



**CITY OF NORCO
STREETS, TRAILS AND UTILITIES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, August 7, 2017
City Council Chambers, 2820 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: William Naylor, Chair
Michael Thompson, Vice Chair
Cathey Burt, Commission Member
Sherry Walker, Commission Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **Commission Member Walker**

OATH OF OFFICE: Gary Schonne

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

M/S BURTT/THOMPSON to elect Commission Member Naylor as Chairperson; the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: NAYLOR, THOMPSON, BURTT, SCHONNE, WALKER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

M/S BURTT/SCHONNE to elect Commission Member Walker as Vice Chairperson; the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: NAYLOR, THOMPSON, BURTT, SCHONNE, WALKER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bonnie Slager invited the community to the Norco Fair being held at the George Ingall's Equestrian Event Center from August 31st thru September 4th. She stated fair buttons are on sale at several establishments along Sixth Street and Hamner Avenue.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2017.
Recommended Action: Approval (*Director of Public Works*)

M/S WALKER/BURTT to approve the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2017, as written; the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: NAYLOR, WALKER, BURTT, SCHONNE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: THOMPSON

3. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

A. Trail Fencing Improvements California Avenue – Verbal discussion

Director Blais presented the discussion regarding potential trail system improvements on California Avenue.

Chair Naylor opened the discussion to the public.

Bonnie Slager noted the importance of our trails. She stated with the North Drive median and fencing improvements being completed soon, California Avenue will not look good aesthetically. She stated she would prefer to see flat curb versus rolled curb for safety reasons. She noted the nursery located on California Avenue needs to be approached regarding the parking issue and suggests “no parking” signs be placed.

Sharon Chandler agrees with Ms. Slager and stated improvements on California Avenue need to be done.

Lou Schwab noted the drainage issues on California Avenue and stated his support of future improvements. He also stated his concerns regarding increased traffic and lack of enforcement by the Sheriff’s Department. He stated California Avenue is not an aesthetically pleasing entrance to the City of Norco.

Jim Hammontree stated his concerns regarding the deteriorated trail and noted the condition of the trail is more of a safety issue than an aesthetic issue. He also stated in regards to drainage, there are two or three low spots between Sixth Street and Seventh Street with the lowest area being at Greentree Lane.

Mindy Green stated she is a new resident and has concerns regarding vehicles parking on the trail. She stated she would like to see a proper curb and gutter on California Avenue.

Chair Naylor brought the discussion back to the Commission.

Vice Chair Walker stated until we have a way to “hold” the improvements it does not seem feasible and noted it will be three to five years with the help of Riverside County Flood Control.

Commission Member Thompson stated the City should wait until we have the help of Riverside County Flood Control and make it right.

Commission Member Burt agreed and stated we should make an effort to do it correctly.

Commission Member Schonne inquired if this could be treated as a green belt area. In response, Superintendent Piorkowski stated it would not meet the trail standard approved by the City Council.

Chair Naylor stated he is in favor of improvements on California Avenue since it is an entrance to the City and a safety concern. He stated he would like to see the alternative streets for future trail fencing improvements be brought before the Commission for review.

M/S THOMPSON/BURTT to make recommendation to City Council to not move forward with trail improvements on California Avenue until Flood Control's storm drain project on Crestview can be completed and evaluated for overall effectiveness in eliminating flooding and debris impacting California Avenue.

AYES: WALKER, BURTT, SCHONNE, THOMPSON

NOES: NAYLOR

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

B. Trail Maintenance Standard – Verbal discussion

Director Blais presented the discussion regarding implementing a trail maintenance standard.

Chair Naylor stated the City is in need of a trail maintenance standard and hopes that once it is approved by City Council they will see the need for more funding.

Commission Member Thompson stated he would like to see a list of all trails within the City and their locations. He noted the past discussion regarding the trails being used to market the City.

Commission Member Schonne stated there needs to be more public education to inform the residents of their responsibility to maintain the right-of-way in front of their property.

Chair Naylor opened the discussion to the public.

Bonnie Slager stated property owners should be billed if the City has to clear the weeds in front of their property. She stated the trail should be decomposed granite (DG) and her preference for riding is for it to be compacted.

Chair Naylor brought the discussion back to the Commission.

Gary Schonne stated the City needs to determine how the trail maintenance will be funded and how to implement it.

Commission Member Thompson indicated that Bronco Lane is an engineered trail; Mountain Avenue is a non-engineered trail.

Chair Naylor stated there are some trails that are in decent shape but need to be finished off to a reasonable point.

Vice Chair Walker stated when it is brought back to the Commission she would like the standard to have more substance of how it will be enforced.

This item will be brought back to the Commission at the next meeting.

4. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Commission Member Burttt stated the weeds need to be cleared on the east side of Hillside Avenue near the Southern California Edison poles and transformers along the property formerly known as Wyle Labs.

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Commission Member Thompson inquired if the Citizen's Patrol could notify residents of right-of-way maintenance responsibilities with a door hanger. In response, Director Blais stated it would not be allowed per the Sheriff's Department.

Chair Naylor stated he will be working with the local FFA and the Norco Horsemen's Association performing trail maintenance during the months of October and November.

Director Blais commented on the discussion at the last City Council meeting regarding a pilot program associated with installing new high visibility frames installed around street lights at dangerous intersections. He stated it will be determined at a later date whether it will be brought before the Commission once the City of Riverside has concluded their year-long study and the data has been reviewed.

Superintendent Piorkowski stated the importance of accurate information, especially location, when reporting issues through the City's App.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Naylor adjourned the meeting at 9:28 P.M.