

**LOS ANGELES  
EQUINE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

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 5<sup>th</sup> District: Melanie Coto  
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**Eric Garcetti**  
MAYOR

Chair: Joe Salaices,  
Department of Recreation and Parks

9<sup>th</sup> District: Brady Westwater  
 10<sup>th</sup> District: Kevin Atkins  
 11<sup>th</sup> District: Larry Watts  
 12<sup>th</sup> District: Mary Kaufman  
 13<sup>th</sup> District: Gene Gilbert  
 14<sup>th</sup> District: Vacant  
 15<sup>th</sup> District: Vacant

MINUTES

**City of Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Monday July 22, 2019 6:30 p.m.**

**Los Angeles Equestrian Center, 480 West Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506**

	Present	Absent
Joe Salaices Chair,	X	
District 1 Vacant		
District 2 Jeffrey Rewald	X	
District 3 Jill Haber		X
District 4 Lynn Brown	X	
District 5 David Ramey		X
District 6 Mary Benson	X	
District 7 Dale Gibson	X	
District 8 Kevin Atkins	X	
District 9 Vacant		
District 10 Todd La Vergne		X
District 11 Larry Watts	X	
District 12 Stacia Crane	X	
District 13 Gene Gilbert	X	
District 14 Vacant		
District 15 Vacant		
Mayor's Office: Scott Perez		X

- 1)Member Gibson welcomed the attendees and asked committee members to introduce themselves.
- 2)Member Gibson acted as Chair and called the meeting to order at about 6:45 and asked Member Watts to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3)Public Comment. The Chair recognized Walter de la Brosse who expressed concern about horse access to cross the LA River

from Atwater Village near the new bridge that is under construction. He objected to certain barrels that are designed to protect against flooding during rainy season which he felt was unnecessary. He also objected to the presence of homeless encampments adjacent to the river.

The Chair next recognized Brianna Thorpe Consensus, Inc.. Her firm is assisting the Department of Recreation & Parks in evaluating the feasibility of an aerial transit system for Griffith Park. She and member Salaices made clear that this study is independent of and unrelated to a similar project by Warner Bros. Studios. They also stressed that the aerial transit system involves a transportation project, not an amusement attraction. The Griffith Park Observatory is visited by 6 million people each year. The Consensus firm is evaluating various potential alignments for such a system and it is only at the very beginning of the study. She is anxious to receive input from the local community, park visitors and the LAEAC as the study progresses. She will provide a status report to the LAEAC at its September 23, 2019 meeting.

The Chair next recognized Elaine Brock who enquired whether the trail that passes through the current staging area for the new bridge will be restored upon completion of the bridge. She was told that it will be restored.

4)The Chair next recognized two representatives from Evac-U-Pet. They explained that Evac-U-Pet is a network of like-minded animal lovers working to make emergency animal evacuations efficient and safe. It offers a social media platform that connects volunteers with those in need during emergencies, assistance with animal retrieval following emergency rescues..

5)Tabled.

6)The Chair next entertained a motion concerning the expenditure of \$250,000 from the Equine Trust Fund 212 to construct a trail connection from Lake View Terrace to the Tujunga Mitigation Bank. The project will involve the installation of a ramp on the concrete levy behind All Nations Church to reconnect the trail from Lake View Terrace with the Tujunga Wash. The trail connection was lost in connection the construction of the 210 Freeway. Thereafter, following an extended discussion a upon a motion duly made and seconded and a discussion the following resolution was duly adopted: RESOLVED, the LAEAC supports the expenditure of \$250,000 from the Equine Trust

Fund 212 to install to construct a trail connection from Lake View Terrace to the Tujunga Mitigation Bank.

7) Member Rewald reported no new funding applications have been received in addition to those previously discussed..

8)Committee Reports:

Documents- No report.

Trails- Member Benson reported the missing links portion of the Rim of the Valley Trail is eligible for State funding. No action taken.

Planning and Land Use- No report.

Emergency Equine Evacuation Committee- No report.

9)Action on June 2019 minutes was tabled.

10) A member of the audience requested te committee study and place on the agenda for discussion in the future how to mitigate to risks of collisions between riders of horses and bikes at Tunnel 1. The speaker said it will become inevitable that bike riding in the area will increase and there is an urgent need to address the isse, including signs, rules of the road, etc.

11)The LAEAC will meet next at Los Angeles Equestrian Center, 480 West Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506 on September 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m..

12)Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary