

## Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee

Minutes October 22, 2002

The meeting was chaired by Rosemarie White. Also attending were Glenn Bailey (GBaileySFV@aol.com), Sharon Brewer, Tish Gillenson (TishGilli@aol.com), Muriel Kotin (akotin@earthlink.net), Joyce MacKinnon (JoyceMackinnon@aol.com), Stephen C. Moe, Melanie Winter (winter@TheRiverProject.org). (Tom Person's is Tpersons@treepeople.org.)

Minutes of the September meeting were approved with a change to the River Project report, P. 3: Melanie was to meet the next day with General Manager Manuel Mollinedo, rather than Assistant General Manager Kevin Regan. Note: for future agendas, add Council Reports to Agency Reports.

Public Comment: Sharon Brewer complained of more problems with people/wildlife interaction at Lake Balboa. Rosemarie requested again that Sharon meet with her and others who form an informal lake patrol. Glenn commented that he has investigated the problem on several occasions and will comment on wildlife implications at Lake Balboa in his report.

Continuing Business: Rosemarie distributed MTA's response to Steve H's recommended plant list. (Included at end of minutes.) Burned areas planting: Steve M and MTA are playing message tag about MTA's planting female cottonwoods on the west side of Haskell Creek between the 2 bridges. There is no irrigation there. It would be fine if Tom Persons were willing to water them after they're planted. Steve M said that R & P is willing to purchase native grass seed once Steve H provides a list of recommended grass species. R & P has been removing burnt irrigation pipes. (A small passenger plane crashed near the model airplane field last weekend without any injuries or fire.)

By-Laws, history and mission statement of this group will be discussed at our next meeting, November 26 at 6:00. Glenn suggested meanwhile that we e-mail to everyone a copy of the mission statement and the minutes. Were they were adopted?. Rosemarie will fax them to Muriel who will e-mail them out to the committee members. Glenn commented that by-laws may not be permitted by the city for an advisory committee, so procedures and guidelines may be more appropriate. Tish: does the consortium have a mission statement and bylaws? A mission statement that we will take up later.

Recreation and Parks: Steve Moe reported that the goose forage area was seeded with annual ryegrass a week ago. There were about 150 Canada geese at Lake Balboa this afternoon. Tish asked if we had any information about Gene Greene,

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the Japanese Garden and the median strip. Steve M will try to get the muddy conditions around the WA amphitheater abated. Melanie asked about evapotranspiration (ET) meters. Steve H is looking into a new type of ET gage for the Basin. Melanie suggested a possible source.

Park Advisory Board (PAB): Rosemarie read Muriel's e-mail of Mon 10/7/02:

At last Thursday night's Users Committee meeting, it was announced that Rec & Parks is planning to disband the Users Committee and replace it with a Park Advisory Board. The new General Manager, Manuel Mollinedo, is pushing PAB's, as there is a growing demand on Rec & Park personnel to attend evening meetings of various park groups and community councils. PAB's will serve as a layer between park personnel and the various citizen groups.

As a general move, I think this is a good idea. However, I am very concerned that we could lose the presence of Rec & Parks at our Wildlife Areas Steering Committee meetings. That would be very unfortunate. Because Rec & Parks has heard our vision and ideas over and over, they have ended up adopting many of them as their own. I think it is very important that this continue to be the case.

This is just a heads up so that we can all think about the issue before our next meeting.

Steve M has no info on the PAB. Glenn (who along with Joyce and Sharon was also at the recent Users Committee meeting) commented. Users Committee would cease to exist. Balboa Sports Center has a separate, existing PAB. PAB has more clout than Users Committee, is representative, meets quarterly which may be too infrequently, probably the selection of the committee is made by R & P. Melanie is concerned that the WA would be negatively impacted if we do not have the direct ear of R&P. Rosemarie wants General Manager Manuel Mollinedo to attend one of our meetings. Muriel and Melanie hope to continue to meet directly with R&P on a regular basis, parallel to the PAB. The WA Steering Comm should become more involved in all the WA's of the Basin, Bull Cr, the LAR, etc. We should continue to meet with agencies such as the MTA on wildlife and habitat issues impacting the entire Sep Bas. Rosemarie will ask James for more information and to ask him to get info on PABs to us active committee members.

Event Calendar: Glenn pointed out that 10/26 will be a Mayor's Caregiver Event and a Mayor's Volunteer Day 9/28. These were not on the event calendar James gave out at the users' committee. We request of R&P that all events happening in the Basin be listed somewhere so that we may be aware of them.

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Funding for R & P projects. Regarding a recent e-mail from Ruth Galanter's office, Glenn will ask her Deputy Trevor Daley for more info. It was surmised to probably be a photo op for existing bond money. Rosemarie will ask Bernson's office for info abt funds for west of Balboa if not available through Galanter's office. Glenn spoke to Trevor today. He will attend these meetings whenever he can. From 2 months ago's walk-through, he is expecting written follow up on the issues brought up then. (Melanie sent him info on her suggestion for a gate at HH. There were requests for more ranger/police presence.) Email or fax fine.

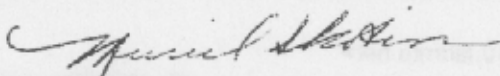
MTA: Rosemarie reported the MTA wants to come to our Nov meeting. The committee would like them to attend. MTA wants someone who knows about native plants to help w/ landscape design. Melanie is willing to serve but thinks Steve H is most important person to have do that.

Canada Goose Project: Tish reported that DWP will seed perennial rye in a portion of Chatsworth Nature Preserve for the geese and water by truck along a maintenance road.

Resource Conservation District/ Sta. Monica Mts.: Glenn suggested we attend Friends of Lake Balboa meeting next week. Glenn is more aware of the wildlife present at Lake Balboa than he had been. We should have a walk around there. There is definitely a problem of birds being killed by dogs and being injured by fishing line. This should be on the agenda next month or a walk-through scheduled. A Sunday afternoon was preferred by most for a walk-through.

Copy of e-mail from Mark Van Gessel of the MTA follows.

Submitted by



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