

ECIA Conservation Committee Minutes May 9, 2023, 7-9pm

1. **Call to Order by Chair, Paul Butt at 7:05 pm**
2. Attendees
Roll call of members and determination of quorum:
Carol Beidleman, present
Thom Bredenberg, present
Tom Brimacombe, absent
John Parker, present
Paul Butt, Chair, present

Quorum status: yes, 4 of 5 members attending

Liaisons:

Jonathan Turkle (Board Liaison) present
Carol Sanguinetti (ALT. Liaison) present
Mike Rogers (HOAMCO Liaison) present
Meeting Assistance: Niamh Walsh (HOAMCO Staff)

Guests: Joan Mitchell, Paul and Andra Fink, Joseph Newman

3. Announcements:
Meeting is live and streamed on ZOOM with the following rules:
Guests are muted until recognized.
Guests should type in their 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
4. Approval of Agenda: Motion by: Carol Beidleman, 2nd by: Thom Bredenberg
Vote: unanimous, motion carried
5. Board Liaison Report by Jonathan Turkle
Town hall meeting checking in with HOAMCO for announcement on the meeting.
Will confirm with Jessica about the announcement schedule for eblast.
Paul Butt has been nominated for volunteer of the year for all his hard work.
2 new board members, Amelia Adair, and Ken Howard.
Amelia is the new president, and Jonathan Turkle is now the vice president.
Rearranging board roles, coming up with a schedule for the committees.
An upcoming meeting on the proposed Rancho Viejo Solar Project, not sponsored by ECIA, will be held in the Railroad room on May 23 at 5:30pm.
6. **HOAMCO Report by Mike Rogers:**
Maintenance was involved in the tumbleweed corral.

Were at Espira Rd they cleaned out a culvert there from tumbleweeds. Also, in Compadres Park until noon collecting tumbleweeds from residents. Filled two roll offs with tumbleweeds. Much lighter turnout than last year. Maintenance has not gotten out to concrete the sign on the 200-trailhead.

The board would like to know how much money and a list of duties for the new position to manage the Greenbelts and Community Preserve so they can approve it.

10. Cactus Rescue Project in the Community Preserve

- Project Status (Joe Newman)- The Cactus Rescue Project (CRP) is still ongoing even without Obie, ongoing with rooted joints to be planted in the Preserve; will go in now with larger plants. Not necessary to cage very plant. Everyone in the CRP is going to be doing root cuttings.
- Consideration of Santa Fe Cholla genetic study proposal: Joe will be meeting with the project coordinator. The Conservation Committee has provided its input and go-ahead to Joe.

11. Project status updates:

- Earth Day event report (Carol Beidleman)- put together copies for residents with information on trail maintenance opportunities and volunteering and shared contract information with Paul. Also provided weed information. Lots of interest out there for our committee.
- Trail 302 Meadow erosion control and habitat restoration project (completed)
- Trail 301, last 1/3 of "first mile" maintenance (completed)
- Trail 401 "steps" repair; schedule workday
- Camerada Road Loop, erosion repair in access to Gallina Park; schedule workday
- Trail 201 "first mile" maintenance; schedule workday /HOAMCO

12. New Business:

- Further discussion of scouting for possible new Preserve Trail (407) in the southwestern part of the 400 Preserve.
- Equestrian perimeter patrols in the Preserve - conducted as needed?
- May mowing of social trail in Gallina Greenbelt between Compadres Park and Rail Trail. Mowing will be conducted on the trail.
- Consideration and action on signs for Preserve parking lots & Trailheads, language to the effect of: The Eldorado Community Preserve parking lots and trails are monitored. Vandalism is reported to the Santa Fe County Sheriff.

The sign will be placed at the entrance to all trailheads.

- 2024 budget: discussion of changes to Conservation Committee budget request
- Consideration and action on proposal to recommend that ECIA hire an Open Space Manager, beginning in 2024.

Board is in favor of the new position, but they need it to be talked about more and have a plan to present to the board with salary and position details. Need to be able to defend everything they are asking for.

13. Old Business: has been put off till next meeting in July due to time constraints.

14. Open Forum:

Joan Mitchell- has questions and comments on Camerada Loop Trail

15. Motion to adjourn:

Motion by: John Parker 2nd by: Thom Bredenberg

Vote: unanimous, motion carries

Adjournment time: 9:07 pm