



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

**Monday, June 3, 2019
City Council Chambers, 2820 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Michael Thompson, Chair
Gary Schonne, Vice Chair
William Naylor, Commission Member
Jim Pollard, Commission Member
Sherry Walker, Commission Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Commission Member Pollard

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tim Scott stated his concerns regarding increased traffic on Bluff Street, Corydon Avenue and River Road. He noted the poor condition of the backyard trails in his neighborhood and requested the north and west side of Chestnut Drive be designated as a legal trail. He presented a petition signed by residents.

Director Blais noted he was contacted by the residents and recommended they attend this meeting and present their concerns to the commission.

Bobbie Pope stated her concerns regarding the installation of concrete driveways within the public right of way; and the poor condition of backyard trails. She stated she would like to initiate the process to designate the north and west side of Chestnut Drive as a legal trail.

Raymond Mills stated his support in designating a new trail on Chestnut Drive, noting he is also concerned about the safety of equestrians, the children of the neighborhood, and preserving the "Norco" lifestyle.

Director Blais requested direction from the commission in determining if this topic should be a future discussion item.

M/S THOMPSON/SCHONNE recommend placing this item on the agenda for the August 5, 2019 meeting to discuss designating a trail that would front the properties on the west and north side of Chestnut Drive.

AYES: THOMPSON, SCHONNE, NAYLOR, POLLARD, WALKER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Commission Member Walker thanked the residents for presenting the item and being well prepared.

Commission Member Naylor encouraged the residents to attend the next meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2019.

Recommended Action: Approval (*Director of Public Works*)

M/S WALKER/SCHONNE to approve the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2019 as written; the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: THOMPSON, SCHONNE, NAYLOR, POLLARD, WALKER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

3. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. Cal Fire Grant Award – Norco Citywide Forest Enhancement Project

Director Blais presented a letter from Cal Fire stating the City of Norco has been selected to receive grant funds for the planting of trees and gave a verbal overview of the project. He stated staff would be developing a recommended process based on the city's Urban Forest Specifications and Standards to be brought back to the commission for discussion at a future meeting.

Commission Member Walker inquired about the Urban Forest Specifications and Standards; and the minimum size of tree required. In response, Director Blais stated the specifications and standards are available on the city website and confirmed the minimum 15-gallon tree size for required for replanting.

Commission Member Naylor inquired if the trees removed by Southern California Edison in recent years would be replaced and if this is a one-time grant. In response, Director Blais stated tree replacements would be at the request of the resident and noted they will need to meet the conditions and requirements. He confirmed this is a one-time grant.

Commission Member Pollard inquired if the trees would be available to the residents and Public Works first and then to the Parks Department. In response, Director Blais stated this will need to be determined.

Chair Thompson opened the discussion to the public.

With no public comments, Chair Thompson brought the discussion back to the commission.

This item will be brought back to the commission for discussion at a future meeting.

B. Trail Fencing Replacement Projects Fiscal Year 2019-20 – Verbal Discussion

Director Blais presented a list of recommended trail fencing replacement projects for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. He gave an overview of the funds available from Development Impact Fees and Measure R for upcoming trail fencing improvement projects for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. He requested support for the recommended locations and welcomed comments from the commission.

Chair Thompson opened the discussion to the public.

Bobbie Pope stated Half Moon Court and Driftwood Place off of Vine Avenue do have trail on one side of the street that leads to backyard trails which eventually lead to Ted Brooks Park. She noted these trails have become difficult to use due to maintenance issues. She suggested designating a trail along the front of properties on Bluff Street in order to access the heavily used park.

Chair Thompson brought the discussion back to the commission.

Commission Member Naylor inquired if the asphalt curb and trail fencing would be continued on Pedley Avenue. He stated the asphalt curb looks good and helps keep the trail material intact. In

response, Director Blais stated the storm drain project was funded by Riverside County Flood Control and only fencing that was removed could be replaced. He added that additional storm drain improvements may need to take place in this area and each project will be handled on a case by case basis.

Commission Member Pollard stated the trail fencing on Del Mar Road is still in good shape and suggested replacing the fencing on Santa Anita Road and the north side of Kips Korner Road from River Road to Parkridge Avenue instead.

Commission Member Schonne inquired how the linear footage is figured, and if future projects will be completed as entire blocks. In response, Director Blais explained how the linear footage is calculated and stated for future projects the goal would be to replace fencing from block to block. Commission Member Schonne stated his support for the list of recommended locations.

Commission Member Walker stated she agrees with the list of recommended projects with the exception of Del Mar Road, noting it would be nice to see these as complete. She suggested replacing trail fencing on Belgian Drive, Morgan Drive, the remainder of Pacer Drive, Parkridge Avenue, Stallion Drive, Stetson Drive, Welsh Drive, and Western Avenue. She commented that the backyard trail behind Dales Drive has been maintained by the city in the past. Director Blais stated Southern California Edison recently removed trees in this area and then the City came in behind them and cleaned it up. Discussion continued regarding trees approved for planting under utility lines.

Chair Thompson stated he also supports the list of recommended projects and suggested Mountain Avenue, Pacific Avenue, Western Avenue, and Santa Anita Road be added. He inquired if the Measure R budget is for the entire year. Director Blais clarified the amounts for trail fencing and trail maintenance. Chair Thompson suggested to place Second Street between Pacific Avenue and River Road on the list when the former egg ranch property is developed. Discussion continued regarding encroachments within the public right of way; and Kips Korner Road between Parkridge Avenue and Western Avenue.

Commission Member Naylor stated he supports the recommended list. He suggested to also continue the fencing on Fifth Street from Hamner Avenue to Broken Lance Drive and eventually replace the fencing on Sixth Street to continue the flow through the community. He stated the importance of placing the fencing in high visibility areas.

Director Blais confirmed the list of recommended streets and the suggestion to replace Del Mar Road with Santa Anita Road for the upcoming fiscal year. He stated Del Mar Road will however remain on the list of future projects.

M/S NAYLOR/POLLARD to recommend approval of the provided list of trail fencing projects for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

4. COMMISSION/SUBCOMMITTEE/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Commission Member Naylor commented on a recent traffic collision on Corydon Avenue at Chestnut Drive. He stated there has been several accidents over the last five years or so and inquired if staff could take a look at the curve. He thanked staff for replacing the trail fencing on North Drive. He stated staff has been replacing the decomposed granite in the trail and inquired if staff could compact it. In response, Director Blais stated staff does not have the proper equipment and stated the goal is

to have the contractor who will be performing the trail maintenance to repair the trail to city standard.

Commission Member Pollard thanked staff for the replacement of downed signs on River Road between Kips Korner Rd and Corydon Avenue. He inquired if staff would consider removal of the palm trees on the corner of Kips Korner Road and River Road due to concerns regarding possible damage claims.

Vice Chair Schonke inquired about the recent asphalt and storm drain improvements near the 4100 block of Pedley Avenue. Senior Civil Engineer Nelson responded and noted the storm drain project is not yet complete. Director Blais stated the city and Riverside County Flood Control are aware of the issue and will address it with a future project.

Commission Member Walker inquired if adding another code enforcement officer has been discussed in order to address encroachments with the right of way. In response, Director Blais stated the issue is not a staffing issue.

Commission Member Naylor inquired if the commission should agendaize a recommendation to city council regarding the Chestnut Drive trail. In response, Director Blais stated it will be included in the discussion at the next meeting.

Chair Thompson inquired about the water leaks on Paddock Lane. Superintendent Piorkowski confirmed they were service leaks.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:37 P.M.