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PROPOSED MINUTES OF PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 23, 2009

Attending Members: Glenn Bailey (Chair), Sharon Brewer, Kerri Barton, Lyn Klein, Frances Zamir (Secretary).

Absent Members: Millie Hamilton (Excused)

Guests: Shahbod Noori (Persian Relief Center), Mike and Celia Hyams (Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park)

Call to Order at 7:05pm by Chair Glenn Bailey. **Quorum** established and members introduced.

Public Comment

Shahbod Noori from the Persian Relief Center presented the committee with a proposal for the Nowruz Festival on April 4, 2010. He requested that he be placed on the agenda at our next meeting. Since we will not be meeting until January, Glenn suggested that he may want to attend the next ENC meeting to be held next week on December 2, 2009.

Minutes of the October 22nd Parks meeting approved as read. VOTE: 4-0-1

Selection of Committee Vice-Chair Discussion.

Motion (Lyn/Kerri) that "Sharon Brewer be made Vice-Chair." VOTE: 5-0-0

Balboa Sports Center: Additional Benches Along Walkways and Asphalt Walkway Extension

No new information from Recreation and Parks. Francie will follow up with Peter Marinovich, Tim Johnson, and his replacement Jeremy Thomas. Tabled to next Parks meeting.

Dog Walkers and Number of Dogs Allowed at Dog Parks (CF 07-1738)

City Council action has suspended the three dog per person maximum at all off leash dog parks pending reports from the Public Safety and Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committees on the issues raised in #CF 07-1738 relating to the following:

- Park Standards
- Park Models
- Park Design Criteria
- Expansion of Timid/Small Dog Area
- Dog Fights and Attacks

Celia and Mike Hyams, representing the Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park, reported that their committee is recommending a six dogs per person maximum at the off-leash dog park. Discussion followed which also included the proposal that professional dog walkers should be trained and licensed. **Motion:** (Lyn/Francie) "that the ENC endorse the recommendation that the City limit the number of dogs at any off-leash dog park to a six (6) dog

maximum per person; and further, that all professional dog walkers be required to have business licenses and certification of training.” VOTE: 5-0-0

Department of Recreation and Parks Budget Reductions, Staffing, and Service Levels

- Park Ranger Deployment at Regional Parks (CF 09-2253) - Discussion regarding safety and violations of Park Rules and City Ordinances. Motion: (Kerri/Sharon) Recommend that a “Park Ranger (peace officer) or OPS Officer be assigned to the Sepulveda Basin on a daily basis for purposes of public safety and enforcement of existing laws and Park Rules.” VOTE: 5-0-0
- Ranger Reserve Program (CF 09-0399) – Committee had some discussion followed by the Motion (Glenn/Lyn) to recommend that “the ENC support the development of a Ranger Reserve Program similar to the LAPD Officer Reserve Program.” VOTE: 5-0-0
- Park Ranger Explorer Program (CF-09-0395) - Committee discussion resulted in decision to not take a position on this proposal pending the development of the Ranger Reserve Program.

Possible ENC/Community Clean-Up in the Sepulveda Basin

Discussion relating to participation and support of the ENC for a community clean up ensued. Motion: (Lyn/Francie) recommendation that “the ENC partner with community environmental groups to co-sponsor an Earth Month Activity in April 2010.” VOTE: 5-0-0

Sepulveda Basin Master Plan Update by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Glenn reported that the last update was done in 1981 and that there is to be a revision of the Master Plan. The first public meeting will be held 10 a.m. on December 5, 2009 at the Sepulveda Garden Center. Discussion and Motion: (Glenn/Sharon) recommendation that “the ENC request the Department of Recreation and Parks to ensure that the ENC be informed and included in the update of the Sepulveda Basin Master Plan.” VOTE: 5-0-0

Committee Meeting Date, Time, and Location

Glenn polled the committee members to determine the best day and time for our meetings. The committee members agreed that meetings be held on the first Thursday of the month with the second Thursday of the month as an alternate choice. Glenn will follow up with several venues to determine which location could meet our needs for day and time. Chair to notify all committee members of the results of the inquiries.

Committee Member Comments and Announcements

- Concerns were raised (Francie) about trees blocking the south side of Burbank Boulevard near and around Hayvenhurst just west and east toward the 405. Glenn to follow up with appropriate agencies regarding trimming of trees.
- Concerns were also raised (Francie) about the numbers of people attending events in Sepulveda Basin/Balboa Park. Attendance at some of these events has reached 20,000 to 40,000 people creating considerable congestion for the neighboring communities and roadways and disrupting wildlife. Discussion included question regarding the maximum capacity for the Park and neighboring streets. Francie to follow up with Officer Ham of LAPD and report back to the committee.

Adjournment at 9:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances Zamir, Secretary