

Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee

Minutes for June 22, 1999

Attending: Eric Lesser, Muriel Kotin, Rosemarie White, Glenn Bailey, James Ward, Gene Greene, Sandy Wohlgemuth, Jenny Maggio, Holly Edwards (LA Times, Valley)

Muriel chaired the meeting, the last of her six-months term.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved with a minor change.

Muriel announced the planting of golden currants in the expansion area near the northern-most bridge by children of the Westland School on June 6.

A very successful Audubon Family Flashlight Walk was held on June 20 led by the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society. Six children and 20 adults took part and the Recreation and Park Rangers joined in. A marshmallow roast topped off the evening.

Muriel reported that the Audubon education program for 1998-1999 was most successful and will be resumed in the fall. She had not been able to reach the scout expected to do a bluebirds project.

Jenny Maggio, mother of Eagle scout candidate Matthew, proposed that a wooden frame be built to hold a plaque containing the names of scout volunteers and set up in the wildlife area. James broke in to inform us that Rec and Park regulations firmly prohibit such a display because of probable vandalism, destruction or theft. Mrs Maggio proudly passed around a photo album illustrating Eagle scout achievements in the basin. After some discussion it was decided to send letters of thanks to the volunteers. Glenn suggested a letter to Scout Headquarters on Ventura Blvd.

James described the Boy Scout Jamboree of May 21-23 as well-organized and generally marked by good behavior and little damage to the wildlife area.

The pedestrian entrance to the expansion area on Woodley near Burbank is still on his agenda subject to availability of manpower. Signage and street names are also on his waiting list.

Rec and Parks is considering the process of scheduling activities in the wildlife area and at the amphitheater.

In response to the need for additional means of posting notices of forthcoming events and general information James will confer with his carpenter for a covered kiosk. He will also see that the exposed wiring on the restroom building will be repaired.

An enlarged poster of the \$10,000 check signed by city attorney James K. Hahn and written to the Consortium was displayed. It was from a fine paid by Holland-American Lines for draining its bilges too close to Los Angeles harbor. Sandy wrote a thank-you letter to Mr Hahn for the

Consortium.

Sandy Wohlgemuth

Minutes of 6/22/99, Continued:

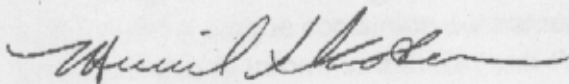
Steve Hartman will meet with George Gonzales, Chief Forester of the Street Tree Division. Muriel and Rosemarie will join the meeting and Steve Moe will be invited.

City Councilwoman Cindy Miscikowski is looking for a park advocate/environmental representative for the Encino Community Council being formed. MSP for the Committee to nominate Muriel with Glenn as alternate for the position.

Steve H. commented on seeing a grebe family in the wildlife lake, a hawk on the osprey perch, and an orange bishop (bird). R & P is removing milk thistle in the Wildlife Area. Steve inquired whether the Consortium might pay for controlling exotics by cutting and dabbing Roundup. He will write a letter to James on this, as typically city policy would prevent herbicide use by private persons. There is a leak on Hummingbird Hill.

Mike Spiker is the new facilities manager for the Tillman and Los Angeles/Glendale Water Treatment Plants. He is in charge of maintenance and gardening in the plants and likes native plants. The size of the sewage spill on 6/16 - 6/17 has been reduced to 2.4 million gallons.

Submitted by



Muriel Kotin