

**EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 30, 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
Kristine Amin
Susan Brtis
Melody Colbert
Shirley Kline
Jim Moore
Dave Pierson
Andy Rein
Vicki Shinn*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Carol Dean-Porter
Priscilla Regur

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Andy Clark, Community Services Director
Linda Fitton, Equestrian Services Supervisor
Roy Beall, Zoning and Code Administrator
David Wahba, Planning Director

*Member Shinn arrived at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2007

The Minutes were approved as submitted.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Dale Allen, 39 Buckskin Lane, suggested that a clip latch be added to the Dapplegray Park round pen gate.

Audience Member Jeff Simko (Palos Verdes Pony Club) reported jumps missing from the riding ring at Howlett Park.

WAGON WHEEL RANCH HORSEBACK RIDING ISSUES

Committee Member Colbert reported a conversation with Moccasin Lane resident Barbara Epstein, regarding Wagon Wheel Ranch trail rides operated by Pat Murnan. City Staff reported that Mr. Murnan has met all the City's requirements regarding horse keeping as well as obtaining a City business license and the required liability insurance. This issue was tabled pending a formal communication being submitted to the Equestrian Committee.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT BOARDING ISSUES

Planning Director Wahba explained to the Committee the possibility of the City increasing the allowed number of horses in the Horse Overlay Zone with adequate size for additional horses. The Planning Director also explained the increase in the allowed number of horses would be for the resident's use only, not for the purpose of boarding horses. Committee Members debated under what conditions would it be appropriate to allow increased numbers of horses.

After continuing discussion, Committee Members requested to bring this item back to the next Committee meeting before making any recommendation to City Council

PETER WEBER EQUESTRIAN CENTER SOILS TESTING UPDATE

The Community Services Director reported on the recent soils testing/drilling at the City's Stable. The soils testing will be completed at a later date due to ongoing discussions and requests between the Sanitation District and Los Angeles County Building and Safety. The Community Services Director will report any updates at the next meeting.

DOBBIN LANE SPUR TRAIL PROJECT UPDATE

The Community Services Director reported the Dobbin Lane Spur Trail has been cleared and opened for use by riders.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE EQUESTRIAN ISSUES UPDATE

The Community Services Director reported that the Committee's concerns about road signage and improving trail crossings would be agendized at a future Traffic and Safety Committee meeting during fall 2007.

LICENSED TRAINER ISSUES MEETING UPDATE

The Equestrian Services Supervisor reported on a successful meeting with trainers and riders using the public rings. The primary overcrowding and use by trainers is occurring at Dapplegray and Chandler Parks. The trainers present at the meeting agreed to be more considerate of non-training riders using the rings.

CITY CELEBRATION EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

The Community Services Director reported on the equestrian events scheduled at the upcoming City Celebration.

EQUESTRIAN ISSUES LOG

The Equestrian Issues Log was received and filed.

COMMITTEE ITEMS

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Special Use Permit Boarding Issues

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Fitton
Equestrian Services Supervisor