



AGENDA
Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee
Monday, July 28, 2014
6:30 pm
LA Equestrian Center Banquet Room
480 W Riverside DR Los Angeles CA 91506

Kevin Regan, Chair

Department of Recreation and Parks

Julian Sandoval	1st DISTRICT
Nick Pool	2nd DISTRICT
Jill Haber	3rd DISTRICT
Lynn Brown	4th DISTRICT
Melanie Coto	5th DISTRICT
Mary Benson	6th DISTRICT
Dale Gibson	7th DISTRICT

VACANT	9th DISTRICT
Kevin Atkins	10th DISTRICT
Larry Watts	11th DISTRICT
Mary Kaufman	12th DISTRICT
Gene Gilbert	13th DISTRICT
VACANT	14th DISTRICT
VACANT	15th DISTRICT

Item No. 1. Welcome and Introductions.

Item No. 2. Call to Order.

Item No. 3. City Officials, Guests and Public Comment.

Item No. 4. Special Olympics presentation.

Item No. 5. Discussion, Motion, Vote and Update of City of Los Angeles Codes to be omitted: 13.05c81, 13.05c83, 12.23g1, 12.2311, 12.23g4, and 12.23g3. (there are many codes because they repeat themselves in the codes.) Jil Haber

Item No. 6. Discussion, Motion, Vote and Update for a change City of Los Angeles Codes 12.21 c5a, "every structure shall be located not less than 25 feet from all side lot lines..." (that is in RA and non K). (We recommend to change the 25 foot side set back to 10 feet in all equine and animal keeping areas). Jil Haber

Item No. 7. Discussion, Motion, Vote to promote 2014 Los Angeles Day of the Horse.

Item No. 8. Discussion, Motion, Vote to send Letter of Support to support a Wilderness Bill. (Tentative letter attached) Lynn Brown

There will limited Public Comment on Agenda Items during Item Discussion.

Creation of the Equine Advisory Committee (EAC) was approved unanimously by City Council on February 6, 2009. Council File 07-4097. Members of the Committee are appointed by their

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Meeting Agenda

Item No. 9. Committee Reports

Document Committee- Mary Benson

Trails Committee- Scott Perez

Planning and Land Use Committee- Jill Haber

LA Day of the Horse Ad-Hoc Committee – Mary Benson

Item No. 10. Discussion, Motion, Vote on approval of Minutes from
June 2 , 2014 (pgs attached)

Item No. 11. Announcements, new items for discussion, suggestions for
future speakers.

Item No. 12. Next meeting Date September 22, 2014, 6:30pm at LA
Equestrian Center.

Item No. 13. Adjournment

City of Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee Minutes of meeting held at Friendship Hall 3201
Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, CA 91506 on June 2, 2014.

ITEM NO. (1) Lynn Brown acted as Chair for the meeting and began with a Roll-Call, welcome and introductions.

	Present	Absent
Joe Salicias, Chair.Rep.	X	
District 1 Julian Sandoval		X
District 2 Nick Pool	X	
District 3 Jill Haber	X	
District 4 Lynn Brown	X	
District 5 Melanie Coto	X	
District 6 Mary Benson	X	
District 7 Dale Gibson		X
District 8 Kevin Atkins	X	
District 9 Brady Westwater		X
District 10 Todd La Vergne		X
District 11 Larry Watts	X	
District 12 Mary Kaufman	X	
District 13 Gene Gilbert	X	
District 14		Vacant
District 15		Vacant
Mayor Scott Perez		X

ITEM NO. (2) The Chair next formally called the meeting to order at approximately 6:45 p.m.

ITEM NO. (3) The Chair next asked the LAEAC members to introduce themselves and asked for public comments. A member of the public described the Northeast San Fernando Valley Trails project and explained that the National Park Service and the Angeles National Forest have mapped 25 new trails in the vicinity, including Francisquito Canyon, Salt Creek, Fish Canyon, and Red Mountain areas. She noted that the NPS has been asked to erect a memorial recognizing the 1928 failure of the St. Francis Dam and the resulting approximate 600 souls who lost their lives. While the new trails will ban wheeled vehicles, they will be open to equestrians.

Mr. Dave DePinto of the Shadow Hills Property Owners' Association described the trail safety program the association has initiated. He pointed out that both equestrians and motorists must be alert for one another at all times. He presented two trail safety signs the association commissioned.

Lynn Brown reported that the proposed Atwater Bridge project is still moving forward but has been delayed until more private funding can be raised.

Kristen Sabo complained that the fees charged by Dept. of Sanitation for manure containers is too expensive and that this has caused some horse owners to simply allow manure to accumulate, creating what she considers a health risk. She suggested asking the Dept. of Sanitation considering lower their fees to encourage greater use of the brown manure containers. No action was taken of her request.

ITEM NO. (4) The Chair next called for a report from the rezoning subcommittee of the Land Use Committee for a report concerning its efforts, the recent Council Motion 14-0389, standards for equine keeping properties and related issues. Jill Haber reported on a recent meeting the Planning Department and her subcommittee. She described an interim proposal by Planning, which, among other things, will require applicants for building permits in K Districts to identify in their applications any equine keeping properties adjacent to the proposed new construction as well as other measures designed to help preserve existing equine uses. This simply an interim proposal until new zoning ordinances are adopted which hopefully will have additional provisions designed to help preserve equine keeping facilities.

ITEM NO. (5) The meeting chair asked for a discussion of equine licensing and emergency evacuation of equines from fire threatened areas. Mark Salazar, Director of Operations, for LA Animal Services introduced his staff present. He noted that his department currently has 63 field officers and 12 supervisors. The former DART team has been merged into the department's SMART and has 13 officers assigned to the team. described that capabilities of his department when responding to emergency fire evacuations. Armando Navarette and Hugh Brietman also described the capabilities of the department SMART and that they are working to bring this to the attention of people throughout the city, in particular their techniques and equipment for responding to large animal situations. Vikki Brink also spoke on the subject.

There followed an extensive discussion concerning equine licensing and the need to license more horses. Apparently only 984 horses have current licenses in the city.

ITEM NO. (6) The Chair next asked Mary Benson to address possible changes to the LAEAC committee structure. Thereafter, following extensive discussion and upon motions duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. Resolved that Land Use Committee have two co-chairs.
2. Resolved that Documents Committee have two co-chairs.
3. Resolved that RT Committee and the Trails Committee be combined and have two co-chairs.

The following co-chairs were thereupon elected: a. Land Use Committee- Jill Haber and Mary Kaufman; b. Trails Committee- Lynn Brown and Scott Perez; and c. Documents Committee - Dale Gibson and Mary Benson

Mary Benson also reported that the Day of the Horse will be on October 4, 2014. She suggested that it would be appropriate to have an Ad Hoc Day of the Horse Committee to coordinate and plan for the event.

Thereupon a motion was duly made and seconded creating an Ad Hoc Day of the Horse Committee consisting of Scott Perez, Todd Atkins, Julian Sandoval, Nick Pool and Mary Kaufman.

- ITEM NO. (7) The minutes of the March 24, 2014 LAEAC meeting were approved and will be posted on the website
- ITEM NO. (8) The meeting Chair next asked for announcements and suggestions for future meetings. It was reported that the 2015 Special Olympics will be held in Los Angeles at the LA Equestrian Center. This is a major international event and it will be important for the LAEAC to become involved and participate in the planning for this event.
- ITEM NO. (9) The Chair announced that the next LAEAC meeting will be on July 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Los Angeles Equestrian Center, 480 West Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506.
- ITEM NO. (10) There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary