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February 14, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

**Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report for February 14, 2024**

### **Youth Commission Event Supports Teen Mental Health**

The Youth Commission is inviting local teens to attend the Path to Positivity event on Saturday, February 24 from Noon to 4 at the Wackford Complex (9014 Bruceville Road). This free event aims to destigmatize and raise awareness about the critical issue of mental health in the teen population and provide resources from city-wide organizations, guest speakers, activities, food, music, and games. Teens can even earn volunteer hours! Please RSVP your attendance to attend. Visit the city's website for more information.

### **Join the Diversity & Inclusion Commission**

Elk Grove's diversity is one of its most amazing characteristics. Applications are being accepted for a vacancy on the Diversity and Inclusion Commission through February 21. This is a volunteer position for Elk Grove residents appointed by the Mayor with the consensus of the City Council. Commissioners assist the City through education and outreach, advocacy, and acting as community ambassadors. Learn more on the city's website.

### **Stars of Service Volunteer Awards Now Accepting Nominations - REMINDER**

Volunteers help create a long-lasting and positive impact on our quality of life. Nominations for the 2024 Stars of Service Awards (formerly known as the Mayor's Volunteer Awards) are being accepted online through February 29 to recognize those individuals, businesses, and organizations that serve our community. Visit the city's website to review the categories and submit a nomination.

### **Grant Application Period Closing -- REMINDER**

The grant application period for funding for next year is closing. Today is the last day for non-profits to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Service Grant (CSG) funding. Event Sponsorship Grant (ESG) applications will close on February 23. To learn more or apply for the City's nonprofit grant programs, please visit [www.elkgrovecity.org/grants](http://www.elkgrovecity.org/grants).

### **City Holiday Observance**

In accordance with the city holiday schedule, City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Washington's Birthday.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE**  
*Updated as of Wednesday, February 14, 2024*

**District56**

**Description:** The City is developing a multi-phased recreational campus on 56 acres just east of Big Horn Boulevard and south of Civic Center Drive. The site is known as District56 to honor the suggestion of "District" during the public naming process and 56 for the number of acres on the site. Individual projects are described in detail below. The Elk Grove Aquatics Center, the Center (including Senior Center and Veterans Hall), The Avenue of the Arts/Commons, Veterans Grove and the Preserve Nature Area are complete and operational. Future planned phases include a library and performing arts center.

The District56 website has been launched and can be found at:  
<http://www.district56elkgrove.com/>.

**Amenity:** Library and Performing Arts  
The City has finalized a plan for the future Library and Cultural Arts Center (including a Performing Arts Center). Recommendations were presented to the Council on August 22, 2018 and were well received. The cost estimate (prepared in 2018) for the facility is between \$82-\$113 million depending on the program size and additional amenities desired.

**Project Elevate: An Elevated Retail, Dining, and Entertainment Experience for Elk Grove**

**Description:** The City owns a 20-acre property at the southeast corner of Elk Grove and Big Horn Boulevard, just north of District56 (the Civic Center/Aquatics Center) and is exploring future opportunities for the site. Specifically, the City is evaluating development of a mixed-use project that includes retail, dining, entertainment, office, and residential uses, as well as a hotel. The objective of the project is to elevate the level of retail, dining, entertainment, residential, and hospitality amenities in the City, while at the same time developing a site with enhanced design elements that promote pedestrian activity and include central, public gathering spaces. For these reasons, the City refers to this as Project Elevate.

**Update:** At its August 10, 2022 meeting, the City Council approved execution of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with developer Hines. On May 15, 2023, Hines provided the City with notice of termination under the ENA. Hines and the City were unable to come to terms on proceeding with the development within the timeframe the City desires and in a manner that preserves the City's vision for the site. Staff and the Project Elevate City Council Ad-Hoc Subcommittee are now working to identify alternative developers capable of proceeding with the project.

**Sacramento Zoo Relocation**

**Description:** The City is working with the Sacramento Zoological Society (SZS) on a possible relocation of the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove. A potential site for the zoo has been identified along Lotz Parkway just north of Kammerer Road.

Update: A Community Open House to present the latest design plans was held on November 4, 2023 at Miwok Elementary School. The materials from the Open House are available on the City's website.

On January 5, 2024, the City released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (or EIR) for the proposed Zoo. The EIR analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the Zoo. The EIR also identifies potentially significant effects of the project, and proposes mitigation measures to mitigate potential impacts. The EIR is available for public review on the City's website. Physical copies are also available at City Hall (8401 Laguna Palms Way) and the Elk Grove Library (8900 Elk Grove Boulevard). The public review period commenced on January 5, 2024 and will end on February 20, 2024.

### **Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Association (JPA)**

Description: The Five agency Joint Powers Association (City of Elk Grove, City of Folsom, City of Rancho Cordova, County of Sacramento, County of El Dorado) are working to develop a connector road linking Hwy 50 in El Dorado County at the future Silva Valley Interchange in El Dorado Hills with Interstate 5 at the Hood Franklin Interchange.

Update: Sheldon Area  
The Grant Line Road Precise Roadway Plan Study that focused on the 2.7-mile Segment C of the Connector was presented to City Council on August 24, 2022 where Council agreed with the recommended Roundabouts versus Signals and the inclusion of an additional intersection between Sheldon Road and Calvine Road to reduce out of direction travel. Direction to initiate further analysis of the Wilton Road Intersection alternatives, and the incorporation of the preferred intersection controls into the Rural Area Community Plan of the General Plan as part of a future General Plan Update was also provided. Project WTR091 is programmed to begin the environmental assessment of Grant Line Road between Sherman Oaks Court to Aleilani Lane. The contract is in the final approval process and project kickoff meeting is scheduled for March.

### **Kammerer Road Extension**

Description: The City plans to extend and eventually widen Kammerer Road between Highway 99 and Interstate 5, providing an east-west connector bypassing downtown Sacramento and alleviating traffic congestion on Laguna and Elk Grove Boulevards. The project also includes a grade separated crossing over the railroad tracks.

Update: Kammerer Road Extension  
The City is preparing 30% plans for the extension of Kammerer Road from I-5 to Bruceville. The environmental phase of the project has been completed and the City can now move into the Final Design and Right Of Way Acquisition phase with the Final PSE Cooperative Agreement signed by all parties on 02/07/2024. The Final Design Consultant has started final design efforts and will be assisting the City with seeking grant opportunities for the project.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS**  
*Updated as of Wednesday, February 14, 2024*

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Planning Commission Meeting	February 15 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
<i>City Hall Closed for Washington's Birthday Holiday</i>	<i>February 19</i>	
Diversity and Inclusion Commission Meeting	February 20 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
<i>Disability Advisory Committee Meeting CANCELED</i>	<i>February 21</i>	
Arts Commission Meeting	February 22 6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Path to Positivity	February 24 12/Noon – 4 p.m.	Wackford Community Center 9014 Bruceville Rd
City Council Meeting	February 28 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS**  
**AS OF FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

*The following is a status report of matters requested by the City Council during prior Council meetings.*

Date	Direction/Follow Up	Status
7/26/2023	Report back on illegal fireworks activity from the 2023 Fourth of July and provide information on enforcement activities and fines.	This item is scheduled for the February 14, 2023 City Council meeting.