

**SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE AREAS STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES -- July 22, 1997**

Rosemarie White chaired the meeting which was held at Rec & Parks valley headquarters. Attending were Glenn Bailey, Bob Birk, Gene Green, Steve Hartman, Eric Lesser, Muriel Kotin, James Ward, and Sandy Wohlgemuth. Eric Lesser requested that he be put on the mailing list to consistently receive agendas and meeting announcements.

Minutes: Minutes were approved with the following corrections. 1st paragraph, 1st line: change spellings to Glenn Bailey and Sandy Wohlgemuth. 5th para, 2nd sen: add Rosemarie to the list of persons identifying potential projects on 6/5. 7th para, 1st sen: change spelling from Kookla to Kukla.

Final Plans for the Wildlife Area: James Ward reported from minutes on a meeting between Bob Fawcett and the ACOE where our recommendations and those of R & P were reviewed. A resulting "punch list" was forwarded to Nuvis on 7/16.

Trees Along Haskell Creek: Cottonwoods will be flagged and not destroyed. Steve Moe will oversee what other trees in stream may be removed.

Other: Removal of arundo was clarified as well as benches and signage and staging for construction. Existing oaks will remain near the amphitheatre. Irrigation will come from the other side of the Burbank Bl. tunnel. As the amphitheatre is within the 2-year flood plain, controllers and electronics will be located higher. James will check on the possibility of a public address system, at least a sleeve down to the lower amphitheatre. Reclaimed water may possibly be used for irrigation.

Haskell Creek Area between Outlet and Dave Lewis Grove was not included on the list. Sandy is to phone James Ward on this Thursday or Friday.

Oak Plantings Along Woodley Avenue South to Burbank Bl.: James did not know whether irrigation considerations will enable oak plantings in this area.

Specifications: Steve Moe has the specs. Steve Hartman inquired about specs as to exotics to be removed and when is the deadline to get in comments. James will talk to Bob Fawcett and Andy Lopez to find out more about the meeting and its conclusions.

Volunteer Weeding: Rosemarie reported that Justin did not hold the the Eagle Scout weeding planned for 7/19 due to a family emergency. It is postponed to the fall.

High School Science Program: Rosemarie has asked David Kukla of North Hollywood High School to be the lead teacher. N. Hollywood has an Advanced Placement program in the sciences. Birmingham's Mrs. Cleveland and a scout troop have also phoned Rosemarie. Steve H. provided a list of potential projects, including a native plant nursery and adopt an area. The list was circulated for others to add ideas. Art Langton will be liaison between the Steering committee and high-school teachers.

Muriel is to call Charlie Wilken at Van Nuys High and Glenn is to call Reseda High. Rosemarie and Muriel are to talk about developing a program of guides/hosts for the wildlife area.

Forage Area: R & P plans to plant the area with rye grass in late August or early September. Rosemarie commented that the basin has become increasingly used by the Canada Geese.

Education Programs: Muriel is to get the schedule of educational field trips to Steve Moe and flyers on the family walks to Gene Greene. Glenn suggested considering a partial fee to schools for the field trips. Steve H. Suggested a weekend for-fee program for kids.

Barn Owl Nest Boxes: Muriel suggested encouraging barn owls to nest in the basin to provide natural rodent control. James indicated interest and requested the information she has on this.

CCC and Horehound: Steve H. Has not yet contacted the CCC on this.

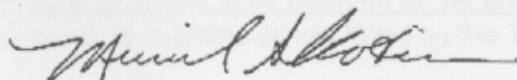
CSUN Botany Involvement: Sandy phoned Professor Paula Schiffman of CSUN's biology department. She's interested in research opportunities in the wildlife area but will be on sabbatical next semester.

Open Space Coalition Meeting: Muriel announced a meeting to suggest projects in LA County for a state-wide open-space initiative being put together by the Planning and Conservation League. Steve H. Suggested that if projects are included as well as acquisition, funding for planting the buffer zone (west of Woodley Ave.) should be requested. James would be interested in possibility of grants for other parks with open space.

Video of Japanese Gardens: After adjournment, Bob Birk and Gene Greene showed a new video of the Japanese Gardens.

Consortium: Sandy reported there is \$30,632 in the treasury as of today.

Submitted by,



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