

Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee
Monday, September 27, 2010
6:30PM
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM by Committee President Dale Gibson. Members present: Dale Gibson, Lynn Brown, Melanie Coto, Natalie Blancardi, Mary Benson, Mary Kaufman, Scott Perez, Randy Young and Gene Gilbert.

On a motion by Mary Benson, seconded by Melanie Coto, the minutes of the meeting with DWP on July 12, 2010, were approved. Both Randy Young and Mary Kaufman abstained.

October 5 is the date for a Rim of the Valley meeting regarding a resource study. Copies of the agenda for this meeting can be obtained from Lynn Brown or Mary Benson. Ms. Brown also shared that there will be a meeting on November 13 regarding the California State Parks road and Trail Change-In-Use Evaluation Process in Lake Perris. She suggested that committee members may want to carpool to this meeting. She stated that mountain bikers will be using this change process to allow them access to trails which they currently are denied access.

It should be noted that at this time in the meeting, Kevin Atkins arrived.

Mary Benson made a motion that the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee support a full Environmental Impact Report process and CEQA notification process for any changes in the use of trails. Randy Young seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. Mary Benson and Lynn Brown will draft a letter for the Committee to the California State Parks, addressing this issue.

Mary Benson handed out letters addressed to the council person for each committee member present. She asked that they sign the letter and meet individually with their council person to discuss the hardships equine keepers are experiencing regarding water issues. On a motion by Randy Young, seconded by Mary Kaufman, it was unanimously decided to send the letters as signed as a Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee member.

The Planning Department is concluding a series of public meetings and taking final comments regarding the Bicycle Master Plan. Information regarding mountain bikes was reduced from 200 pages to 1.5 pages. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Natalie Blancardi that the committee support the current ordinance as it stands, without changes, and that this be conveyed to the Planning Department via a letter for the LA Equine Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Mary Kaufman and unanimously approved.

Mary Bensen shared that the County was in the process of designing a trail manual with standards and specification for trails. It would be very important for the City to also have standards and specifications. Without them, access to State and Federal funding would be

denied. Also, standards and specifications are needed to prevent developers from using their own discretion for trail standards. Ms. Benson suggested that committee members review a draft of trail standards and specifications at the next meeting and have a council person adopt it into the City's 1968 Trails Plan. She also suggested that City employee Cathy Santodomingo be invited to the committee's next meeting to explain how Prop K monies are being spent.

There was no public comment.

Mary Kaufman stated that she received communication from a neighborhood council president that there would be a motion at the City Council meeting tomorrow where the Department of Animal Services was requesting licensing fee increases. The equine licensing fee would increase from \$14 to \$327. She suggested that this matter be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The next meeting will be November 22. The location is to be determined.

On a motion by Randy Young, seconded by Lynn Brown, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn. The meeting concluded at 7:30pm.