



AGENDA

Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee

Monday, May 24, 2010

6:30 PM

Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks

Griffith Park Ranger Headquarters

4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles, CA

Kevin Regan, Chair Department of Recreation and Parks

VACANT	1 ST DISTRICT	Brady Westwater	9 th DISTRICT
Dale Gibson, President	2 nd DISTRICT	Kevin Atkins	10 th DISTRICT
Jill Haber	3 rd DISTRICT	Randall Young, Sec.	11 th DISTRICT
Lynn Brown, Vice Pres.	4 th DISTRICT	Mary Kaufman	12 th DISTRICT
Melanie Coto	5 th DISTRICT	Gene Gilbert	13 th DISTRICT
Mary Benson	6 th DISTRICT	VACANT	14 th DISTRICT
Natalie Blancardi	7 th DISTRICT	VACANT	15 th DISTRICT
Todd LaVergne	8 th DISTRICT	Scott Perez	Mayor

Creation of the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee (LAEAC) was unanimously approved by the Los Angeles City Council on February 6, 2009 (Council File 07-4097). Members of the committee are appointed by their respective Councilmembers and the mayor.

- ITEM NO. (1) Welcome and introductions by President, Vice-President & Secretary
- ITEM NO. (2) Call to Order and Committee Roll Call
- ITEM NO. (3) Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting of April 23, 2010
- ITEM NO. (4) Discussion, motion, vote on changing Meeting Schedule to Semi-monthly with sub-committee meetings held on alternate months.
- ITEM NO. (5) Follow-up discussion regarding agendas, minutes, attachments and committee reports to be posted on RAP website and name extension with link on NEWS AND EVENTS section on main page www.laparks.org/
- ITEM NO. (6) Request to adopt the Hiking and Equestrian Trails Master Plan
- ITEM NO. (7) General Public Comments - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. This agenda item will last a total of 15 minutes and no individual speaker will be allowed more than 3 minutes.

- ITEM NO. (8) Trails Sub-committee and Planning Sub-committee Discussion, motion, vote to hold sub-committee meetings, June 24, 2010, Griffith Park Ranger Station, Crystal Springs Drive.
- ITEM NO. (9) Discussion of download location of City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks' **2009 Citywide Community Needs Assessment**, and update of Hiking and Equestrian Trails Master Plan, and Adopt-a-Park concepts http://www.laparks.org/assessment_blog.htm , <http://www.laparks.org/planning/pdf/finalReport.pdf>, <http://www.laparks.org/info/volunteer/adopt.htm>
- ITEM NO. (10) Next meeting date: July 26, 2010, at 6:30pm, Griffith Park Ranger Station
- ITEM NO. (11) Presentation and possible motion and vote on recommendations to City Council members for a separate Council action requesting implementation of an additional water allowance for horse owners.
- ITEM NO. (12) Adjourn

REFERRAL FOR AGENDA ITEM NO. 6:
REQUEST TO ADOPT THE HIKING AND EQUESTRIAN TRAILS MASTER
PLAN

The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee (LAEAC) unanimously agreed at their February 23, 2010 meeting that the 1968 Hiking and Equestrian Master Plan needs updating. Not only does this Master Plan affect 17 of the City's 35 Community Plans, but it also needs to be updated to reflect the growing number of National Historic and National Recreational Trails within the City. An updated Master Plan is essential for future projects to be eligible for both State and Federal funding.

A major issue of concern today is that of childhood obesity. Lack of open space and lack of exercise contribute to this problem. Incorporating innovative green spaces throughout the City is part of the solution.

More than just a recreational feature, greenways can provide passive connections to different locations in the community and encourage walking on a natural, permeable surface. A 20-foot wide trail easement creates an acre of open space for every 264 feet in length, and can extend an outdoor experience to hundreds of families.

We understand that there are no planning funds available for a new study of trails. However the LAEAC would like to propose a partnership based on the Adopt-A-Park model. Additionally, Proposition K has set aside \$2 million dollars for Rim of the Valley development. The National Park Service has begun the process of conducting its federally funded National Resource Study for Rim of the Valley. Projects are eligible for both State and Federal appropriations for the design and building of trail systems.

The LAEAC would consolidate existing information, be responsible for public outreach, and catalogue community input for the planning and construction of equestrian trails. The LAEAC would also like to discuss the possibility of having a member of your advanced planning staff serve as a facilitator for trail planning to oversee our efforts in updating the Hiking and Equestrian Trails Master Plan.