

MINUTES

**City of Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Monday November 26, 2018**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Los Angeles Equestrian Center, 480 West Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506**

	Present	Absent
Joe Salaices Chair,	X	
District 1 Vacant		
District 2 Jeffrey Rewald		X
District 3 Jill Haber		X
District 4 Lynn Brown	X	
District 5 David Ramey	X	
District 6 Mary Benson	X	
District 7 Dale Gibson	X	
District 8 Kevin Atkins	X	
District 9 Vacant		
District 10 Todd La Vergne	X	
District 11 Larry Watts	X	
District 12 Stacia Crane	X	
District 13 Gene Gilbert	X	
District 14 Vacant		
District 15 Vacant		
Mayor's Office: Scott Perez	X	

ITEM NO. (1) Welcome and Introductions

ITEM NO. (2) Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance. Welcome Public Officials.

ITEM NO. (3) Public Comment. There was extensive discussion concerning the flower vendors located adjacent to the Forest Lawn Drive exit from the Hwy. 134 exit ramp. Numerous members of the public described actual and near accidents involving riders and their horses caused by the aggressive and unsafe activities of the vendors. These activities by vendors include rock throwing, jumping from the nearby tunnel onto the bridle trail as horse and rider pass by, running towards horse and rider from both the front and rear yelling and waving floral bouquets and signs. Suggested measures to alleviate the problem included new fencing and landscaping to keep vendors distant from the bridle trail area, additional signage, licensing of the vendors and establishing a safe location for them to conduct their businesses and stricter enforcement of existing laws.

Another member of the public reminded the Committee and audience of the importance of licensing equines as a way to preserve horse-keeping entitlements.

- ITEM NO. (4) The Chair next introduced Mayor Emily Gable-Lundy of Burbank, Seamus Garrity, Field Representative State Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, Catherine Landers Director for Special Projects for LA Councilman David Ryu and Tracy James, Special Projects Griffith Region for LA Dept. of Rec. & Parks. They responded to questions and statement from the public and reported on a recent meeting with various state and local agencies. The subject of this meeting to understand the activities of flower vendors located near the Forest Lawn Drive exit from the Hwy. 134 exit ramp and to discuss how to respond.. Among the attendees included representatives of the City of Los Angeles, LA County, the state legislature, CalTrans, the CHP and Member Lynn Brown of the LAEAC. The meeting included a site walk and an extensive discussion of the factual background.

A consensus was reached at the meeting that the flower vendors activities were creating a serious health and safety hazard. However, due to overlapping governmental jurisdictions and recent and pending statutes, the problem was complicated and will take time to resolve. A further meeting of this group will be held next month.

- ITEM NO. (5) The Chair next recognized Monica Muehlhause-Horn who presented her ideas concerning ways to effectively communicate information to the equestrian community during emergency situation.

- ITEM NO. (6) The Chair recognized Member Benson who described the benefits of obtaining a National Recreation Trail designation. The details of her report were attached the Agenda for this meeting.

Following a discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Memorandum dated November 28, 2018 addressed to the Office of the General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks concerning National Recreation Trail designation is approved.

- ITEM NO. (7) The Chair again recognized Member Benson who recommended directing a comment to the Department of Public Works request the creation of a new layer in Navigate LA as set forth in the comment attached to the Agenda for this meeting.

Following a discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Comment attached to November 26, 2018 LAEAC Agenda requesting the Department of Public Works to create a new layer in Navigate LA is approved.

- ITEM NO. (8) The Chair again recognized Member Benson to discuss the proposed memorandum attached to this meeting's Agenda dated November 26, 2018 addressed to the Mayor and City Council of Los Angeles regarding uses for Special Purpose Funds.

Following a discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the memorandum attached to this meeting's Agenda dated November 26, 2018 addressed to the Mayor and City Council of Los Angeles regarding uses for Special Purpose Funds is approved.

- ITEM NO. (9) Mary Benson reminded all that suggestions for trail maintenance are welcomed. Member Salaires noted several have been received and will be considered.
- ITEM NO. (10) The Chair next announced it was time to establish a 2019 meeting schedule. Following a discussion and upon a motion duly made seconded, the following schedule was adopted: January 28; March 25; May 20 (3rd Monday); July 22, September 23 and November 25.
- ITEM NO. (11) The Chair indicated that the January 2019 meeting will include an agenda item addressing issues relative to the Equestrian Evacuation Committee were no committee reports. There were no other committee reports.
- ITEM NO. (12) The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018 LAEAC meeting. The minutes were approved
- ITEM NO. (13) There were no committee reports given.
- ITEM NO. (14) The LAEAC will meet next at Los Angeles Equestrian Center, 480 West Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506 on January 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m..
- ITEM NO. (15) Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary