

**EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Zuckerman, Chairman
Melody Colbert
Shirley Kline
Jim Moore
Dave Pierson
Vicki Shinn

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT

Carol Dean-Porter
Pat Killen
Priscilla Regur

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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COMMITTEE MEMBER SHINN moved, seconded by COMMITTEE MEMBER KLINE

THE MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2005, APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

None.

2005 WESTERN SHOWS RESULTS

Becky Martin, Western Riding Horse Show Coordinator, reported that their four horse shows had attracted more participants this year, compared to 2004. Each show met the minimum 30 riders needed for this organization to financially break even. The contracting of new judges with lower fees also assisted in keeping costs down. In answer to an inquiry from the Community Services Director, Ms. Martin believed they would likely request that the City again waive the barn rental fees for 2006 and would submit a letter of request in January.

STABLES ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Community Services Director highlighted the Subcommittee's minutes from August 8, 2005. He stated the inspection revealed no current health or safety issues. Park and Activities Commissioner Dale Allen stated he feels the barn roofs need rain gutters and the second barn needs to be raised to maintain pitch to the roofline. Subcommittee Members stated they are studying the stable site and noted the continued subsidence of the ground where the lower barns are located.

Chairman Zuckerman suggested, as a follow up to a previous letter, the Committee send a letter to Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts requesting that a permanent site for the stable facility be resolved. He also suggested asking for native soil for the stable site. Committee Members suggested the letter be an action item to be approved by City Council. Committee Members stated the letter should come from the City Manager and should be directed to Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation, L.A. County Sanitation Districts (and copied to Jim Stahl), and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe. Committee Members also stated the letter should address concerns regarding the continued delay of the final EIR.

COMMITTEE MEMBER MOORE moved, seconded by COMMITTEE MEMBER SHINN

TO RECOMMEND THAT CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO L.A. COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REQUESTING: 1) A PERMANENT MUNICIPAL STABLE SITE BE DETERMINED, PREFERABLY ON NATIVE SOIL; AND 2) THAT THE CITY IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUED DELAYS IN THE COUNTY'S RELEASE OF THE FINAL EIR FOR THE PROPOSED GOLF COURSE.

EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE VACANCIES UPDATE

Equestrian Committee interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, September 27. Committee Member Colbert questioned the status of applicants Linda Lang, Susan Brtis and Andrea Meek. The Community Services Director indicated that he would request that the Deputy City Clerk verify each applicant's status.

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CITY CELEBRATION EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

The Community Services Director reported the equestrian events at the City Celebration went very well, but unfortunately, several demonstrations cancelled. Committee Members reported the equestrian events were very entertaining. The Community Services Director reported the attendance at the City Celebration was lighter than normal. Chairman Zuckerman suggested for the future, a horseshoe tournament between the City and the Lomita Sheriff's Department.

The Community Services Director will prepare a City Celebration report for the Park and Activities Commission.

COMMITTEE ITEMS

Committee Member Shinn requested installation of asphalt grindings on the trail from the Crenshaw Tunnel to the entrance of the Landfill Trail.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council's response to action items.

New Committee items.

Improvements to sprinklers on riding rings at Chandler Park and Howlett Park (currently, the sprinklers do not reach the center of the ring).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fitton
Equestrian Services Supervisor