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Parks Committee  
PROPOSED Minutes  
August 5, 2013

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM by Chair Debra George. Other voting members present were: Diana Crews (via phone initially), Steven DeVore (Vice-Chair), Sue Wilschke.
2. The proposed minutes for the meeting of June 3, 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) Park Safety – No Memorandum of Understanding yet between LAPD and the City.
  - b) SFV Audubon Society Grant – No check received yet, under investigation.
  - c) Barn Owl Nesting Boxes – No approval from ACOE yet.
  - d) Oxnard Street Bollards – Work in progress
  - e) Off-leash Dog Park – Seeding to be finished by November per Steve Lane, RAP
6. New Business:
  - a) New Recreation and Parks Maintenance contact – Steve Lane, noted.
  - b) New Balboa Sports Center Director – Chris Mahoney was introduced. Brief discussion regarding upcoming Fall Schedule.
  - c) Los Encinos State Historical Park request for funds to replace wooden flag pole. Use of City funds for a State Park ok'ed by the City Attorney. No formal proposal put forth by the Los Encinos Docent Society.
  - d) Encino Community Center request for new tables and chairs – withdrawn.
  - e) Community Garden Center rototiller – No formal request submitted.
  - f) Proposed name change of Parks Committee to Parks and Environmental Committee – Brief discussion with concern expressed as to the additional work that might be entailed. Will reconsider at a later date when more Committee members are in attendance.

- g) SFV Audubon Restoration Proposal for renewal of damaged South Wildlife Area. Proposal was presented by Kris Ohlenkamp of the SFV Audubon Society. The proposed plan was developed in partnership with the LA Dept of Sanitation.
- ✓ **Motion to approve the Community Restoration Proposal as presented by the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society. Proposal was developed in partnership with City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation and has received the approval of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Steering Committee. Community impact statement to be filed and letter is to be sent to the Bureau of Sanitation for presentation to the River Committee. 4-0-0**

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

Brendan Leonard intern with Food & Water Watch presented information on fracking within the State and City, and information on the plan to construct tunnels to divert water from the Sacramento River.  
<http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org>

9. The next Parks Committee meeting will be held Monday October 7th, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Wilschke

