



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
STREETS, TRAILS AND UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
MARCH 5, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Showalter called meeting to order at 7:00 pm
2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory

Commissioners Absent: Mauro
3. STAFF PRESENT: Lori J. Askew, Deputy Director of Public Works/
Senior Engineer
William R. Thompson, Director of Public Works
Terry Piorkowski, Public Works Superintendent
Rose Matthews, Executive Secretary

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Burt
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Kathleen Kay noted the condition of the Norco Hills horse trails and also indicated, sandbags located in the trail system are dangerous and encounters them everywhere in Norco Hills area.

The Director stated sandbags are placed in the horse trail to reduce erosion. The City recently installed drains to reduce storm event erosion.

Discussion was held on possible notification through the water bills of placing sandbags in the Norco Hills area during the rainy season.

An audience member noted that at Vine Av/Bluff St after a water repair, Class II base rock was placed instead of dg. She did not feel this material is not good for horses and she would like dg to be placed as soon as possible. She also notes she understands it is not a horse trail but wants dg anyway as the trail is used frequently.

6. TO BE READ BY THE CHAIR: "All discretionary actions before the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission are advisory in nature and final actions will be confirmed, modified, or deleted by the City Council."

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - A. December 5, 2011

Commissioner Turpin noted that on page 4, the second sentence should be, "lost footing on stamped concrete," not, "lost footing on stamped asphalt."

M/S Hoffman/Turpin to approve the minutes of December 5, 2011 with the noted correction.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mauro

ABSTAIN: None

8. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Establishment of "Free Dump Day" Date

The Deputy Director presented the Establishment of "Free Dump Day" Dates report.

Discussion was held.

M/S Walker/Burt to recommend the City Council approve the Establishment of "Free Dump Day" Dates.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mauro

ABSTAIN: None

B. Presentation of Norco Horsemen's Association Trail List

The Director presented the Norco Horsemen's Association Trail List sent to him by Commissioner Hoffman.

Commissioner Hoffman noted the NHA top ten list would also be presented to the City Council.

Discussion was held on the NHA top ten list.

Chair Showalter notes at the Reservoir Dr trail at Second St, the signs should be removed as it is not a designated trail.

The Director will research this trail segment to determine the status of the trail.

Discussion was held between the audience members whether or not to remove the trail and where the trail should normally appear.

M/S Hoffman/Gregory to receive and file the Norco Horsemen's Association Trail List.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mauro
ABSTAIN: None

C. Bluff Street Right-of-Way Property Vacation

The Deputy Director presented the Bluff Street Right-of-Way Property Vacation report.

Discussion was held on any revenue transfers that would be exchanged, any trails being affected, and any benefits to the City to vacate.

Commissioner Turpin inquired why there is no right turn pocket at River Rd/Bluff St.

The Director noted now that the Bridge is complete; the City may improve the right turn pocket at the signal in the future.

An audience member questioned if the City would add a green arrow for a right turn.

The Director noted the City was looking at different solutions.

Chair Showalter noted there was a drainage ditch at the vicinity by the triangle vacation, and wondered who would maintain the ditch. He also noted the concrete in the ravine at the end of the drainage ditch and who would be responsible for clearing.

The Director noted the property was private and it would be up to the private property owners to maintain the drainage.

M/S Gregory/Burt to recommend the City Council approve the Bluff Street Right-of-Way Property Vacation.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mauro
ABSTAIN: None

D. Pavers

The Director presented information on the Pavers from the report in detail beginning from 2001 to date. He also noted the new Paver Installation Standard that took into consideration the Commissioners requests from the last meeting.

Commissioner Walker inquired regarding maintenance enforcement.

The Deputy Director and Director noted this would be a code enforcement issue and the Paver Installation Standard would be followed.

Commissioner Walker also inquired if the City could upgrade the substandard paver installations.

The Director noted it would be a code enforcement issue, a letter would be written to advise the resident and then action would take place.

Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Hoffman commended the Director and Superintendent for their efforts on this subject. He also noted that the Code Enforcement would be subjective.

Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Gregory stated he had noticed a number of potential illegal pavers projects in Norco Hills.

The Director noted that a new polymer test project area would be completed in front of the Rite Aid at 1325 Sixth St/Valley View Av using a new product similar to the StaLok material.

Chair Showalter inquired if the special pavers are manufactured.

The Deputy Director noted the types of approved pavers are readily available and residents also have the option of using tumbled pavers.

Discussion was held regarding sizes and shapes of pavers, patterns of install and wearing patterns of the pavers.

An audience member addressed the Commission and wondered if the pavers were going to be allowed on flat driveways.

An audience member noted that she did not want pavers in the flat trails. She does not want this allowed.

Discussion was held on the slope percentages of the trails and driveways, and finding solutions to make trails safe for horses and riders.

Further discussion was held on the different styles of drainage.

An audience member noted that people who have money have installed pavers and they are not interested in the horses. She also notes she likes the drain idea better, but no pavers.

Chair Showalter noted he would like to see chamfered edges and tumbled tops on the pavers, if they are made this way.

An audience member noted she was happy to see the Code Enforcement Volunteers.

M/S Showalter/Burt to recommend the City Council approve the pavers report with the addition of both a chamfered edge and tumbled paver requirement.

Commissioner Gregory noted he would like to see language giving the drainage option incorporated into the Code.

Discussion was held on the new paver standard and the widths of driveways.

Commissioner Hoffman noted the City of Norco has pedestrian/equestrian trails that are used by both pedestrians and equestrians.

Commissioner Burt noted that before there were pavers installed in her neighborhood, the trails were dangerous due to the muddy, slippery trails and deep crevasses resulting from runoff during the rains. She also noted that there has to be some thought to find solutions to make the trails safe for everyone; and that the City of Norco has budget issues that should be considered while trying to find solutions that were for the good of most, not just one person.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mauro

ABSTAIN: None

Further discussion was held on StaLok and other alternative trail materials.

Chair Showalter requested a 5 minute break.

Chair Showalter reconvened the meeting after 5 minutes.

9. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Manure to Energy Feasibility Study Presentation

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the Manure to Energy Feasibility Study. He noted there is no project at this time just a feasibility study and the study was paid for with Department of Energy (DOE) grant funds.

Discussion was held on the details of the feasibility study.

B. WRCRWA Expansion Project

The Director noted that the final design was in, there was going to be a new amendment which would come before this Commission at the next meeting and that the City of Corona would like to join the JPA.

Discussion was held.

10. VERBAL UPDATES ON STREETS/TRAILS/UTILITIES ISSUES:

The Director noted that the Temescal Av Overlay Project is complete and came in under budget; the Second St Project is almost complete and was within the 10% allowance; the water projects on Norco Dr and Second St went well; the Horseless Carriage waterline commenced today; the trail fence project is complete and was within the 10% budget, and another trail fence project will be going out to bid soon.

The Director also noted all of the water tanks will be inspected Wednesday, March 7, 2012 this week using divers in "dry suits" with infrared cameras.

Commissioner Hoffman thanked Chair Showalter for bringing up the Hidden Valley Pkwy and Corona Av issue to the City Council.

11. OTHER MATTERS:

Commissioner Hoffman noted the Master Chef TV program would be in town on Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

The Deputy Director reminded the Commissioners to submit their 700 forms to the City Clerk's office or there will be fines to pay.

Chair Showalter inquired if the bridge striping that was removed was going to be replaced.

The Director noted that yes, striping would be replaced.

The Director noted the "RURAL" community group donated \$2500.00 to have the CDF crews repair the trails. This project will proceed as soon as a list is prepared and finalized.

Discussion was held on backyard trails obstructed by residents.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 10:20 pm

Meeting adjourned to June 4, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

M/S Burt/Walker to adjourn at 10:20 pm.

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Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt, Gregory

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mauro

ABSTAIN: None

William R. Thompson
Director of Public Works

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