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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
HELD ON JUNE 16, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moore opened the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission Members present: Kitty Moore, Chair and City Councilmember
 Matt Morley, Vice Chair and Director of Public Works
 Dianne Thompson, Assistant City Manager
 Benjamin Fu, Director of Community Development
 Steven Scharf, Planning Commission Chair

Commissioners Members absent: None

Staff present: Piu Ghosh, Planning Manager
 Cyrah Caburian, Administrative Assistant
 Evelyn Moran, Public Works Project Manager
 Susan Michael, Capital Improvement Programs Manager

Outside Panelists: Mike Campbell, MIG Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: Approve the May 19 Environmental Review Committee minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the May 19 Environmental Review Committee minutes

Motion from Moore and second by Throop to table discussion of minutes to a future meeting pending further discussion on detailed minutes from staff.

AYES: Moore, Morley, Throop, Fu, Scharf
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
VOTE: 5-0-0-0

POSTPONEMENTS

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member of the public, Jennifer Griffin, spoke regarding Senate Bills 9 and 10 and its impact on cities in Southern California.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Subject: I-280 Trail Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration

Recommended Action: Review the draft Initial Study and recommend that the Environmental Review Committee consider a Mitigated Negative Declaration appropriate for the project.

Staff member Moran provided presentation on the I-280 trail crossing project that would propose construction of a 1.68-mile shared use trail along the Junipero Serra Channel and Calabazas Creek between North De Anza Boulevard and Vallco Parkway. The trail, formerly known as the Junipero Serra trail, will ultimately become part of “The Loop” trail around Cupertino adopted in the 2016 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and is grant funded through Measure B.

Findings from the initial study show no evidence of significant impact of the project on the environment, and the determination was made that the mitigated negative declaration (MND) is the appropriate environmental document for the I-280 trail.

Member of the public, Jennifer Griffin, suggested trail be named in memoriam after Steve Jobs, keep existing Redwood Trees along trail, and expressed concerns about potential loitering.

Staff member Moran and Consultant Mike Campbell of MIG Inc. answered questions from the Committee regarding slope proximity to trail, installation of guard rails at more narrower parts of the trail, grading to even out slopes, and air quality. Construction of a sound wall, while not part of the MND or the project, would be considered for portions of the trail to aid in noise abatement and would be sourced through grant funding. The reconstruction schedule and impacts to trail are currently in design review.

Scharf moved and Morley seconded.

AYES: Moore, Morley, Throop, Fu, Scharf

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

VOTE: 5-0-0-0

STAFF UPDATES AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

None

FUTURE AGENDA (*limitation, cannot discuss*)

- ERC Composition discussion at a future City Council meeting
- Discussion of minutes

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled Environmental Review Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/Cyrah Caburian

Cyrah Caburian
Administrative Assistant