

City of Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee Minutes of meeting May 21, 2012

ITEM NO (1) Roll call, welcome and introductions. Meeting called to order at 6:43pm

Guests: Vikki & Nils Brink, Melinda Geyer, Dedria Viera, Charlotte Brodie, Daphne D

Member Roll	Present	Absent
Kevin Regan, Chair	x	
District 1		Vacant
District 2 Dale Gibson	x	
District 3 Jill Haber	x	
District 4 Lynn Brown	x	
District 5 Melanie Coto	x	
District 6 Mary Benson	x	
District 7 Natalie Blancardi		x
District 8 Kevin Atkins		x
District 9 Brady Westwater		x
District 10 Todd LaVergne	x	
District 11 Larry Watts		Excused
District 12 Mary Kaufman	x	
District 13 Gene Gilbert	x	
District 14		Vacant
District 15		Vacant
Mayor Scott Perez	x	

ITEMS NO (2A & 2B)

Motion by Mary Benson 2nd by Lynn Brown to send attached report to the Councilmembers of Art Parks Health and Aging Committee with contact information for the EAC. Passed unanimously. Melinda Geyer, City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks spoke on the basic motion 12-0307 regarding the promotion of equestrian lifestyle. Basic components 1 – DRP prepare a report on equine parks and how they are maintained. 2- City Planning status of policies regarding equinekeeping 3- Identifying and promoting equestrian amenities.

She is using the Hiking and Equestrian trail Master Plan, Valley Community Plans and the County of Los Angeles Recreational Trails Map. Rim of the Valley Prop K – or Specific plans for Muholland and San Gabriel-Verdugo Mountains were not mentioned. 9 of the 17 community plans were identified as having trails for the valley.

Additional Motion by Lynn Brown 2nd by Mary Benson to contact the APHA committee requesting they add an agenda item introducing members of the EAC. Passed unanimously.

ITEM (3)

Dale Gibson reported that the language in the contract between DWP and private users is in the City Attorney's Office for approval for use of reclaimed water for dust mitigation. He will report in July on the status of the contract.

ITEM (4)

Written report by Larry Watts regarding Animal Services and the large animal DART team was read by Lynn Brown as attached. Mary Kaufman says that DART and SMART has already been combined. Kevin suggested a letter to Brenda Barnett – Animals Services and his EMD contact Jim Featherstone

voicing the concerns in the report, most notably that the City has the ability to respond to a future emergency for large animals including horses. ANIMAL SERVICES AD HOC Committee was formed to address the ability of the City to respond to Large Animal Emergency evacuations. Supported by Mary Kaufman and Jill Haber.

AD HOC Committee members: Mary Kaufman – Melanie Coto-Larry Watts.

Committee to draft a letter and Kevin Regan to set up a meeting with Brenda Barnett and Jim Featherstone.

ITEM (5) Mary Benson attended the State of California Recreational Trails Committee (CTRC) on April 18th during the annual California Greenways Conference Held April 18, 19, 20 at the Woodland Hills Marriott. She thanked the 80+ equestrians that also attended the meeting. Equestrians in attendance voiced their concern about mountain biking activities at unattended State Parks. A request was made for some type of reporting system that could log and track incidents. Mary also reported that a test demonstration program developed by concerned park visitors in the Folsom had been developed and could be viewed at www.parkwatch.org.

Lynn Brown attended the Greenways Conference luncheon on April 19th that honored Supervisor Mike Antonovich with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his body of work on trails in Los Angeles.

ITEM (6) Motion by Lynn Brown 2nd by Scott Perez to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2012 Meeting as corrected. Motion pass unanimously.

ITEM (7) Committee Reports

Planning Jill Haber called David Lara. He suggested that we also meet with the Planning Department-Tom Rothman and Anita Cerna. Kevin Regan agreed to arrange the meeting.

Trails – Lynn Brown a new lot for visitors with horsetrailer parking has been graded across from Martinez Arena. Thanks to the cooperation of Recreation and Parks. Area can be reached from 134 freeway.

Ad Hoc Bridge Committee – Lynn Brown read the Report dated May 18 by the Public Works Committee. 11-1246 will be up for the vote on 5-22-2012 to accept the Charitable donation that will make the bridge possible. Lynn mentioned that the letter of support from the EAC had never been forwarded to the clerk for addition to the Council file, nor is it available on the EAC webpage.

Records Committee – Kevin Regan recommended that Sue Arii be sent a separate e-mail with a specific request to post agendas, minutes or attachments to the EAC webpage.

ITEM (8) ANNOUNCEMENTS-BOARD COMMENTS-FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

May 30 Councilmember Alarcon will hold An evening offsite meeting on equestrian issues. The meeting will be at 6pm in the evening at the Hansen Dam Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center. 11075 Foothill Blvd, Lakeview Terrace, Ca 91342

Future motion proposed by Dale Gibson that all members log on and take ethics training from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

ITEM (9) PUBLIC COMMENT

Daphne D is creating a coalition to preserve RA-1 and RA-1K. She is against group home development in areas like Walnut Acres- Woodland Hills – Northridge. daphne@glendale.edu

Vikki Brink – Concur with getting committee involved with the APHA committee. Thanked Kevin Regan as Chair of the Advisory Committee for offering his help. Dale Gibson and other members also thanked Kevin for LA City Policy to prohibit mountain bikes in parks.

Lynn Brown will work on getting bios and pictures for missing members.
8)20 motion to adjourn Mary Kaufman – Lynn Brown