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Parks Committee  
Approved Minutes  
November 4, 2013

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM by Chair Debra George. Other members present were: Glenn Bailey, Steven DeVore, Sue Wilschke, Jason Ackerman.
2. The proposed minutes for the meeting of October 7, 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.
  - a. Amy Zidell, Friends of Los Encinos reported on the successful Haunted Halloween event. The event included pumpkin carving, face painting, blacksmith demonstrations, and the showing of a silent movie after dark. The docents are considering additional movies in the future based on the success of the Haunted Halloween.
5. Old Business:

**Motion to support the purchase or acquisition of the NASA property locate within the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site in the Simi Hills by the National Park Service. Acquisition is to take place after completion of site clean up by NASA. Site is to be preserved as open space and parkland forever. Passed 4-0-0**
6. New Business:
  - a. Janie Thompson reported on the condition of the Killion Street north side “median” between Louise and Amstoy Avenues. The sound wall protecting the neighborhood from the 101 has attracted graffiti. Several other Amestoy neighbors spoke in favor of adding trees or other landscaping to the area along the sound wall. The neighborhood is interested in the “Adopt a Median” program to avoid fees. Street Services has been approached and the neighborhood is waiting for a bid on removing the asphalt along the wall to allow for the planting of vegetation. Marshal Barth also spoke about the need for a sound wall and similar attention to the area of Killion between Encino Avenue and Louise. To be added to the December Parks Committee agenda.

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

- b. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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