

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 3, 2012
City Council Chambers Conference Room

PRESENT: Chair Rebecca Pike
Vice Chair Claudia Cook
Commissioner Marca DeMonaco
Commissioner Sonya Sevier

Councilman Jeff Templeman
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran

ABSENT: Yvette Picconi

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chair Pike

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2012

Commissioner DeMonaco made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2012 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sevier and approved by unanimous vote.

TRAIL CLEAN-UP RECAP

Mr. Duran stated that this is an opportunity to provide any feedback on the trail clean-up project. Chair Pike commented that she thought it was very organized and things went well. It was suggested that a rain date should be included on the flyer next year. The consensus was that April is a good time of year to have the clean-up.

WESTERN DAYS PARADE PARTICIPATION

Commissioner DeMonaco commented that she will be in communication with the Chamber about the parade. It was suggested to reach out to the local ranch operators to get equestrian entries. Commissioner Sevier also suggested getting information to Cal Poly and Mt. Sac for volunteers.

REVIEW AND COMMENT ON HORSE OWNER STORM WATER PREVENTION
BROCHURE

Mr. Duran commented that the City is in the process of preparing various education materials pertaining to storm water pollution prevention. He shared a draft of a brochure pertaining to best management practices for horse owners and asked for input. Commissioner DeMonaco presented a marked up copy of the draft with suggested comments. It was commented that the brochure puts too much emphasis on pasture and grazing which doesn't apply to San Dimas horse keeping. It was suggested that it should emphasize management on smaller lots. It was suggested that bug zappers don't work. Other suggestions were to include, "keep tarps over roll-offs", "manure should only be stored in approved containers" and suggestions for predatory flies. It was suggested that once finalized they should be made available at the Feed and Grain and tack stores.

Councilman Templeman asked if any Commissioners had heard of problems with the manure storage and disposal at Sycamore Canyon Equestrian Center. Commissioners had responded that they had not. There was discussion of an appropriate manure management plan.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Duran reminded the Commission of the Joint Commission meeting to be held on July 17th to review the Walnut Creek Open Space Master Plan.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Templeman gave a report on the City budget and the impacts of the loss of the Redevelopment Agency on the budget. He asked the Commissioners for their thoughts about keeping the Oak Valley stable property zoned for equestrian residential lots. Some Commissioners commented that it would be short sighted to say now horse keeping for the property.

MEMEBRS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no audience member comments.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Cook reported that someone has closed off the access to the trail along the flood control channel at the end of Wehner Lane.

Chair Pike commented that the trail on Foothill west of the equestrian center needs some tree trimming.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.