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Encino Neighborhood Council
Parks Committee APPROVED Minutes
April 8, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:22 PM by Chair Debra George. Other voting members present were: Diana Crews, Stacie de Armas, Steven DeVore, Sue Wilschke. Non-voting member Jason Ackerman was present.
2. The proposed minutes for the meeting of February 4, 2013 and March 18, 2013 were approved.
3. Reports from LA City Officials and Departments: Council Districts 5 and 6, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, other city Departments - None Noted.
4. Reports from Federal or State Government or Agencies - None noted.
5. Reports from Environmental and Park Groups: - Note Noted
6. Old Business:
 - a) Park Safety - Capt. Egan was not able to attend this meeting. We hope to have Capt. Egan attend a future meeting to discuss the LAPD Transition of Office of Public Safety into LAPD.
 - b) Park Advisory Boards - out-reach efforts. No updates
 - c) Parking bollards and landscape along Oxnard Street - No updates received since Rec and Parks received the drawing of the desired results for review.
7. New Business:
 - a) MOTION: (Debra) Move to approve allocation of ENC Community Improvement Funds in the amount of up to \$2,000.00 for the purchase and installation of four (4) barn owl breeding boxes in the area of the Sports Fields for the purpose of gopher control.
SECOND: Sue Passed 5-0-0
 - b) Debra accepted a petition for the Parks Committee regarding the Off-Leash Dog Park presented by Miriam Preissel. The petition was accompanied by a CD containing background information and a petition with several hundred signatures.
8. Public Forum: Numerous supporters and users of the Off-Leash Dog Park made comments not

preceded with comment cards. The comments were all related to the maintenance and planned re-seeding of the dog park. The users of the park expressed concerns about the scheduled re-seeding of the dog park in May 2013. They stated that the type of seed to be used should be changed to "Kikuyu" seed, which has been used successfully at the Simi Valley Off-Leash Dog Park, and is similar to the type of seed being used for the new soccer fields at the Balboa Sports Park. The supporters also expressed concern that the proper soil preparation should be done, including aeration and proper amending. The users further stated that the "smart" watering system is not properly setup and/or properly programmed to provide optimal watering amounts and schedules. The current watering setup consistently leaves the park either too wet or too dry.

9. The next Parks Committee meeting will be held Monday, May 6, 2013.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Wilschke