

Draft Facilities and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 4th, 10AM, Via Zoom

Call to Order: 10:03 AM

Attendance: Marie Aragon, David Sorkin, Mike Busby, Sue Garfitt, and Karen Koon (non-voting Member)

Board Members: Joseph Gutierrez

HOACMO Staff: Mike Rogers

Approval of the agenda and the September 6th meeting minutes: Approved as presented.

Community Center Xeriscape/Pollinator Garden – *Karen Koon & Sue Garfitt*

A Bocce Court has been laid out in the Garden and the area will soon be scraped. Work on the Garden cannot continue until the Court is put in-place. Benches and tables from the El Dorado Community Garden, and tools and equipment for the entire project are in the maintenance barn, ready for use. The next steps will be to create a plant list and timeline, and to establish volunteers. Treasurer Gutierrez requested an offline meeting with Sue to ensure the finances are covered correctly.

Power Bike Presentation – *Marian Browne*

Marian Browne, a consultant for power mobility devices, has observed the 20-year evolution of eBikes and the current concerns they have caused on ECIA and Santa Fe County trails.

The initial power-assist bike was intended for inclines, altitude, and disabled individuals. Recently, eBikes have become more prevalent and there are different types with a range of use, speed, and weight. Other than the recognition of three types of bikes: pedal-only (~18 lbs.), standard eBikes under 20 mph (~25-30 lbs.), and power-assisted eBikes over 20 mph (~54 lbs.), the U.S. has not established regulations for eBikes.

Having compiled regulations from countries where eBikes are more prevalent, E.U., Amsterdam, and France, and input from local trail users, Marian and Kathy will present the information to Santa Fe County to seek establishment of eBike regulations.

Operations Manager Report – *Mike Rogers*

Mike reported ECIA has received the Maintenance Building permit back from Construction Industries Division and fencing and warning signs have been erected around the site. Lockwood Construction will be presenting a timeline, and a Gantt Chart will be developed for weekly construction updates.

M&M Garage Doors will be onsite today to inspect and repair recurring issues with the Amenity Card readers and gates at the Community Center (CC) Courts and Dog Park. To effectively secure the Dog Park, M&M will likely need to remove the current gates to fabricate a design.

Upon Kathy's return, she and Mike will explore the Hike/Bike and Greenbelt trails for appropriate locations to place benches donated from El Dorado Community Garden.

Next week, Martin Adair, an Operations Manager for Microsoft, will be onsite to provide his thoughts on how the CC buildings can be configured to operate more efficiently. The Board, Committees, and Management Staff are looking toward developing a system for CC group access and use after office hours.

Mike Busby left the meeting at 10:30 AM and there was no quorum.

End of Season Pool Report – Mike Rogers

With three lifeguard classes offered throughout the 2023 season, there were a total of 18 lifeguards. Pool staff participated in three in-service trainings and practiced drills to ensure their skills were maintained. There were no incidents in which a guard had to enter the water, and there were no serious medical incidents. The pool hours changed to a split schedule on August 15th, when students returned to school. From June 3rd to September 24th, the pool was open for 114 days.

Board Liaison Report – Joseph Gutierrez

The Board passed the recommendation from the Finance Committee to post the 2024 Draft Budget for Member feedback. Next year's budget includes an income of \$1,743,510.00, a large transfer into reserves, a few Replacement and Reserves projects, and no new capital projects. The Association has the option to raise assessments every two years; due to the current financial climate, the Committee proposed a 7% increase from \$570 to \$610 per year (\$3.33 more per month). On October 24th, there will be an F&G Town Hall at 6 PM and a Budget Town Hall at 7 PM. Following the Town Hall and input from Members, the Committee will present the final 2024 Budget for approval at the November Board meeting.

Dog Park – Marie Aragon

Marie will present the updated Dog Park rules at the November F&G meeting for a motion to recommend to the Board of Directors for approval. David Sorkin thanked Marie and ECIA staff for making the amenity enjoyable.

No Old Business

No New Business

No Open Forum

Adjournment: 10:34 AM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 10 AM via Zoom