

ECIA Conservation Committee Zoom Minutes November 9, 2022

1. Call to Order by Chair, John Parker at ____7:03____ pm.

2. Attendees

☐ Roll call of members and determination of quorum:

Carol Beidleman Present Thom Bredenberg Present

Tom Brimacombe Present Paul Butt Present

John Parker Present

Quorum status: ____Yes____

☐ Liaisons:

Jonathan Turkle (Board Liaison) Absent

Mike Rogers (HOAMCO Liaison) Present

☐ Meeting Assistance:

Jocelyn Rizo (HOAMCO Staff)

☐ Guests:

Carol Culver Felicia Probert Jim Brown Joan Mitchell Paul & Andra Fink

3. Appointment of recording secretary: Paul Butt

For January 2023 meeting: Thom Bredenberg

4. Approval of Agenda: Motion by: _Thom Bredenberg2nd by: _Paul Butt____

Vote: _aye, unanimous

AS AMENDED - See New Business, below

5. Announcements:

Meeting is live and streamed on ZOOM with the following rules:

Guests are muted until recognized.

Guests should type in name and full address. If you wish to speak during the OPEN FORUM, please state your topic. Residents will be recognized on a first come, first served basis. Guests are limited to three minutes of discussion. For longer discussions, guests must notify the Committee Chair no later than seven days in advance of the Committee meeting, and the item will be placed on the agenda.

Private messaging during the meeting is disabled.

An audio recording of the Zoom meeting will be made, and will be available after the meeting upon request to conservationchair@gmail.com

6. Approval of September Minutes: Motion by: _Paul Butt 2nd by: Thom Bredenberg

Vote: _aye, unanimous

7. Board Liaison Report by Jonathan Turkle: None, Jonathan was absent

8. HOAMCO Report by Mike Rogers:

☑ Herrada Terrace Greenbelt Access trail update: trail from trestle underpass up to main social trail was rerouted, approx 500', by HOAMCO maintenance. Comments received so far have been positive. The TR3 "Arena Drag" tool purchased for the stables was used, and the job only took about 4 hours.

9. Project status updates:

☑ Fuels Reduction in Greenbelts, neighborhood organization. Thom Bredenberg toured parts of Gallina Park with Mike Schneider. There are a few small areas where the tumbleweeds are pretty thick, but otherwise, the heavy proliferation of cow-pen daisies this year appears to have suppressed the tumbleweeds.

☑ Pueblo Cañon Park survey. Paul Butt showed the draft "Request for Bids" (RFB) to his GIS instructor @ CNM and has made updates according to his instructor's recommendations. The specifications are now in terms commonly used by surveyors, and some unnecessary items have been removed.

o Paul is working with Mike Rogers on an unrelated project to have the Greenbelt access point at Herrada Terrace surveyed, with the property lines on either to be clearly demarcated by the surveyor. This is necessary in order to ensure that the Greenbelt access trail to be constructed from the end of Herrada Terrace down to the trail in the Los Alamos Park greenbelt stays within the Greenbelt boundaries.

o Paul stated that demarcation of the Greenbelt access points within the Pueblo Cañon Park area to be surveyed should be added to the survey bid scope.

- o The boundaries of the properties at 2 and 4 Gavilan Court, which are in the vicinity of the area heavily eroded in the summer of 2021, also need to be demarcated.

- o Paul spoke with Jonathan on 11/16 and a meeting will be arranged with Jonathan, the GIS consultants and Paul to discuss the scope and objectives of the Pueblo Cañon Park survey project.

10. New Business:

- o Date for 302 meadow workday with Jan-Willem Jansens (Fri. 11/11) was confirmed.

- o Wildfire Risk Mitigation in Eldorado: motion to approve for submittal the Brush removal SOP and hazard fuel reports and follow-up procedural (attached): Minor changes were made to the draft procedure. Motion to approve the revised policy + SOP by Thom Bredenberg, 2nd by Paul Butt. Motion passed unanimously.

- o The revised proposed policy+SOP will be submitted for Board consideration at its December meeting.

Addition to Agenda

☐ Charter updates in January

The following were discussed:

- o Reduce quorum to "simple majority"

- o Waive 3 meeting requirement for prospective member consideration, by Committee vote

- o Change schedule to quarterly. Meet in other months, if needed, by Committee vote.

After discussion, there was consensus to change the schedule to bimonthly, beginning in January 2023.

These revisions to the Conservation Committee Charter will be on the Committee's January agenda.

11. Old Business:

☐ Updates, Volunteer Recruitment project (October Vistas).

Paul Butt reported that three new workday volunteers signed up after reading the article, so it was at least a modest success. Two more workday

volunteer have signed up recently after reading the workday eBlast announcements. Carol B commented that the eBlasts are working well as a communication tool for the Committee.

☐ Committee administration (follow-up on ConservationChair Gmail email acct monitoring changes proposal)

Paul Butt agreed to serve as Chair through the January meeting. He also agreed to continue monitoring the ConservationChair Gmail email acct through the end of November. John Parker agreed to monitor it through December.

12. Open Forum:

No public comments were made.

13. Motion to adjourn: Motion by: __Paul Butt 2nd by: _Carol Beidleman

Vote: __aye, unanimous

Adjournment time: __8:33__

ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

POLICY TITLE: ECIA POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT PRIORITIES FOR THE
ELDORADO FLOODPLAIN EASEMENTS (GREENBELTS)

BOARD POLICY NUMBER: _____

DATE OF POLICY: _____

The Eldorado "Greenbelts" are floodplain easements. Management goals for the Greenbelts are to protect, maintain and enhance their functions as floodplains while conserving their values including wildlife habitat and preservation of the natural viewscape.

The Greenbelts' capacity for retaining floodwater is critically important for adjacent and down-slope properties. Therefore, management priorities for the Greenbelts are to preserve them from damage resulting from clearing, grading or dumping of earth, waste material, etc.

Notwithstanding these priorities, wildfire risk within Eldorado is a factor influencing

the management of the subdivision's common areas, including the Greenbelts.

There are over three times as many acres of private property within the subdivision as there are acres of greenbelts and private property is where wildfire risk mitigation efforts should be focused.

The Board strongly recommends that concerned residents avail themselves of the information resources provided by the Santa Fe County Wildland Fire Division, regarding the development and maintenance of "defensible space" around their homes and other buildings.

Over time, dead vegetation may accumulate in specific locations within the Greenbelts. In order to reduce the risk of serious wildfire occurring within the Greenbelts, when an Eldorado resident who is a Member in Good Standing identifies an area with a perceived fuel accumulation hazard, they may report it for action to the ECIA Property Management contractor's administrative office (HOAMCO).

The Property Management contractor's maintenance staff shall apply the Standard Operating Procedure (attached and herein incorporated by reference) for identifying and removing hazardous fuel accumulations from the Greenbelts.

This Policy was adopted by the Board on _____ and shall become effective on the date below.

Carol Sanguinetti, President Date

Jonathan McLaughlin, Secretary