

## Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee

Minutes - October 26, 2010

A walkthrough of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve took place as scheduled at 4:00, prior to the meeting. Participants were Glenn Bailey, Muriel Kotin, Bob Munsey and Rosemarie White. The meeting was called to order at 6:43 by current Chair Sharon Ford. A quorum was established. Attending were the 4 voting members who participated in the walkthrough and the Chair. Non-voting members and guests attending were Gene Greene, Abel Perez and Cynthia Weichelt.

Electric Cart: Gene Greene discussed the electric cart. At the Health Fair Saturday, Robert Baker wanted to know whether R&P can use it. Rosemarie explained the history of the cart. Tony Cardenas had received a donation from Galpin Ford and donated it to the Steering Committee. Gene understands that R&P took it away seasonally and used it and maintained it. General Services Department has been maintaining the electric cart the last few years. Apparently Galpin Ford won't still maintain it for free. Recreation and Parks will maintain it.

Glenn asked about the truck parked blocking Wildlife Way on Saturday. It was Gene's, placed there for safety during the Health Fair. Abel will tell Robert to arrange for cart maintenance as necessary. It's fine to keep the cart at the Japanese garden. SfVAS or RCD should try to clean off the back seat. Rosemarie will see if she can work out a way to get a new cover for the cart from Galpin Ford and a manual. Gene will be happy to have links to our websites if R&P approves.

Minutes of the 9/28/10 Meeting: Approved with changing page 3 to add "Basin" to name of the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex.

Announcements: Jan Hinkston passed away the day of our last meeting.

Public Comments: None.

Clifford's Cricket Field/Village Green: Glenn noticed that soccer was being played there this afternoon around 4:00.

Signage: Glenn noted that there is a full No sign including No Bicycles with LAMC on a white sign at the north entrance to the WR. We did not go to the south entrance

during the walkthrough. (Muriel is to check and if a similar sign is not there should email Albert Torres copying Abel and the committee asking if he can have one made and another at the tunnel -- with OPS phone # added.)

Office of Public Safety Officers in Basin: Glenn hasn't drafted a letter for the committee yet. He did ask for more OPS presence in SFV parks in general at a City Council meeting.

Graffiti Problem of major dimensions was observed in the WR during the Walkthrough. R&P calls in reports, but the graffiti removers are in a different department (paint dept). Robert Baker is the person we should notify about problems. (Muriel will follow up with Robert.) Rosemarie asked about a volunteer team through a council office; it's counter to an agreement between the department and the union.

Update on Trimming: SFV Audubon's College Committee event Saturday added to the trimming R&P did recently. The viewing areas are now nicely opened up. Some trimming along paths and weeding was accomplished and considerable trash removed from Haskell Creek.

Surveillance Cameras on Island: All Bob could find was in Cabela's catalog. Nothing he found gathers data remotely. Abel knows of cameras that Wendy Gruel's office installed that have Q-Star motion detectors and announcements that say pictures are being taken. Several parks have them. They are effective. Sharon will phone Krekorian's office. Cynthia will phone Cardenas's. Rosemarie invited Bob to a meeting with Dan Cooper who is studying and photographing wildlife in Griffith Park. Could we put something on the Osprey Post? Maybe multiple signs: Surveillance Cameras on the east side of the lake.

Bull Creek: We have no information from Army Corps of Engineers. Abel is trying to learn how to get the trash weir cleaned. Sharon has spoken with Congressman Sherman about the problems with Bull Creek. She will draft a letter after the elections and email it to the committee.

Master Plan: Kathleen Bullard told Sharon that everything about the master plan has been turned over to ACOE.

Memorial Grove: At the walkthrough, the preferred area was in the West Reserve, west of the path along Haskell Creek, at the first (northerly) barren stretch once you pass the oaks and large native shrubs. We'll discuss more next month. Abel said we will need to submit a proposal. Glenn suggested we submit the idea to the ACOE to be considered in the updated Master Plan after we discuss next month.

Kiosk: Abel will get a quote on a strong kiosk for posting notices near the main entrance to the WR. If Rec & Parks can't pay for the kiosk, the Consortium should meet to consider paying for it.

Events Calendar: Abel was told by Ramon Barajas that the calendar is interdepartmental paperwork; we should follow the old procedures. The old procedures were that Barbara Taylor emailed the calendar to Muriel. Glenn had submitted requests to the department secretary. This seems to the committee to be an incredible waste of our time AND R&P's time. Glenn requested that when Sharon talks to Krekorian's office she mention this issue.

Bull Creek Nature Walk Flyer did get posted.

Canada Goose Project is counting regularly. Some migrants have arrived.

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