

Encino Neighborhood Council
Parks Committee PROPOSED minutes
February 4, 2013

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Debra George at 7:16 pm
Committee members in attendance: Debra George, Steve DeVore, Glenn Bailey, Stacie deArmas, Diana Crews, Sue Wilshke, Cynthia Weichelt, Jason Ackerman. A quorum was present.

Stakeholder attendees: Elaine Glick, former committee member; Adi McAbian, resident of Tarzana and business developer of property near Los Encinos Park

2. The proposed minutes of the last Parks Committee meeting held on January 7, 2013 were received and filed. Move to approve by Sue Wilshke, seconded by Diana Crews
3. Reports from Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council: none noted; next NC meeting February 6th. Glenn Bailey requested a tape recording of the last LBNC meeting regarding the Army Corp issue from Cynthia Weichelt.
4. Reports from Federal or State Government or Agencies; none noted.
5. Reports from Environmental and Parks Groups; Debra noted that Public Safety was recently merged into LAPD, which would affect Evelyn Solano former Senior Lead and liaison for Parks safety. Committee hopes to have patrol update from Captain Egan in March ENC meeting.
6. Old business:

- a. Recommendation regarding the proposed build at Tillman Plant

Debra asked Cynthia if LBNC had a position. LBNC was okay with the proposal as long as it did not deviate from current plan. Either NC needs to consider the forward-looking additional projects such as storm water storage and advanced treatment that could further affect park area. Debra to forward Tillman contact person to Cynthia.

Sue Wilshke asked what the timeline was. Cynthia replied that it was a design and build project within 18 months. The extended deadline for public comments is February 25th. The Committee discussed that a Committee could not make comments on behalf of the ENC, but could ask/post questions.

Debra to post the following questions on behalf of the committee: How will additional parking for events be accommodated? What are the long term (10-year) construction plans for projects that might impact surrounding park areas? What is the description of the flood storage area after excavation?

Stacie asked what were the different footprints of the current trailers versus the new building.

b. Update report on ACOE vegetation management south of Burbank from Glenn Bailey. February 12th there will be a meeting with Colonel Toy and representatives of each organization to walk around the site.

February 11th is the deadline for Army Corp of Engineers to respond to Water Quality Board current concern regarding loose plant material in the flood basin.

February 25th the Ad Hoc River Committee meeting scheduled

c. Rim of the Valley

Committee approved the draft letter to send to Anne Dove, National Park Service

d. Building at 16953 Ventura Blvd, controlled by the Department of Cultural Affairs will be open to other community groups for use

7. New Business

a. Proposed Persian New Year Festival, Sunday, March 31, 2013

Committee discussed whether officials would be closing off access to the park for New Years celebrants only. The Army Corp is supposed to do an Environmental impact study 90 days in advance of permitting; was one done?

The Committee recommends that the permit for the Persian New Year Festival event scheduled for Sunday, March 31, 2013 be issued for Woodley Park 1 as opposed to Lake Balboa due to the impact of the festival on other stakeholder families who may want to use the park that day, and Woodley Park would be a more appropriate venue for an event of that size. (Passed 7-0-0)

b. Fence around Bull Creek was installed because of an embankment failure; Debra asked Army Corp if it would be repaired

c. Design of parking bollards and landscaping along Oxnard needs to be designed to address community concerns and add more bollards. Future installations need to accommodate a walk path between the bike path and bollards. Debra and Stacie to provide pictures and measurements.

d. Grass planting and maintenance within off-leash dog park; some big dog space will be reallocated during replanting.

e. Park Advisory Boards – need volunteers. The contact information will be in the next ENC email blast.

f. Park area along Burbank Blvd; SE of parking lot; west of Hayvenhurst, new exercise equipment is going in.

8. Public Forum

Elaine asked if the Committee had any say in the Sepulveda Garden areas; the gardens sustained a significant rate increase over the last year. Sepulveda Gardens is on Army Corp land; Rec and Park said they would hand over management in the future. Could be a good topic for Parks Committee to take up.

Jason brought up the issue that there is no the sidewalk bordering the garden on Magnolia (between Rubio and Hayvenhurst); this is dangerous for pedestrians as it is only uneven dirt and not paved.

9. Next Parks Committee meeting will be March 4th, 2013, location TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm

Diana Crews