

**EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Zerunyan called the meeting to order, the time being 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Zerunyan, Chairman
Susan Brtis
Melody Colbert
Carol Dean-Porter
Shirley Kline
Jim Moore
Dave Pierson
Andy Rein
Vicki Shinn

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Kristine Amin
Priscilla Regur

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Andy Clark, Community Services Director
Linda Fitton, Equestrian Services Supervisor
David Wahba, Planning Director

MINUTES, MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2007

Change minutes to include approval of new jumps in City's riding rings. Approved as changed.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Dale Allen spoke about problems with horses stepping on nails near construction sites adjacent to trails. He suggested contractors be made responsible for sweeping with a magnet on job sites near trails. The Community Services Director will include information about borrowing the City's magnet in the next City Newsletter.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE EQUESTRIAN ISSUES UPDATE

Member Moore reported on two items which were discussed at the Traffic and Safety Committee meeting:

1. Addition of "horse crossing" signs for crossing Palos Verdes Drive North at Dapplegray Lane. This item was approved.
2. Lomita Sheriff Station operating a "sting" operation at "horse crossing" crosswalks. Member Moore reported the Sheriff's will work with their own posse to begin enforcement.

SPECIAL PERMIT BOARDING ISSUES

Planning Director Wahba reported to the Committee on current recommendations and requirements for increasing the allowed number of horses from four to five or more. He stated the required setback would change from 35 feet to 50 feet for all housekeeping properties. Committee Members expressed concerns regarding horse keeping properties which currently have more than four horses, are currently 35 feet from dwellings, and cannot meet the new criteria, including no boarders and 50-foot setback. Planning Director Wahba further stated the minimum square footage required will increase from 300 feet to 400 feet.

Dapplegray HOA President Jerry Gliksman spoke to the Committee and related his concerns regarding establishing guidelines and conditions for increasing the number of horses. He stated his concerns include more horses being boarded, increased traffic, car parking, deliveries from feed stores, manure removal, horse shoers, etc., and damage to trails and fences from increased vehicular traffic on trails.

Audience members suggested considering each application on an individual basis.

Chairman Zerunyan suggested the Committee consider the staff report's two recommendations in reverse order:

After discussion, Chairman Zerunyan stated the Committee consensus was to not discriminate between boarders and homeowners. Committee Members agreed to delete Recommendation No. 2.

Committee Members discussed Recommendation No. 1, requiring 40,000 square feet for the addition of the fifth horse and the setback requirements of 50 feet from dwellings. Member Pierson questioned the 50 foot setback. Planning Director Wahba stated this would be required for additional horse keeping.

Member Kline stated she feels the wording is not clear enough and should clearly define the square footage requirements. Planning Director Wahba stated that 20,000 square feet is required for 4 horses, with an additional 10,000 square feet required for each additional horse. He further stated regarding existing code for horse keeping space, the first horse requires 800 square feet, with each additional horse requiring 300 square feet. He suggested adding the required footage from 300 square feet to 400 square feet. The COMMITTEE agreed that an increase from 300 square feet to 400 square feet was not necessary for additional horses.

Motion to recommend with all changes. All in favor.

The following horse keeping space requirements were clarified by the Planning Director:

<u>Number of horses</u>	<u>Lot Sq. Footage Requirements</u>
5	30,000
6	40,000
7	50,000
8	60,000
9	70,000
10	80,000
11	90,000
12	100,000

CITY CELEBRATION EVALUATION

Chairman Zerunyan and the Community Services Director reported on the success of the City Celebration. Chairman Zerunyan reported the City won the volleyball game vs. the Lomita Sheriff's Department. On November 6, the Park and Activities Commission will hold a debriefing regarding the City Celebration.

LOMITA SHERIFF'S STATION ATV

The Community Services Director reported the Lomita Sheriff's Station has an ATV patrolling on the horse trails. Many of the Committee Members were aware of this activity and reported no issues from the Sheriff's use of the trails.

EQUESTRIAN ISSUES LOG

The Equestrian Issues Log was received and filed.

COMMITTEE ITEMS

Committee Members requested the large puddles be drained off the riding rings at Dapplegray Park.

The Community Services Director reported soils testing will continue the second week of October.

Committee Members discussed the filming being conducted at the Botanic Gardens. Several Committee Members reported the filming has recently continued until after 11:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fitton
Equestrian Services Supervisor