



MEETING MINUTES
LOS ANGELES EQUINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, July 28, 2025 6:30 PM

Hansen Dam Horse Park
11127 Orcas Avenue
Lakeview Terrace, CA 91342

	Present 10 MEMBERS	Absent 4 MEMBERS
Stefanie Smith, Chair, Department of Recreation and Parks		X chair
Mayor's Representative, Scott Perez	X	
District 1 Karen Pavliscak	X	
District 2 Rene Karapedian		Excused
District 3 Brian Walsh		Excused
District 4 T Hagans	X	
District 5 David Ramey, DVM		X
District 6 Mary Benson	X	
District 7 Geronimo Bugarin	X	
District 8 Todd LaVergne*	X	
District 9 Vacant		
District 10 Kevin Atkins*	X	
District 11 Larry Watts		X
District 12 Stacia Crane	X	
District 13 Gene Gilbert	X	
District 14 Vacant		
District 15 Sabrina Silver	X	
Dept. of Recreation & Parks Joe Salaices	X	

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call. Member Benson as Chair called the formal meeting to order at approximately 6:30 and the Secretary called the role of members present as reflected above. A quorum being established, the meeting was called to order.

Item 2. Welcome to new CD1 Board member, Karen Pavliscak.

On behalf of the committee, the President welcomed Karen Pavliscak as the appointee from Council District one.

Item 3. Recognition of Guests and Visitors. The Chair recognized OLIN team members Jessica Henson - Partner, Certified Planner and Landscape Architect; Project Lead and Joanna Karaman - Associate, Landscape Architect, who will be presenting the Park Needs Assessment.

The Chair then recognized CD#7 member, Geronimo Bugarin, for a Special Presentation to Luis Enrique Ramirez Barreto in appreciation for outstanding leadership and selfless contributions of time and resources that accomplished the safe evacuation of 71 horses from Saddle Tree Ranch during the outbreak of the Hurst fire in Sylmar, California on January 6, 2025.

Item 4. General Public and Neighborhood Council Comments on items not on the agenda.

Emily Gabel, representing MBEA, commented on the Phase IV Bike Path status.

Item 5 Approval of Minutes

A Motion and a second were made. Minutes of the June 2, 2025, meeting were approved by a vote of 7 members in favor, with 2 abstentions.

Item 6 Presentation – Park Needs Assessment <http://needs.parks.lacity.gov/>

Jessica Henson and Joanna Karaman made a slide presentation about the current PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT, which is currently underway.

The next phase will report the survey results, which is expected to be completed in September. All people in attendance were encouraged to go to the website and fill out the questionnaire regarding their preferences, which is a City Council guide for future investment. The report will include an Economic Impact Report and a Park Benefit Study as part of the results.

A lengthy question and answer period followed. Members brought up the large age and sex demographic of horseback riding, from ages 5 to 95, and that an equestrian trail can be used by wildlife for connectivity, and runners, hikers, dog walkers and families going outside to enjoy a more natural experience.

Item 7. Updates

- **CD 15 Ad Hoc Committee** Sabrina Silver reported meeting with the Harbor City Neighborhood Council and is planning to attend Summer Night Lights with live horses provided by Committee member, Todd LaVergne.
- **District Updates**
 - **District 1** New member Karen Pavliscak will be updating on the progress of the RRFB installation at the equestrian entrance of Debs Park in the Arroyo Seco.
 - **District 4** Member T Hagans reported efforts to repair lighting in Tunnel 7 and maintenance at Martinez Arena.
 - **District 12** Member S Crane requested an update by Rec & Parks on the status of Stoney Point
 - **Recreation and Parks** J Salaices announced that ASM and Recreation and Parks will hold coffee hour at the LA Equestrian Center on the 4th Thursday of every month at 10 am.

Item No. 8. Motion, Discussion, and possible action to form a Day of the Horse Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion failed for lack of a motion or second.

Item No. 9 . Next meeting September 22, 2025

The next meeting will be held on September 22, 2025 at 6:30pm at Pierce College.

Item 10 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

*Minutes approved, as amended September 22, 2025