

Draft Facilities and Grounds Town Hall Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Call to Order: 5:30 PM

The Facilities and Grounds Committee hosted a Zoomed Town Hall on Oct. 11 to discuss current amenities and answer resident questions.

Projects completed in 2022 include:

- A new disc golf course designed by resident Larry LaSota
- New mulch added to the dog park
- Patio lighting
- Paved pathways to the courts to allow getting equipment to the courts easier
- Lighting in the Railroad Room at the request of one of the community organizations

On the list to yet be completed for 2022 is permanent shade structures that will be added to the Compadres Park playground. This should be completed by the end of Nov. This shade structure project is a result of feedback from residents.

Ongoing goals for the Facilities and Grounds Committee are to develop strategies for increasing the use of ECIA amenities through possible activities such as:

- Pool parties and game nights
- Evening lecture series on the patio
- Community Days in conjunction with the Stables
- Develop participation in baseball, softball, basketball and volleyball teams
- Hold resident tournaments for Pickleball and Tennis
- Resident-led sports lessons
- Increase the class offerings at the Community Center

Continued concerns regarding non-resident use and unvaccinated dogs in the dog park should see two gates with proximity card readers installed in 2023 and will complete the gated amenities project.

Resident submitted questions:

1. Is the committee planning to request money from the County to pave the Hike & Bike trail along Compadres, from Herrada Rd. to Vista Grande? Answer: since the Hike & Bike Trails belong to the county, the committee is in the process of checking to see if monies for a different project can temporarily be moved to the Compadres Hike & Bike Trail. In addition, the resident commented that there seems to be a need for a Master Plan to keep projects moving forward and set priorities for the trail systems. It was suggested to collaborate with the Conservation Committee to develop a Master Plan.
2. Regarding recent Incidents at the dog park, a resident wanted to know what can be done about aggressive dogs. Answer: if one dog is aggressive to a particular dog, those owners should talk and determine when they utilize the dog park or use the annex section to avoid confrontation. If a dog is aggressive to all dogs, it could be banned from the dog park until it receives behavioral training. Instances need to be reported immediately to the office so that camera footage can be reviewed. The Dog Park subcommittee is looking at the current policies and will be meeting to put these policies into writing. In some instances, the sheriff should be called immediately. A meeting for dog park users will be scheduled asking for resident input.

3. With the new maintenance facility proposed in the 2023 budget, has the Board approved this? And will the metal building be in line and in keeping with our covenants and guidelines? Answer: per Operations Manager, Mike Rogers, there has been a Capitol Improvement Project Request submitted. OM Rogers is working with Mark Young, Architectural Compliance Coordinator to select colors that fall within the acceptable colors, but ECIA grounds are not subject to covenant and compliance requirements as it was originally developed separately.
4. The Facilities and Grounds Committee has developed a Capitol Project Request to Xeriscape the grassy island area at the Community Center. A call is being put out to Master Gardeners in Eldorado to help design and create a high desert landscape. This will use little water and contain native plants that will draw pollinators, butterflies and birds. Reclaimed water will be used and the sprinkler system will be retrofitted to a drip system for the new plantings.

Residents are encouraged to participate in monthly F&G meetings to learn about what is happening in their community.

The meeting was adjourned 6:42 pm.