

Minutes of 7 Nov, 2011 ECIA Road Committee Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6pm. Present were members - - Nolan Zisman Chairman, David Brown, Robert Burdette, Laurie Grob, Fred Rasnick, and Joel Hopko. Excused Absence --Linda Pierce .GM Bill Donahue and Board Liaison Ed Moreno were also in attendance.

There were two items on the agenda.

1. Roadpacker review
2. Road Inspections

Before the agenda items being discussed Nolan opened the meeting to ad hoc questions from a new resident who was attending to assess her interest in the various ECIA committees. General questions were raised regarding road maintenance in general and in particular erosion at the asphalt aprons. Fred Rasnick clarified county policy on maintenance duty cycles. The new resident was concerned about abandoned cars and visibility issues exiting and entering Eldorado.

Two items were noted for Nolan to take up with the County:

- (a) General condition of Chapala and Reno roads.
- (b) Visibility on the 285 turnout(s)

Roadpacker

Most members had previously seen the promotion literature and video presentation by Roadpacker, which appeared to offer considerable cost benefits compared to traditional road maintenance (base course, chip seal or asphalt). The video was shown also at the meeting. This product claims using a technology called ionic soil stabilization to provide a more cost effective durable road surface and to reduce the dust level. Some members had also visited the local pilot --a one-mile section on Spur Ranch road.

If successful, this product could be of interest to those ECIA members wishing to form a CID (County Improvement District) to upgrade their roads. Nolan had previously inquired about it with the County. The closest installation is on Spur Ranch Rd (not within the ECIA area) between US285 and the railroad tracks.

Those who had driven Spur Ranch noted an improvement over the previous road but it was not feasible to make any final determinations as to the viability of the technique. The pilot had only been completed some two weeks previously. It was also mentioned that the amount and type of traffic it carried would affect the road surface life. Nolan recommended members periodically view the road and keep a log of conditions so that the Roadpacker issue could be re-visited at a later date.

Road Inspections

These are to be scheduled for the first week in December, weather permitting. Nolan gave a brief summary of things to check (Missing street signs, driveway feathering, washboarding) Nolan would accompany new members on their first inspection runs to help in identifying problems.

Next meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for 7th Jan 2012.

Submitted by David Brown