EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 6, 2011
City Council Chambers Conference Room

PRESENT: Chair Claudia Cook
Vice Chair Rebecca Pike
Commissioner Marca DeMonaco
Commissioner Yvette Picconi
Commissioner Sonya Sevier (arrived at 6:42 pm)

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Templeman
Bob Hardcastle (guest)
John Patrick (guest) Doctoral student ULV
Blaine Michaelis sitting in for Assistant City Manager Ken Duran

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2011

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR
Rebecca Pike was elected Chair and Claudia Cook Vice Chair

TRAILS UPDATE
City Manager Michaelis provided an update of the Northern Foothills Trail Study explaining that the city sees the benefit of looking at the overall trail system in the foothills and working toward a comprehensive plan to ensure that the city has well designed and connecting trails. A draft of the study will be reviewed by staff in the next several weeks. Once it is completed and recommendations and discussion points are developed by staff we will be holding a joint meeting with the Equestrian Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council to work toward a consensus plan. The Poison Oak Trail project is awaiting an access agreement from the county this week. Once that is in hand, the plans for the trail construction will be finalized and we will be out to bid for the construction. If the schedule holds, the trail will be under construction in about 2 months. The repair costs for the Sycamore Trail are extensive. One of the purposes of the trail study is to consider a trail system that would not include the Sycamore Trail segment because of the cost to repair and the potential for future damage to the trail.

WALNUT CREEK OPEN SPACE PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE
City Manager Michaelis reported that the public meeting on this project has been scheduled for September 29 at 6:30 pm at the Community Building. The consultant on the planning project will be conducting the meeting to put together initial planning options for the project.

WESTERN DAYS PARADE
Commissioners have been working with the Chamber on organizing the equestrian portion of the parade. Commissioners discussed the various elements of the parade coordination and tasks to be completed. Another meeting with the Chamber is anticipated for final arrangements. The Commissioners discussed various assignments and matters to coordinate for a safe equestrian participation in the parade.

WEST NILE VIRUS
Commissioners are aware of the issue. Mayor Pro Tem Templeman noted that there has been an equine West Nile Virus case in Southern California. Mr. Templeman will get information from the District for distribution to equestrian owners at the parade.

CITYCOUNCIL REPORT
Mayor Pro Tem Templeman reported on Olive Garden and Panda Express coming to the Costco Center. The city will be convening a meeting on potential changes to the city's sign provisions. The state has taken steps to eliminate Redevelopment unless money is paid – the city is participating in a law suit to challenge this action. An update was provided on the future decision regarding the downtown sidewalks. An update was provided on the projects at the Sycamore Canyon Equestrian Center – the City is meeting with the Adairs next week to finalize plans to replace the lower restroom, build a new restroom in the upper area, and install an office. Once the plans are finished construction bids will be obtained and the financial decision on the projects will be made. Updates will be provided on these projects at each Equestrian Commission meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE
Bob Hardcastle reported on the equestrian accident the afternoon of September 2 up Sycamore Canyon Creek. He provided information regarding the accident and rescue.

John Patrick explained that he was attending the meeting to observe decision making dynamics. He is a Doctoral student at ULV and group observations are part of his coursework.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
Commissioner DeMonaco requested that information be provided at a future meeting regarding evacuation procedures for horses for emergencies.
Chair Cook noted the fence disrepair on the HOA project on Baseline. City Manager Michaelis reported that the city is aware of the situation and is encouraging the HOA to address the repairs or even to just remove the fencing.

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm. Next meeting of the Commission is November 1, 2011

CITY OF SAN DIMAS MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 2011

TO: Equestrian Commission

FROM: Marco A. Espinoza, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: **Tentative Parcel Map 65790**
(Previously reviewed as Tentative Parcel Map 06-02)
A request to subdivide one lot into four at 405 W. Gladstone Street.

TPM 65790 was previously reviewed and approved by City Council in 2007. Subsequently the map has been on hold until now. The applicant has revised the map which Staff has determined to be significantly different enough to warrant re-review.

The revised map is consistant with the previous application to subdivide one lot (3.78 Acres) into four lots (39,000 – 42,140 Sq. Ft.) for the development of single-family homes. The subject property is zoned SF-A 16,000 (Single Family – Agriculture 16,000), which allows for the keeping of horses for personal use. Although the lot lines are unchanged, the map has changed based on the following items which helps address the previous concerns Staff had with the project:

1. Access
2. Grading
3. Retaining walls
4. Equestrian access
5. Tree removals

Equestrian Access

All of the lots will still have access to the equestrian trails on Cody Road and Chapparal Road. Access for Lots 1 and 2 will be along a 10-foot wide easement that runs alongside the driveway.

In 2000, the City Council established policy guidelines for all new horse-keeping properties; it requires all newly created equestrian properties to be a minimum of 20,001 square feet of usable area with a minimum lot width of 150 feet.

The proposed lots are consistent with the City Council's policy and are as follows:

Lot	Street Access	Lot size	Lot Width	Number of Horses Allowed
1	Cody Road	41,308 sq. ft.	230 feet	5
2	Cody Road	39,100 sq. ft.	230 feet	4
3	Cody Road	42,140 sq. ft.	150.5 feet	5
4	Cody Road	42,140 sq. ft.	150.5 feet	5

The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing abandoned homes and construct four new homes. The tentative parcel map identifies the proposed home and future corral footprints of each proposed lot. It appears that the location of the proposed homes and corrals will not conflict with the required setback. Additional information has been requested from the applicant to verify required building setbacks. The code requires that horses *be maintained in open corrals containing at least two hundred eighty-eight sq. ft., e.g., twelve feet by twenty-four feet per horse, in enclosed box stalls consisting of at least one hundred forty-four square feet, e.g., twelve feet by twelve feet per horse. The corral must be no closer than thirty-five feet from any residence located on the same lot or parcel and at least eighty feet from any residence located on an adjacent lot or parcel. Corrals shall conform to building setbacks from any public or private streets.*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION AND

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MAYOR

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★ INVITES YOU TO THE ★

TRAIL★DUSTERS★RIDE

Sunday 10·16·2011

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH TRAIL

at WALNUT CREEK

Activities: Check in and pancake breakfast at 7 a.m. The event will kick off at 9 a.m. and continue through the scenic trails of Walnut Creek. The day will conclude with the traditional barbecue and live country western music.

$30 PER PERSON

(horse rental not included)

EVENT INFORMATION: (909) 599.8411

★ FOR HORSE RENTAL RESERVATIONS: ★
GRAHAM BROS. CALL LEE GRAHAM (760)245-7695

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RIDING CONDITIONS: COMBINATION OF ROLLING HILLS, SOME SEMI-STEEP HILLS AND LEVEL AREAS. THE RIDE IS TO BE 3.5 HOURS WITH 2 REST STOPS

STAGING at FRANK G. BONELLI REGIONAL PARK, 120 E. VIA VERDE ROAD, SAN DIMAS, CA 91773

NON-RIDERS ARE WELCOME ★ RIDERS UNDER 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT ★ NO STALLIONS OR DOGS, PLEASE.

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