

**Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee
Meeting May 23, 2017 – Approved Minutes**

Glenn Bailey called meeting to order at 6:37PM at the Balboa Sports Center. Quorum established. Voting members attending: Glenn Bailey, Theresa Brady, Muriel Kotin, Robert Munsey and George Waddell. Non-voting members and alternates: Pat Bates, Ruth Doxsee, Paola Jaramillo, Jorge De Loera and David Troy. Guests: Chris Trent.

Minutes of the meeting 3/28/17 were approved as submitted. Jorge de Loera has replaced Abel Perez as Sr. Park Maintenance Supervisor.

LAPD Report: Evelyn Solano could not attend so sent an email which Glenn read to the meeting. "...here are a few notes you can share with the group.

"Basin Encampment activity: The encampment sites and discarded trash, along Burbank to Hayvenhurst is still a pending matter. The Storm Drain Clean Up Project in the same area was completed on Friday, May 5, 2017. I do not have any information as to what happens next with respect to removal of the encampment sites and trash. If anyone can help and/or give me some direction on this please contact me.

"The private security that was brought in to help LAPD with high visibility patrols has been discontinued. The contract for said services was only for (1) month.

"Woodley Park, complaints are still coming in related to non-permitted RAVE parties on Sundays. I encourage everyone to call **1-877asklapd** to report activity based on parking, smoking and drinking violations.

"General Information: Per Charles Singer, the department of Recreation and Parks does not intend on having a dedicated Park Ranger presence in the Sepulveda Basin as previously believed. According to Mr. Singer, it's up to the community to "convince" the Department's General Manager and work with the Council office to consider staffing the Basin with Park Ranger (s).

"LAPD's West Valley division has the patrol and enforcement responsibility for the Sepulveda Basin. Muriel attended a meeting with the Captains of West Valley division to discuss park issues. I encourage members of the community to reach out to SLO Para about your concerns and expectation."

Paola said the RAVES haven't been a maintenance or big trash issue. Terrie asked whether there are any noise laws that can be enforced. She asks we report to 1-877-ASK LAPD. 323.644-6661 ranger dispatch. LAMC's 63.44.b.4 and ...5 deal with noise in parks. The events are not permitted, so they should not be happening at all.

Motion by Kotin, seconded by Brady to make a formal request for park rangers to be assigned to Sepulveda Basin most importantly on weekends. Unanimously approved. Chair to write request for review by committee members.

RAVES: This committee will be expressing concerns to RAP over raves, ongoing unpermitted happenings in Woodley Park.

US Army Corps: New encampment in South Reserve has sprung up west of Haskell Creek, east of Woodley Avenue. Glenn will follow up with Officer Solano and let her know about it. Could we get a captain? Invite SLO Parra to these meetings. Muriel will follow up with ACOE on encampment and on the vegetative management plan. Also mention we need email update when they can't attend these meetings.

Neighborhood Council Representatives Role on Committee: Postponed until our next meeting (July).

Bull Creek: Pat Bates reported the area is a mess, encampments all over the place, etc. David Troy suggested sanitary facilities.

Upcoming Events: Ongoing weeding Tuesday mornings in SB and Thursday mornings at Valley Heart Greenway. Movie 6/3 at Louise Park. Glenn set up a Yahoo Group. He has sent out invitations to everyone involved with these meetings. SBWASC@Yahoogroups.com. We will discuss next meeting whether to restrict ability to post.

Maintenance Issues: George Waddell discussed the Lexan coverings on the informational signage. Jorge will look at them -- Paola will show him. Deteriorating Woodcrete fencing. Overwatering probably explains why the sections next to lawn are in worse condition than in other areas. Jorge will coordinate with Thurman about a different product that would hold up better. SFV Audubon may be able to help fund replacements.

Could we have boulders to block cars from driving onto the grass? There are boulders west of Haskell Creek, why not east of the creek too?

Chair for 2017: Bill Bowling is no longer with FoLAR. FoLAR's rep is new and not here tonight. Bob Munsey is not in a position to Chair the rest of this year. Glenn Bailey will chair for the rest of 2017 to keep the rotation process. For 2018 it will be Bob if he feels up to it, otherwise Terrie.

Motion was made by Kotin, seconded by Waddell that Glenn Bailey be Chair for rest of 2017 and approved unanimously.

For July meeting, we will look for volunteers to get involved for the committee at the November Birdfest.

Announcements:

Pat Bates: Encino NC has meet and greet here in June, also cactus and succulent society event.

Bob Munsey: He's very concerned that the Lyme Disease problem is increasing.

Public Comment: none.

RAP: no report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Submitted by Muriel S. Kotin
Member Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee