



MEETING AGENDA

LOS ANGELES EQUINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, April 1, 2024, 6:30 pm

Brand Park Community Center

15121 Brand Boulevard, Mission Hills, CA 91345

Stefanie Smith, Chair, Department of Recreation and Parks

<u>Committee member</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Representing:</u>	<u>Committee member</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Representing:</u>
Scott Perez	Los Angeles	Mayor Karen Bass	Todd LaVergne	08 th	CM Maroueece Harris-Dawson
T. Hagans	01 st	CM Eunisses Hernandez	VACANT	09 th	CM Cumen D. Price Jr.
Dale Gibson	02 nd	CM Paul Krekorian	Kevin Atkins	10 th	CM Heather Hutt
Brian Walsh	03 rd	CM Bob Blumenfield	Larry Watts	11 th	CM Traci Park
VACANT	04 th	CM Nithya Raman	Stacia Crane	12 th	CM John Lee
David Ramey, DVM	05 th	CM Katy Yaroslavsky	Gene Gilbert	13 th	CM Hugo Soto-Martinez
Mary Benson	06 th	CM Imelda Padilla	VACANT	14 th	CM Kevin de León
Stephanie Saporito	07 th	CM Monica Rodriguez	Sabrina Silver	15 th	CM Tim McOsker

1. **Call to Order** Welcome, roll call and **Determination of Quorum**, and introduction of any new EAC member(s), Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** November 27, 2023, and January 29, 2024. (attached)
3. **City Departments/Staff Reports – TBD not yet confirmed:**
 - a. CD4 (Mehmet),
 - b. LADOT/BOE/BSS,
 - c. River Ranger Program reps.
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items. Note: Public Comment on Agenda Items will be taken during that agenda item.** Public Comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker at the discretion of the presiding officer. Per State Brown Act brief clarifying questions by Members are allowed, discussion is not. Please fill out and turn in speaker cards.
5. **Reports:**
 - a. Committee members and vacancies.
 - b. Trails Standing Committee (Chair Mary Benson)
 - c. Atwater Bridge/LAEC perimeter Site Walks – Mayor’s office and Dept of Pub Works - creating protocols for riders encountering safety concerns caused by encampments in inter jurisdictional areas near the LA Riverway; Healthcare in Action (Sabrina Silver)
 - d. Review and discussion regarding Cf 07-4097 EAC Formation documents, survey of equine issues, etc. - Discussion What approach and/or steps could this body take to better fulfill the council motion?
6. **Equine Advisory Committee Business Items:**
 - a. EAC nominations and Election of officers.
 - b. Fill the Land Use Standing Committee Chair position.
 - c. District Updates.
7. A Meeting Calendar general schedule for EAC and Standing committees was approved at our last meeting. For the balance of 2024, **Discussion / possible action:**
 - a. Select locations for general meetings.
 - b. Schedule and select locations of standing committees.

8. **CF 20-1575 rodeo letter. - Discussion / possible action** – City council had approved their (amended) motion and are awaiting the city attorney’s office response. Do we agree to revoke the rodeo letter until the issue next comes before the city council or one of its subcommittees?
9. **Discussion / possible action(s):** Create a working group to consider and report on the equestrian bill of rights (submitted by member Gibson) and supporting the culture and future of equestrianism.

10. **SB423 State bill - ministerial fast-track of development. Discussion / possible motions**

- a. It is unknown if or whether any actions (map alignment, language, motions, etc.) from Los Angeles city departments or city council may be needed to protect existing horsekeeping properties, “K” districts (planning/land use), and trails. The EAC requires legal clarification.

Recommend that the EAC write a letter to the city attorney requesting clarification of the effects of SB423 on horse properties, “K” districts, and other areas zoned for horsekeeping, and whether any actions are needed.

- b. If any actions are needed, the bill sets a deadline of Dec 31, 2024. **Request that each EAC member** (especially those with “K” Horsekeeping Districts and/or districts with significant equine activity) bring this to the attention of their CM.
- c. Since the bill will affect Los Angeles, are there any actions for the EAC to consider vis-à-vis state elected representatives and equestrian protections, or the memorandum from Tony Atkins?

11. **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Connect SoCal 2024 Proposed Final Program Environmental Impact Report - Regional Council Meeting** is scheduled on April 4, 2024, during which the proposed Final 2024 PEIR will be considered for certification and the proposed Final Connect SoCal 2024 will be considered for adoption." <https://scag.ca.gov/peir> and scag.ca.gov/connect-socal. Searching the exec summary for the words "horse," "equestrian," and "trail" shows no results. "Wildlife corridors" are mentioned. The document considers all modes of transportation. Equines are considered vehicles and are road legal.

- a. **Discussion and possible motion** to submit comment in order to bring awareness of LA city's equines / equestrian trails to this body.
- b. **Motion** to create a working group to make a more in-depth review and make recommendations.

12. New Business / items for next meeting agenda

13. Adjournment and next meeting

- a. standing committee, Monday, April 28
- b. general meeting, June 3 (As May 27 is an observed holiday)