

EQUESTRIAN COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 3, 2013
City Council Chambers Conference Room

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

Councilman Jeff Templeman
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2013

Commissioner Picconi made a motion to approve the minutes of July 2, 2013 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeMonaco and approved by unanimous vote.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Commissioner DeMonaco was elected Chair and Commissioner Sevier was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

PRESENTATION OF "HEART" EMERGENCY EQUINE EVACUATION PLAN

Mr. Duran introduced volunteers from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department San Dimas Station to present their new equine emergency evacuation program, HEART. Several volunteers provided an overview of the program including the Barn Book for evacuating sites, Master Planning book for the station, activation process, shelter site materials, volunteer solicitation process, volunteer roles, emergency preparedness and community education and the next steps for implementation of the program.

Commissioner Cook suggested that they prepare a newsletter article about the program to be submitted as the next Hoofbeats article for the San Dimas Community News.

Commissioner Picconi asked about the availability of trailers for evacuations. They clarified that the program does not perform the physical evacuation of horses but coordinates the sheltering part of evacuations.

In response to a question the volunteers discussed the various shelter locations that they have identified.

Commissioner Cook shared the lack of coordination and confusion with the Rainbow fire evacuation. The volunteers responded that a key to the program is the identification of the horses and tracking where they are being sheltered.

There was further discussion and comment regarding the program. It was presented that the program should be ready to roll out in January. The Commissioners complemented the volunteers and thanked them for the presentation.

WESTERN DAYS PARADE REPORT

Chair DeMonaco reported that she has been attending the Western Days Committee meetings and the equestrian portion of the parade planning is set. There was some discussion on the details of the plans.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Duran reported that the developer who has expressed interest in purchasing the San Dimas Equestrian Center and submitting a request to rezone the property to residential has submitted a formal application with the City. He added that once the application has been deemed complete the project will begin review, including by the Equestrian Commission.

Mr. Duran reported that the owners of the Oaks Valley stable on San Dimas Ave. have been talking with a broker to sell the property and the City has received inquiries as to the zoning on the property. He added that the property is currently zoned AL 16,000 which would allow for 20,000 sq. ft. residential horse keeping lots.

Mr. Duran reported that the City is still working with Supervisor Antonovich's office to obtain a grant for the phase one development of Walnut Creek Open Space.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Templeman reported that he was going to report on the two stable properties and echoed what Mr. Duran reported.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no audience member comments.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

There were no Commissioners comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on November 5, 2013.