

**SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES -- OCTOBER 22, 1996**

Jill Swift chaired the meeting. Others attending were Glenn Bailey, Gene Green, Muriel Kotin, James Ward, and Rosemarie White.

Announcements: All present were delighted to learn that Steve Moe received Recreation and Park Department's award as Employee of the Month for October, 1996. There will be an LA River habitat restoration project 11/16/96 at the Balboa Blvd. bridge.

Minutes of the September 24, 1996: were approved as submitted. Sandy Wohlgenuth was not available to give a treasury update.

Committee Meetings, etc: Muriel described the meeting at her house on educational goals and signage with Jennifer Rigby, Ron Yeo and Bob Cardoza and the walk through of the south reserve with the landscape architects, environmental expert and Andy Lopez.

Informational Flower Guides: Jill suggested that we develop printed flower guides for public information.

Urban Resources Partnership Event: Glenn reported on the media event announcing URP grants, including that to the National Audubon Society's environmental education program at Sepulveda Basin that was held at the wildlife lake on 10/16/96.

Public Works Projects: Gene Greene reported that he will be in charge of maintenance of the plantings on the Tillman berm for the first 6 months after the contractor completes planting. He hopes that will be within 2 months from now. South of Burbank Blvd along the ROW, he's holding back on planting to replace dead plants until after the master plan is complete. They're focusing on the area north of the wildlife lake and the south reserve east of Haskell Creek. The recently planted pampas grass within the Tillman property along Niwa Rd. has been removed.

Japanese Gardens Information: Gene also updated us on public access to the gardens. Tours are available Mondays through Thursdays and Saturday mornings. Open strolling is permitted from noon to 4:00 Mondays through Thursdays. In summer, tours are also available at 6:30.

Forage for Geese: Rosemane reported that the forage crop is planted and the Canada Geese are here. She'll discuss a future permanent crop for the forage area with Steve Moe.

Management of Farm Area near Christian Softball Field: it was **Moved, Seconded and Passed** to request the farmer there to leave gleanings for the geese. *James Ward said he will ask Ted Carr to contact the farmer.*

**Next Meeting Will be a Potluck Tuesday, 12/3/96. Combining the November and December Meetings at Jill's Home:** Social hour 5:30, dinner 6:00, meeting 7:00.

Spring Cleanup: Muriel announced that SFVAS will sponsor a cleanup of the wildlife reserve in early May, 1996 on a Saturday at 8:00 a.m. She also invited members of the Steering Committee to the SFV Audubon general meeting April 4, 1997 when Roy van der Hoek will present a program on the Carizo Plain which may have implications for management of the wildlife area west of Woodley Ave.

Arts Park Update: Jill will keep in touch with R&P's Dave Attaway on any developments. Ross Hopkins told her the project is on the back burner.

1992 Assessment of Haskell Creek: Muriel borrowed this from Jill and will bring it to our next meeting for someone else to borrow.

Annual Fall Ball Rock Concert: Glenn announced this event was held last Saturday at Woodley Park. Thousands attended. It was an environmentally aware crowd, twenty-to forty-something. If we knew well in advance, we environmental groups could have a joint information booth. Next year there will be a Jazz on the Lake (Balboa) event in May. *The committee requested we be advised when the date for next year's Fall Ball is known.*

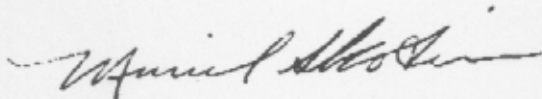
Calendar of Park Events: Muriel is to bring her copy of the calendar from R&P to future meetings.

Septage Facility: Jill announced that the Public Works Commission put off their final determination until Friday. Two people have asked for a written legal opinion from the City Attorney. Glenn suggested that a federal legal opinion may be in order too.

Model Airplane Fields: Jill noted that model airplane fields elsewhere are being closed. Will this put more pressure on our facilities? James replied that this is already happening, but the airplane fields will not be expanded into the areas designated as wildlife area.

Postponed to Next Meeting: Treasury report. Environmental Coalition Contribution. Consortium Priorities for Signage. Municipal wildlife management plans.

Submitted by,



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