

Facilities and Grounds Committee
Minutes for February 5, 2013

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:03 PM

In attendance, Jean Crawford, Fred Raznick, David Lovro and John Calzada. Excused absence Eddie Marshall. GM Bill Donohue, Board liaison Nolan Zisman, Board members Jan Pietrzak and Dag Ryen. Finance Committee Chair Dan Drobnis.

Members of the public attending: Sue Anne Armstrong, Don Dayton, Rich Cook, Andy Kingston and Mike Landon.

Approval of the minutes for the January 8, 2013 meeting: Motion made by David Lovro, second by John Calzada carried by 3-0 vote

Public Comments: Mike Landon, Andy Kingston and Rich Cook appeared on behalf of the youth soccer league. They wanted to let the committee know that they support any effort that can be made to have a grass field. They explained that at one time, about 6 years ago, there were approximately 300 kids playing soccer in Eldorado. The figure is about 100 now. Not all the kids live in Eldorado, but the majority do. While the kids play soccer on the school field, it is an artificial surface and having a second field to use for practice would be very helpful. Rich talked about the problems in the past with goatheads on the field. They were informed that the field was now sandlot playable and that a commitment has been made to remediate the goatheads & gophers. The committee members explained the problems with the irrigation system, drought and lack of funds, as impediments to having a grass field.

Proposed Grounds Maintenance Policy: Sue Anne Armstrong presented to the committee a Landscape Recovery Plan. The plan was put together with input from Jean and David. The plan concerns itself with the area around the Community Center and primarily focuses on the trees. Two of the primary points of the plan were the need to hire an arborist to audit the trees around the Community Center and then train our staff in how to care for them and how to recover rainwater off the hard surfaces so it could be routed to the trees. After the presentation there was a lengthy discussion of the important points contained in the plan. Dag mentioned that the plan does not include the planting of one or two new trees each year. The committee members mentioned that David Lovro had prepared a detailed landscaping plan that included the planting of new trees and shrubs. It was explained that the landscape plan phase 1 could not be finished because of the drought.

Dan mentioned that a monthly article in the Vistas would serve to educate the residents on the progress being made to maintain the quality of our amenities. Dag suggested that an open house this summer might work to show off the finished amenities. Bill accepted the maintenance plan and told the committee that he had the money in this year's budget to hire the arborist and would itemize the costs of the recovery plan so as to effectively budget next year for its continuation.

Jan proposed that some smaller trees, specifically around the tennis courts, might be transplanted to other areas around the Community Center. Fred made a motion to adopt the Landscape Recovery Plan and move it on to the Board for approval. Second was made by David and passed by a 3-0 vote.

ECIA Board Representative Update: Nolan told the committee that the Board had approved the Government & Community Liaison ad hoc committee. Nolan and Dag are the representatives on this ad hoc committee, but they will be looking to include members from the Road and F&G committees. Nolan asked that F&G 1) identify 3 projects that the \$100k

commitment from the County, could be applied to and 2) to review current ICIP list to determine if any hike/bike segments should either be added or deleted, then prioritizing those intended to be on the ICIP list.

After a lengthy discussion it was determined that the projects must be on County property so that limits the projects to the hike/bike trail or the monument at Amistad & Hwy 285. The ECIA's prioritized ICIP list must be completed by the end of March.

The committee Chair proposed a special meeting be held on February 19th at 7PM for the sole purposes of identifying the three projects and prioritizing the current ICIP list.

Special Meeting: February 19th at 7 PM

Date of Next Meeting: March 5th at 4 PM

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by

John Calzada