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Parks Committee Proposed Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2014

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 10:15am by Chair Debra George. Other members present were: Steve DeVore, Diana Crews, Sue Wilschke, Jason Ackerman, Glenn Bailey (tardy).
- 2) The proposed minutes for the meeting of February 2nd, 2013 were approved 5-0-0.
- 3) Old Business:
 - Barn Owl Boxes – Waiting for RAP to install mounting posts.
 - New soccer field at Hjelte Sports Center – Jason is in talks with AYSO and continuing to follow up with RAP.
 - Off Leash Dog Park – In discussion with RAP regarding digging out of drain.
 - CF 13-0024 SFV Animal Habitat/Eradication/Loss of Habitat – Five proposals for restoration of the area known as the south wildlife reserve have been put forth by the ACOE. Waiting to hear feedback from environmental groups.
 - Replacement of an oak tree in the 5300 block of Aldea -

**Funding of up to \$1,200 for the purchase and planting of one (1) 36” Quercus Agrifolia (oak tree) to replace oak tree lost in the 5300 block of Aldea Avenue.
Approved 5-0-0**

- 4) New Business:
 - Presentation by Glen Dake of the Veterans Tribute Park proposed for the Sepulveda Basin including review of design to date. Final meeting will be held on March 8th from 9:30am–12:30pm at the National Guard Armory, 17330 Victory Park Blvd. (at Louise)

**Neighborhood Purposes Grant request from the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society in the amount of \$4,000 to support the Sepulveda Basin Environmental Education Program.
Approved 5-0-0**

Funding of up to \$350 for the purchase of books related to gardening with California native plants for the Encino-Tarzana Branch Library. Approved 5-0-0

Funding of up to \$2,000 for the purchase of folding tables for use in the Encino Community Center. Approved 5-0-0

Funding of up to \$9,000 for the replacement of the historic flagpole at Los Encinos State Historic Park. Approved 5-0-0

**Motion to support Council File 13-1352 Partnerships to Combat Prostitution; including the filing of a Community Impact Statement in support. Prostitution along Sepulveda Blvd and other areas of the community spills over into local Encino parks including the Sepulveda Basin and wildlife areas. The result is trash that includes hazardous waste, and an otherwise unsavory and unsafe environment for park goers and wildlife.
<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/>
Approved 6-0-0**

**Motion to support Council File 12-0899-S1 Los Angeles Park Ranger Program; including the filing of a Community Impact Statement in support of expanding the Park Ranger Program to Optimum Program Level. Community Impact Statement to request that Park Rangers be assigned daily to the heavily used Sepulveda Basin regional park where there is a strong need for the positive educational and enforcement role of the Park Rangers. <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/>
Approved 6-0-0**

**Motion to support Council File 13-1580 Los Angeles Parks and Hillside Areas/Rodent Population Control/Use of Poisons Policies, including the filing of a Community Impact Statement. Anticoagulant poisons kill more than rats and gophers. They also kill hawks, owls, bobcats, mountain lions, dogs, and cats, the very animals capable of controlling rodents in a natural manner. These poisons pose an “unreasonable risk” to the environment and should be banned from use by City departments.
<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/>
Approved 6-0-0**

- 5) Reports from Reports from LA City Officials and Departments: Recreation and Parks, Council Districts 5 and 6, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, other City departments. None noted.
- 6) Reports from Environmental and Park Groups: SFV Audubon, CA Native Plant Society, Friends of the LA River, Friends of Los Encinos, etc. Events as noted in Agenda. No further comments.
- 7) Public Forum – No comments received.
- 8) Next committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 7th @ 7:00pm.

Adjournment by 8:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra George, Chair