

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes for March 28, 1995

The meeting was chaired by Steve Hartman. Attendees: Steve Hartman, Carvel Bass, Judy Garris, Ron Strong, Jill Swift, Peter Ireland, Rosemarie White, Sandy Wohlgemuth, Fred Heath

Fred Heath pointed out a mistake in the minutes of 2/28/95. Under the heading Domestic Ducks, "shot-out net" should be changed to "cannon net".

Film on Canada Geese Councilman Bernson's office is releasing a document about the Canadian Geese. It will be aired five times in May on cable TV channel 35.

Name of Wildlife Lake Ron Strong said city guidelines were opposed to using the name of a living person. He also suggested this committee could be the judge. Jill Swift thought the name should relate to wildlife.

Hummingbird Hill Bob Faucet, landscape architect for L.A. City, revised the plans and took out the native hydroseed flower mix. This needs to be put back in the plan since "California Field Flower Mix" includes plants not native to the Sepulveda Basin.

A possible extension from 90 days to 180 days on maintenance of plants was discussed. Ron stated that 90 days was standard practice.

Peter Ireland discussed the need that maintenance be taken over by the city. Ron said the City was taking a one million dollar cut in their budget and presently there is no budget for maintenance. Later Ron stated that the city was unlikely to abandon a project it had approved.

Ron said this committee needs to approve the plan and specs and then the city will put it out to bid. He said typically the City approval and preparation of a project takes about six months. Carvel added that the city would submit the plan to the Corps for approval.

Steve said the computed dollar figure came to \$51,570, excluding benches and trails. The \$8,250 figure for benches and trails is now allotted to "General overhead and move on costs"

Peter thought the chain link fence would look better down the slope than on top. It would still prevent people from scampering down and we could put plants above the fence.

In summary, two changes in the plan were suggested and approved by this committee:

- (1) move the fence down the slope
- (2) change "California Field Flower Mix" to california native only mix.

Expansion plans for Wildlife area Next Thursday night (April 6th) Debbie Lamb of the planning section of the Corps will conduct a public presentation and workshop on the expansion of the wildlife area. Jill will talk to Debbie about us getting the results of that workshop for review at the next meeting. Perhaps Debbie could attend the next meeting.

New Chairperson Peter Ireland accepted the chair position for next six months.

Signs Ron presented a sample of a do-not-feed-the-ducks sign being posted around the Wildlife Lake. A misspell of "lose" was noted. A discussion on signs will be put on the next agenda. Ron said eventually there will be LED lights at each entrance to the basin to indicate closures do to flooding.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred gave a report of a meeting he attended concerning the LA River Project. Topics included\$500,000 in matching funds for Arundo removal etc (AB#1135).....75% paid by Corps, 25% local sponsors.....apply beginning of may for grants.

Grant Writing Rosemarie expressed interest in the possibility of a grant proposal writing session for us. (through county?)

Hotline Jill again suggested a sign be posted with basin activities. She also suggested we look into some funding for a Sepulveda Basin hotline listing events, closings, etc. She thought it might only cost about \$20 a month.

Arundo removal Ron said an Arundo removal project by the Boy Scouts Jamboree was canceled last month due to rains and flooding.

April 10 is deadline for next month's agenda.
Meeting adjourned 9pm

minutes by Judy Garris