECIA.
  5. **Rail Trail Improvement Project:** Discussed ways to inform residents of alternative routes while County Rail Trail improvement project is underway this year. Will submit a notice to the Vistas newsletter.
  6. **Monte Alto Way Trailhead.** Greg Colello reported trailhead improvement is 98% complete, with delivery of base coarse material and hand work by committee members. While material now has a sharp texture, future rainfall will likely compact and smooth the surface. While this effort was successful, committee agreed this is not a suitable treatment for the many greenbelt trailheads that exist.
  7. **Trail 301 re-route and erosion control work day, June 18.** 15 volunteers participated, under the guidance of Jan-Willem Jensens. Despite the hot weather, many improvements were completed on the 3A-3B section. Improvements included addition of one-rock dams, wooden water bars, rolling drips, and re-routes of badly eroded sections. Some finish work will be required with the arrival of wetter and cooler weather.
  8. **Green Belt Trail Standards:** John Parker will forward a draft to Greg Colello for review. Greg will add some slight modifications before presenting to the ECIA board.
- A motion was presented by John Parker and seconded by Gerry Gulseth to request the ECIA board approve conducting a survey on the Questa Way greenbelt access ASAP. Motion approved unanimously.
9. **2017 Budget:** Will present preliminary requests at August meeting.
  10. **Eagle Scout Projects:** No updates to report.
  11. **COLTPAC Business:** No updates to report.
  12. **PNM easement:** No updates to report
  13. **Other business:** Future community talk ideas: Best landscaping practices. Animal track and scat identification. Jim Daniel submitted an article to Eldorado Vistas newsletter on the role of the conservation committee. Follow-up on mowing green belt Pueblo Canyon green belt pilot project: Mark Young will advise ECIA staff to proceed with mowing.

14. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

**Next Meeting:** August 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM

