

## SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES - OCTOBER 27, 1998

Meeting Attendees: Steve Hartman (CNPS), Glenn Bailey (RCDSMM), Sandy Wohlgemuth (L.A.A.), Rosemarie White (CGP), David Ecklund, Gene Greene (J.G.), Stephen Moe (LADRP), Eric Brotman (guest), Joe and Mathew Maggio (BSA), Sharose.

Prior to the 7 pm Steering Committee Meeting, Stephen Moe conducted a tour of the expanded wildlife area from 4:30-5:30. Dinner at a local restaurant followed. Joining Mr. Moe for the tour were Hartman, White, Wohlgemuth, Ecklund, Brotman and Sharose.

Steve Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Minutes of the 9/22/98 meeting were approved as corrected (4<sup>th</sup> paragraph correct spelling to read Kawana Pavilion).

A presentation by Mathew Maggio (Boy Scouts of America) was reordered to be first on the agenda. Mr. Maggio will do a project on Hummingbird Hill to qualify as an Eagle Scout. He is a member of the Cactus and Succulent Society and has discussed with S. Hartman and M. Kolin reintroducing native cacti and succulents to the Hummingbird Hill area. He plans to clear the area and plant white and ~~green~~ <sup>purple</sup> sage and other native varieties on November 21, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Hartman remarked that he would like to have additional tubing and emitters in H.H. He asked Mr. Maggio to call Steve Moe to make sure he (Maggio) has all his materials. A reminder to irrigate all plants after planting was given. Regarding the budget for the project: \$150.00 worth of plants (\$4.00 each). If Maggio can give Hartman a list of plants needed, Hartman will present this at the next CNPS meeting and will request funding for the plants. Supervision and monitoring of project will be done by Hartman and possibly Eric Lesser. Shovels, buckets and gloves will be needed.

Steve Moe gave the Recreation and Parks report. Overlook Sign: Get D.O.T. to post at the edge for NO PARKING. There will be no water for the rye grass forage area for 10 days to two weeks because contractor has taken out piping; East Valley Water Recycling Project sprung a leak; Arundo will be sprayed every three months, Steve Moe and Don Mozier will monitor this.

The tunnel between the north and south preserve was discussed. Sharose, a new guest, would like to put a mural on the walls and suggested she could get in touch with SPARC (an artists' organization in Venice), Judy Baca ( a renowned local muralist) and the L.A. Mural Association to plan a more extended project, incorporating a theme of the Sepulveda Basin. Hartman would like to ask Carvel Bass ( Army Corps) why the tunnel is open, is it an access or a flood-control entity? Bailey suggested it was part of the bike path network. There were serious concerns regarding the swallows' nests and uncontrolled vandalism. A possible committee might convene to brainstorm signage to impact this problem. Hartman, White, Bailey and Sharose volunteered.

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The motion to support and recommend a mural was not passed and the steering committee will support an ad-hoc subcommittee to discuss tunnel problems. We will ask Steve Moe to cut through the bureaucracy of the City.

Shoal removal: ~~There was mitigation planned but never carried out by the Army Corps (Carvel Bass).~~ *see Dec minutes*

The Steering Committee requests the Corps to give us an update on the shoal removal project and whether any mitigation is planned. Prior environmental assessments should be investigated as to whether the Corps is using this as a guideline.

Hartman: reported on the Audubon Education Project. There will be a number of different training sessions scheduled. Hartman also will present a proposal to gradually replace all Woodley Park exotics with native plants at our next (12/1/98) meeting.

Sharose (guest): talked about an arts component to the Wildlife Areas Planning and would like to submit suggestions for same.

Gene Greene: Submitted an example of a directional sign for the wildlife area, the goal being to have the signs put up by the dedication ceremonies. There was discussion of a logo for the wildlife areas. The majority felt it should be a bird. We will wait for Muriel (who is currently surviving Hurricane Mitch) to return and then decide.

"Autumn in the Garden" was advertised in the Times and the Daily News and the garden had 450-500 people show up. Greene also reported on his tour of the Streisand Center (Mountains Conservancy) 11/7 and 11/8 for the Chrysanthemum Show. He again offered his trailer for committee meetings.

Brochure: Steve Hartman and Glenn Bailey would like to be notified of the next meeting of the Brochure Committee.

Hartman will talk to James Ward regarding the "Master Plan" and native tree plantings. He will also discuss with James Ward a wildlife expansion - rededication/ceremony - event: will an agency (Recreation and Parks or Corps or Los Angeles) take the initiative or will it be a person? Protocol requires that Steve Moe take the suggestion to other appropriate people in Recreation and Parks. Hartman will make the appointment with James Ward ASAP.

News Items: Sandy Wohlgemuth received a call from James Ward to come to pending "Users " meeting where the issue of "improvements" north of Lake Balboa would be discussed. The money for these "improvements" came from 1997 Federal Appropriations. Already appropriated by Congress are new bridges across Bull Creek and a new restroom. Sandy spoke with Andy Lopez today (10/27) regarding Arundo removal, planting to the L.A. River and regrading the river.

Why can't we resubmit the Bull Creek prior proposal? Andy says revegetation not in their agenda. Sandy will talk to Andy Lopez to see if he (Andy) has the write-up that Ted Carr was working on.

Glenn Bailey: Brad Sherman has a press conference tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 1998 at 10:00 am. The homeowners are upset about the capabilities for parking and they don't want hundreds of cars there (Lake Balboa Homeowner's Association).

Steve Moe: Presentation on Hansen Dam.

Next Meeting:

December 1, 1998, 3:00 pm Tour from Valley Region Headquarters  
4:30 pm Meeting following the tour.  
Minutes due at Recreation and Parks November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder:

Tuesday, December 1, 1998  
Tour from Headquarters 3:00 pm  
Meeting 4:30 pm

Submitted by,

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