

LOS ANGELES EQUINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PLANNING & TRAILS JOINT SUB COMMITTEE
Meeting Report April, 22, 2024
Griffith Park Visitor Center

Members present: Trails Committee: Mary Benson- Chair, T. Hagans, Larry Watts,
Planning Committee: Gene Gilbert, Sabrina Silver
Members of the Public Liz Radley (LR), Ginz Cruz (GC), Jill Haber (JH)

General Public Comments

Member Silver: Stated she and Stacia Crane attended the LA County Bicycle Master Plan Meeting via zoom on 4/6/24.

- Requested that they keep equestrian trails in mind.
- Asked if LAEAC has a general email address. If not, it would be nice to have one.
- Requested a contact to correspond with LAEAC leadership

LR Asked for confirmation on whether there are mixed trails in LA city.

Chair cited LAMC Sec.63.44 stating the prohibition of wheeled vehicles on dirt trails.

Neighborhood Council Comments

None present to report

Announcements

- Registration dates for California Trails & Greenways conference (4/30-5/2/24 in Lake Tahoe)
- Downloadable version of the “Griffith Park Bikeways” map is available for download at <https://www.laparks.org/griffithpark/>. The map cites LAMC 86.04: No bicycles on trails.
- Chair: Invited everyone to visit the website <https://www.labreakfastclub.com/> to attend the Los Angeles Breakfast Club for an event May 1st with western author Henry Parke recapping memories regarding TV westerns.
- June 1, 2024 is national trails day.

Agenda Item #1-Toolkit

CFI: None

Chair: introduced the concept of a toolkit to help members understand basic duties and code of conduct (for general committee and subcommittee members).

- Members were alerted to notify herself or member T if participating in the public forum and to keep a log of all district engagement.
- Chair: Requested members keep council members informed on LAEAC's position on agenda items and to get involved on the subcommittee level where input is needed.
- Members were encouraged to offer helpful suggestions for the toolkit.

Agenda Item #2- Recreational trails

CFI: None

Volunteers were solicited to compile a list of links for county, state and national trail plan specific manuals.

Agenda item #3- Stetson Ranch

CFI: 24-0388

Chair: Proposed that the LAEAC comment on motion 24-0388 recommending that the CD#7 appointee be included in decisions for the development of Stetson Ranch using engineering Special Service Fund No. 682.50

Non-Agenda items discussion

LR and Member Sabrina will draft a thank you message to Sherrell and Rebecca for their support of equine.

Chair: Recommended adding a navigation button to the La parks equine webpage to list existing equine facilities.

Member Sabrina questioned whether a special enforcement zone could be designated in sensitive areas by trails, tunnels, and the river easements (LAMC 41.18; 56.11).

Sabrina was invited to research which jurisdictions are involved and to provide an interjurisdictional report on the matter.

Member Larry- stated the city could designate no camping on trail from Atwater village to LAEC.

GC: stated that there are officially designated trails in the city

JH: Keep an eye on community plan drafting

Agenda Item #4- LAEAC Letter

CFI: 24-0231

Chair: Reiterated that the letter is a request that trails be considered a public improvement.

Agenda Item # 5- Equestrian Facilities

CFI: 12-0307

Chair: will work with volunteers to draft a letter requesting a list of equestrian facilities for Valley region be added to the la parks equine page, including a map link and a navigation button on the side bar.

Planning and Land Use

Agenda Item #6- TABLED

Agenda Item #7 TABLED

Non-Agenda items discussion

- Member Mary: requested that all planning recommendations be summarized in bullet point form for action
- Recommended that a council motion be introduced that makes SB423 protection applicable to any property within a K special use district.
- Chair recommended members prioritize consideration of special use Districts.
- Member Larry urged people who have horses to get their horses licensed
- GC: Read equine keeping excerpt LAMC section 12.23 (CFI 14-0389)
- Suggested LAEAC invite a representative from Building and Safety to speak at a future meeting
- LR: Asked if LAEAC can find a way to promote horse licensing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm