

ECIA Conservation Committee Zoom Minutes June 17, 2022

6 - 8 pm

- Call to Order by Chair, Susan Will at 6:05 pm.
- Roll call of members and determination of quorum:

Carol Beidleman

Thom Bredenberg

Tom Brimacombe (excused)

Paul Butt

John Parker

Susan Will, Chair

Quorum established

Liaisons:

Jonathan Turkle (Board Liaison)

Mike Rogers (HOAMCO Liaison)

Jocelyn Rizo (HOAMCO Staff)

Guests: James Mason, Paul and Andra Fink, Michael Schneider

- Appointment of recording secretary: Thom Bredenberg

For July meeting: Thom Bredenberg

For August meeting: Carol Beidleman

- Approval of Agenda: as amended, Open Forum moved forward
Motion by: John P. 2nd by: Thom B. Vote:

- Approval of May Minutes: Motion by: John P 2nd by: Thom B
Vote:
- Board Liaison Report by John Turkle: (*CC shared drive, 06-17-22 Board Report to the Conservation Committee*):
- Reminder: July 8 is the deadline for capital and R&R projects
- Request for volunteers for the July 4th 50-year Anniversary Event
 - Volunteers for various roles

- o Car show submissions – All makes and models! Classics, antiques, hot-rods, muscle cars, lowriders, etc.!
- o Donations for gifts and door prizes
- o Historical news and photos
- o Parade submissions

Request for a rules and regulations policy for the Preserve and signage (*see below*)

- Update on liability issue for closing the Preserve.
 - o The ECIA Insurance Rep and the ECIA attorney indicate there is a slightly better liability exposure if there is a fire event and the Preserve is closed than if it were open.
 - o The Sheriff confirmed with our County Liaison that they will patrol the Preserve parking lots
- Our GIS team and Jonathan met with the County Public Works Dept. and proposed developing:
 - o A data sharing agreement to share data we obtain in our Greenbelt surveys and our work on identifying and addressing the boundary errors on the county parcel and plat maps with the goal of creating a working map of the Greenbelts and access points.
 - o A mobile field application to locate and assess culvert drainage issues to share with the County.
- Eldorado Preserve trail removal from AllTrails. A Request went out to AllTrails demanding the removal of our trails and their web pages promoting the Eldorado trails. AllTrails has responded that they believe that now that they have labeled these trails as private, they believe they are under no obligation to remove them. We have asked our attorney to weigh in on whether she thinks they have a legal stance to make with that claim.
- Request volunteers for informal GIS task force.
- HOAMCO Report by Mike Rogers: 6 Herrada Terrace, a vacant lot to close sale next week. Social trails and designated Carsonite marked greenbelt access trail encroaching on it and adjacent properties proven by survey. Need a new trail in proper access. Discussion: Chair: has received numerous complaints on similar access issues, five so far. We need consistent policy from HOAMCO and ECIA not only in this instance but the whole situation. Paul Butt proposed the following:

- HOAMCO has contributed to this issue by establishing unofficial, but marked, greenbelt access paths in the past. We need the support of the Board to start correcting this situation.
 - 1. After examining the access, Jonathan or Mike will recommend Board approval of a trail along an access point.
 - 2. Four markers (either side of the greenbelt access point) need to be located (2 to the east in addition to the access point markers).
 - 3. HOAMCO will then ask the Conservation Committee to examine the area to determine the best route in order to mitigate impacts. (flag for materials requirements, construction)
 - 4. After flagging the trail route, the Committee will notify the ECIA to work with HOAMCO's information coordinator to best inform and solicit Eldorado community input. (Outreach)
 - 5. HOAMCO will do the actual construction, guided by ECC committee

Additional items discussed and consensus reached: Set all dog waste stations in concrete to deter further vandalism, water is available for willows from ECIA well if needed, OK to mow official greenbelt trails with proper fire precautions. Discussion again of surveillance cameras. We agree to continue studying and discussing the issue.

Open forum. Dr. James Mason, ECIA Road Committee Chair, expressed concerns regarding the impact ATVs as evidenced by tracks in the Pueblo Canyon Park, drainage from culverts and trail mowing may have on Ancient Pueblo cultural resources in the greenbelts. The Road Committee has survey tools and equipment that could be of use in the Conservation Committee's planned work on the Herrada Terrace trail project as well as locating property markers and GIS projects. Discussion of proposed Avenida Azul hike bike trail.

- Old Business:
 - 1. Management policy for Preserve and posting of rules (Jonathan Turkle): Jonathan presented his ideas for a motion for adopting a rules and regulations policy for the Eldorado Community Preserve and signage:

Suggested changes and additions to the existing regulations (*see brochure; yellow highlighted not on brochure*)

- The Preserve is for the use of Eldorado

residents only.

- Guests are permitted only when accompanied by an Eldorado resident.
- Hours of use: One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
- No overnight parking at trailheads.
- No motorized vehicles are permitted.
- No camping.
- No rock climbing or bouldering (ECIA Board Policy#21).
- No smoking or open flame (including camp stoves, fireworks, matches or lighters).
- Call 911 if you observe any sign of smoke or flames.
- Pets must be on a leash or under voice control.
- Pack out all pet waste.
- No hunting, trapping, or harassment of wildlife.
- No wood cutting or gathering.
- Leave plants, animals, rocks and cultural artifacts undisturbed.
- Leave no trace. Pack it in; pack it out.
- Do not create or use unofficial trails.

Report any suspicious activities to the ECIA at (505) 466-4248.

** Existing Board Policy: **Rock Climbing in the Preserve** ECIA Board policy #21

Discussion.

Motion: we recommend the Board adopt the proposed regulations, including camping and rock climbing hunting, trapping, wood gathering, firearms per policy.

Motion to recommend above policy to the Board, Thom B. 2nd Paul B. Motion passed unanimously.

(MOTION: I move that the ECIA Board of Directors adopts an official policy for the regulation of the Eldorado Community Preserve. The policy will

combine the previously approved policy regarding no rock Climbing in the Preserve (21-07-20) with additional regulations to be incorporated into existing resources such as the Eldorado Community Preserve brochure, website, and the permanent signage in the Preserve, as soon as possible.)

Committee administration - communications update/Security concerns with Google for ECIA business/HOAMCO assist/emails/choosing of a new Chairman (Susan Will):

HOAMCO will not assist with minutes, Thom will follow up with Jonathan re security issue. Discussion re Google Workspace platform, Jonathan will assist. Recommendation: all members get @eldoradosf accounts to access Workspace. Downsides of Goggedocs discussed.

Paul Butt cited current rotation chairing of meetings at the Stables Committee. Discussion of the role of the Vice Chair. Paul Butt will assume chair through September, and the Committee will continue to work with Jonathan to secure appropriate admin support.

1. Update: Tr 301 condition assessment and site evaluation of 301-302 meadow by Jan-Willem Jansen. No change in status.
2. Tom Brimacombe reported that he will take care of installation of new and replacement signage along Trail 200. Tabled.
3. Camerada Loop greenbelt access trail erosion, repair/reroute recommendations update (Thom Bredenberg); Tabled until July with priority given to Herrada Terrace access issue above.
4. Fuels Reduction in Greenbelts (Susan Will): Tabled
5. Will not be watering willow plantings in Preserve.
6. Welcome Event on June 5, 2022 (Susan Will):
7. Compendium of articles from 2021 VISTAS on weeds is posted on the ECIA website (Carol Beidleman)
8. **Clarification: The Conservation Committee at our last meeting decided not to recommend closing the Preserve due to fire conditions. Board will consider liability issues.**

0. Tabled Items:

- Boundary monitoring: need system for documenting.
- Library Trail project tentatively scheduled for fall 2022.
- Apache Springs reconnaissance will be done in summer or fall.

201 vandalism will be addressed in July.

Status of survey in Pueblo Canon Park: ,Paul Butt) will report in July.

· Eblasts on fire have gone out and will continue.

· New Business; prospective members; Sue will forward a list of prospective volunteers to Paul.

Request to the Chair from Search and Rescue (SAR) to use Preserve for training during National Forest closure, citing special status recognized in the past.

Motion to deny SAR to access to Preserve for training, Paul B., 2nd Thom B. Motion passed unanimously.

- Summary of Action items, lead, and timeframes: included above
- Motion to adjourn: Motion by: Thom 2nd by: John P Vote:

Adjournment time: 8:10 PM