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Re: Wynn-Smith Landscape Architecture

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I worked with the El Caballo Park Conservancy from its beginning, working to preserve a serene and beautiful piece of nature from being destroyed as an industrial wasteland. When the City of Escondido Council consented to creating El Caballo Park with equestrian emphasis, a Request for Qualifications was sent out for selecting a landscape firm to develop a master plan. Wynn-Smith Landscape Architecture was selected, and due to its reputation, the Conservancy was delighted.

Wynn-Smith Landscaping Architecture has been wonderful to work with the City of Escondido personnel, the El Caballo Park Conservancy, and other members of the community who chose to participate. They conducted a series of workshops for all groups to give input as to the variety of aspects to incorporate into the park. They were prepared with prompts that drew out participants' creative thinking. All input was respectfully considered. The firm members walked and photographed the regions of the proposed park – some came multiple times to observe the various activities that already take place there.

From all the information gleaned, Wynn-Smith Landscape Architecture created multiple proposals and presented them in another workshop. Public participants were divided into groups, given colored markers, and directed to mark the proposals with all the changes and comments we could think of. Again, all input was received and considered with respect.

After these many processes, a final proposal was developed and submitted to the City Council for approval. All were delighted with the outcome!

I have the highest regard for the integrity, the respect, the careful analysis, and product development of Wynn-Smith Landscape Architecture. Each team member's expertise came together to create a beautiful master plan to develop a park for the entire community to enjoy.

Sincerely,  
Leslie F. Elmer  
(formerly of Escondido, CA)