

**EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
MAY 29, 2007  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Zerunyan called the meeting to order, the time being 7:05 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Frank Zerunyan, Chairman  
Dale Allen  
Susan Brtis  
Melody Colbert  
Shirley Kline  
Jim Moore  
Andy Rein  
Vicki Shinn

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kristine Amin  
Carol Dean-Porter  
Dave Pierson  
Priscilla Regur

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Andy Clark, Community Services Director  
Linda Fitton, Equestrian Services Supervisor

**MINUTES, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

The Minutes were approved as submitted.

**AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**MAYOR'S BREAKFAST RIDE UPDATE**

Chairman Zerunyan reported on a successful Mayor's Breakfast Ride.

## **PETER WEBER EQUESTRIAN CENTER SOILS TESTING UPDATE**

The Community Services Director updated the Committee Members on the proposed soils testing at the City's Equestrian Center. He reported on fifteen possible sites proposed for drilling and soils testing.

## **TRAINERS MONOPOLIZING CITY ARENAS**

Committee Members discussed the current use and overcrowding of the City's rings being used by trainers for commercial purposes. Member Moore recommended a meeting with all trainers using the public rings to identify problems and conflicts. Staff will schedule a meeting immediately with the licensed trainers.

## **FITZPATRICK PROPERTY ISSUES UPDATE**

Committee Members discussed the ongoing problems concerning the Fitzpatrick property boarding 28 horses. Committee Members discussed a request from trail riders to install a trail next to the existing trail which has become a road. The proposed new trail would be fenced on both sides to protect trail riders from vehicle traffic, and vehicles would be prohibited from using the new trail.

Committee Members discussed suggestions to go to the Planning Commission regarding Fitzpatrick's request for a Special Use Permit.

1. Encourage Fitzpatrick to give a dedicated easement across the property to provide for the current longstanding trail use. This trail provides access to Howlett Park and has become a part of the Loop Trail on the Peninsula. The dedicated easement would connect the Ferncreek and the Howlett Park Trails.
2. Request a trail with fencing on both sides be developed next to the current trail/road.

## **STABLES FUND FEE CHANGES**

Committee Members discussed the current boarding fees and the proposed 2007-08 Stable Fund budget. Following lengthy discussion and calculations, Committee Members agreed to suggest a fee increase of 3% for all boarding fees, non-resident, and trailer parking fees. Trainers' monthly fees were suggested to be increased from \$360 to \$400 per month.

Member Allen motioned, seconded by Member Shinn

THAT CITY COUNCIL INCREASE THE MUNICIPAL STABLE FUND FEES TO MEET THE \$18,659 PROJECTED INCREASE IN EXPENDITURES IN THE FY 2007-08 ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, RECOGNIZING THAT THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE DESIRES THE LEAST IMPACT ON INCREASING BOARDING FEES, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) BOARDING FEES – INCREASE 3%;
- 2) TRAINER FEES – INCREASE TO \$400/MONTH FOR TEACH TRAINER;
- 3) NON-RESIDENT SURCHARGE – INCREASE 3%;
- 4) TRAILER PARKING FEE – INCREASE 3% AND IMPLEMENT POLICY THAT REQUIRES EACH TRAILER HAVE A STATE LICENSE, BE IN OPERATIONAL CONDITION, AND MAINTAINED IN A CLEAN MANNER;
- 5) HORSE SHOWS – NO INCREASE IN FEES; AND
- 6) PONY CAMP – NO INCREASE IN FEES.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

### **EQUESTRIAN ISSUES LOG**

Committee Members discussed complaints regarding the activities of Kim Glaza and Kitty Cooper, who caused an incident with trail riders in May. Ms. Glaza and Ms. Cooper were on the Landfill trail with seven (7) loose dogs and an infant in a stroller. When the riders requested Ms. Glaza and Ms. Cooper restrain their dogs and remove the stroller from the horse trail, Ms. Glaza responded by rudely shouting at the riders and running the stroller at the horses. Staff will send a letter notifying both Ms. Glaza and Ms. Cooper regarding the new ordinance prohibiting strollers on the trail and that dogs must be on a leash.

### **COMMITTEE ITEMS**

Member Moore reported cars are not stopping for riders in any crosswalks where horses cross the streets. He requested the City consider installing a horse crossing on PVDN at Westfield. This item will be recommended to the Traffic and Safety Committee.

Committee Members discussed the ongoing problem of cars not stopping at the horse crossing on Rolling Hills Road. Committee Members would like to request asking the Lomita Sheriff's Department to begin ticketing cars which do not stop.

Member Moore requested a crosswalk across PVDN at Dapplegray Lane for people using the bus stop and the horse trail on the opposite side of PVDN. This request will be referred to Traffic and Safety Committee.

Member Moore offered a second solution which is improvement of the trail on the Rolling Hills' side of PVDN.

Committee Members discussed proper signage for the horse crossing and recommended the following:

1. Add Chartreuse yellow horse crossing signs at the following locations:
  - SE Corner of PVDN and Crenshaw Boulevard
  - Rolling Hills Road (mid-block crossing) near St. Luke's Church
2. Add a mid-block crossing on PVDN near Dapplegray Lane with Chartreuse yellow horse crossing signs.
3. Set up a Sheriff's "sting" operation for the mid-block horse crossing on Rolling Hills Road after the Chartreuse yellow horse crossing signs are installed.
4. Adding secondary welcome signage on each of the City's main arterials reminding drivers that State law requires that vehicles must stop for equestrians and pedestrians in crosswalks.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Peter Weber Equestrian Center Soil Testing Investigation

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fitton  
Equestrian Services Supervisor