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Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2013

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chair Debra George. Other members present were: Glenn Bailey, Sue Wilschke, Jason Ackerman, Stacie M. deArmas (tardy).
2. The proposed minutes for the meeting of November 4th, 2013 were approved 4-0-0.
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 Environmental and Park Groups: SFV Audubon, CA Native Plant Society, Friends of the LA River, Friends of Los Encinos, etc. None noted.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Proposed landscaping of Killion Street north side “median” between Louise and Amestoy Avenues. Noted that asphalt removal cost estimate is \$25k. Item is on the agenda for the full Neighborhood Council.
6. New Business:
 - a. Discussion regarding requesting closure of Oxnard Street east of Aldea Ave. to vehicle traffic and parking. Agreement was reached between neighbors and HW baseball to attempt to keep the gate closed to prevent crime and gang activity noted in the area. Street remains open to maintenance vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.
 - b. Dog Park Status: Use of volunteers to enforce rules requested. Ramon investigating whether or not parking is allowed on the grassy area. Jeremy continues to fix the sprinkler system. Drain to be dug out. Discussion as to how to accomplish getting lights for the dog park. Quimby Funds? Need to have neighbors agree to lighting.
 - c. Recreation and Parks Budget Meetings are being held throughout the City. Attendees and committee members were urged to attend and fill out the survey regarding how park dollars should be spent.

- d. Proposed new sports field to be constructed west of the existing Hjelte baseball fields. Concern was expressed that the field in question is currently used for agriculture. More information is needed; item will be continued in February.
- e. **Motion to support lighting (where necessary) of bicycle path paralleling Victory Blvd. between Haskell and White Oak Avenues. 5-0-0**

7. Next Park Committee meeting to be held in February.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Motion to support, in concept, the landscaping of Killion Street north side median between Louise and Amstoy Avenue. Passed 4-0-0

- f. PROP K: R-18 Los Angeles Riverfront Park: Bond monies were set aside for river projects in the communities of Studio City, Sherman Oaks, and Encino.
Motion to use PROP K: R18 Los Angeles Riverfront Park monies earmarked for Encino for the purpose of planning a LA Riverfront Park with a kayak launch area, walk paths, and other passive park amenities in the area of Encino between Balboa Blvd and the easterly terminus of Oxnard Street, north of the AYSO soccer fields and the north side of the LA River from Balboa Blvd. to Lindley Avenue. 4-0-0

Discussion regarding 24/7 closure of Oxnard Street east of Aldea Ave. Street currently has a gate that is intended to be closed and locked only between sunset and dawn. Harvard Westlake and Recreation and Parks would need to have access for maintenance purposes. Discussion to be continued at the December 2nd Parks Committee meeting.

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

Elaine Glick stated that she would have to give up her garden plot at the Community Garden Center as the cost had become too much for her. She had previously given up one of her original two plots. She also noted that some gardeners were setting rat traps in the garden area. She also commented on the use of garden plots by restaurants.

9. The next Parks Committee meeting will be held Monday December 2nd, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra George