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Parks Committee Minutes March 18, 2013

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Debra George at 7:15 pm
Committee members in attendance: Debra George -chair, Glenn Bailey, Stacie deArmas and Diana Crews. A quorum was present.

Stakeholder attendees: Tony Magnone, AYSO; Ann Ohlenkamp, Audubon Society

2. The proposed minutes of the Parks Committee meeting held on February 4, 2013 were received. Move to approve by Diana Crews, seconded by Stacie DeArmas

3. Old business:

a. Refurbishment of soccer fields at Balboa Sports Center

Recreation and Parks intends to install a perimeter fence and some interior fences around the twelve fields per attached diagram. The neighboring community is concerned about the aesthetics and long-term maintenance of this permanent installation. A lengthy discussion was had between neighborhood stakeholders, AYSO representative Tony Magnone and Parks board members. The following motion was put forward.

MOTION: (Glenn Bailey/Debra George) That the Parks Committee recommends that the ENC urges the Department of Recreation and Parks to keep its promises to adequately enforce park rules against non-permitted organized soccer league use of the 12 playing fields in the Balboa Sports Center, including but not limited to, unauthorized vehicle use, night lighting, smoking, alcoholic beverages, amplified sound, etc., and that the RAP meet with the park neighbors and stakeholders every six months to evaluate progress, maintenance, enforcements and concerns. Passed 4-0-0

4. New Business

a. **MOTION:** (Debra George/Glenn Bailey) To approve that the Encino Neighborhood Council Park Committee, in conjunction with the ENC Outreach Committee host a table at the Friends of the LA River (FoLAR) May 18th LA River CleanUp 2013 to be held in Encino for the purposes of community outreach and assistance with the logistics of the river clean up. Passed 4-0-0

b. MOTION: (Debra George/Diana Crews) To support in concept a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Los Encinos Docent Association in the amount up to \$200 for supplies and labor needed to create Los Encinos State Historical Park School Tours Informational DVDs to be distributed to Encino elementary schools. Passed 4-0-0

c. MOTION: (Debra George/Diana Crews) To recommend approval of Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) in the amount of up to \$300 for youth sized cloth gloves, disposable dust masks, trash grabber arms and photocopies of flyers and waivers, needed to conduct the LA River CleanUp to be held in Encino on May 18th. Passed 4-0-0

d. MOTION: (Debra George/Diana Crews) To recommend approval of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to San Fernando Valley Audubon Society in the amount of up to \$4,000 for supplies and stipend monies needed to create educational materials, and conduct teacher training and tours for Encino area students and teachers. Passed 4-0-0

5. Public Forum – no additional comments made

6. Next Committee meeting will be held on Monday April 8th at 7:00pm; location TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm

Diana Crews