

**Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee
Meeting September 25, 2018. Approved Minutes**

Terrie Brady chaired the meeting held at the Balboa Sports Center, calling it to order at 6:40PM. A quorum was established. Minutes of the July meeting were approved as submitted. Margot Griswold is looking for a representative for LA Audubon. The RCD was not represented tonight, Glenn Bailey not currently authorized to represent them.

Attending were voting members Theresa Brady, Steve Hartman, Muriel Kotin and Joe Phillips. Non-voting members: Ruth Doxsee and Paola Jaramillo. Alternates not voting: Barb Heidemann. Community members: Anne Abramson and Glenn Bailey.

Announcements: Bird Fest at King Gillette Nov. 10. Native Plant Sale at Sepulveda Garden Center Oct. 13. Maybe an upcoming bike ride in Sep Basin. Terrie will email Paola to request any information available about upcoming events. Nothing is being permitted in the Wildlife Reserve. Valley Relics Museum, 7900 Balboa Blvd. Grand Opening Nov. 3. Their movies are shown in overflow parking lot west of Woodley Ave south of Victory. There will be a movie in October.

BAI Concert: BAI is planning to have the concert Labor Day weekend 2019 — in Woodley I. We should confirm early next year that they're staying in Woodley I only.

Recreation and Parks: Paola said that the amphitheater area is considered Woodley IV and that III is cricket fields. The Wildlife Reserve restrooms still closed. Homeless kept breaking the back flow valve, which has been fixed and hardened, but a different break occurred. The restrooms should be open next week. Worst case scenario: use the cricket field restrooms for kids. Alex is supposed to have started trimming the plants in the Reserve to restore views from the viewing areas and bridges.

Draft Letter on Native Plants for RAP: Steve will email Muriel a suggested improvement to the last paragraph. She is to incorporate it and send to the committee for comments and approval at Oct or Nov meeting. Location and month TBA.

Rat Poison: Paola reported that the poison bait has been removed from Wildlife Area. Forestry should be our contact. Terrie will contact Marty Freedman 213.485-4826 about the poison bait boxes.

Problems: The educational storeroom was burglarized in August by breaking the steel door bolt holder. There is a well-hidden homeless encampment west of Haskell Creek. Muriel to email Albert about the encampment with marked map. Paola will get graffiti crew in.

Discussion of a possible walkthrough before next meeting, to look at area NE of Burbank and Woodley for possible trimming of brush. Red containers for needles should be looked into as a possibility.

LAPD: not represented. Apparently SLO Smith has Tuesdays off and can't attend these meetings. We should ask her to send a different officer, possibly Evelyn Solano.

Parking on Grass: This is common at Woodley IV. Boulders or T-gate suggested by committee. Similar problem at Lake Balboa. Letter to Nury Martinez's office suggested.

Rodenticides: Terrie sent letter to councilmembers Koretz and Martinez about rodenticides (anticoagulants). She got a response that one of the offices is working on it and asking more info.

Committee Updates:

CNPS continuing to do weeding. They cleared out entire west side of Haskell Cr from Wildlife Way to south of south bridge. Will be working below Hummingbird Hill.

SFVAS soon to resume SBEEP (Sepulveda Basin Environmental Education Program) field trips, nature and bird walks. The first Sunday walks continue all year. Los Encinos School wants to do a January planting. Is dessert mallow a good choice? OK but rabbits love to eat them. Maybe an elderberry too. Bird Fest.

Angeles Chapter Sierra Club sponsoring a play Sunday Sept 30.

Lake Balboa NC will have online elections in June. A mental health center near the school complex is being expanded.

Cyclavia next weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM. It is undecided whether our next meeting will be 4th Tuesday of October or November. Our usual meeting place is not available for Nov.

Submitted by

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