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Parks Committee
Approved Minutes
October 7, 2013

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chair Debra George. Other voting members present were: Glenn Bailey, Steven DeVore, Sue Wilschke, Stacie de Armas (tardy), and Diana Crews (tardy).
2. The proposed minutes for the meeting of August 5, 2013 were approved 3-0-1.
3. New Business:
 - a) Bob Dager, Board President of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association presented their proposal for the acquisition by the U.S. National Park Service of nearly 450 acres held by NASA in the Simi Hills.
 - b) ACOE presented their Vegetative Management Project Update followed by a question and answer session with attendees.
 - c) Proposed Lacrosse field – no representatives present
4. Old Business:
 - a) Barn Owl nesting boxes. ACOE will respond to Steve Cline regarding the request.
5. Reports from LA City Officials and Departments: Council Districts 5 and 6, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, other city Departments.
 - Glenn Bailey reported on the status of the SFV Audubon grant that had been previously approved by the committee. Tarzana's charges were accidentally coded to Encino with the result of not enough money showing in Encino account to pay grant. Encino to appeal.
6. Reports from Environmental and Park Groups: SFV Audubon, CA Native Plant Society, Friends of the LA River, Friends of Los Encinos, etc.
 - SFV Audubon (Kris Ohlenkamp) expressed optimism about the proposed ACOE plan.
 - Los Encinos Docents Association (Amy) presented the plan for the first Haunted History event at the Los Encinos State Historic Park.
 - Miriam Priessel reported that the Off-Leash Dog Park has grass and thanked the Committee for their help in accomplishing the project.

7. Public Forum: - Comment on non-agenda items.

Brendan Leonard intern with Food & Water Watch presented information on fracking within the State and City, and information on the plan to construct tunnels to divert water from the Sacramento River.
<http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org>

9. The next Parks Committee meeting will be held Monday November 4th, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra George

