

Sylmar Neighborhood Council
Equestrian Committee Meeting
Friday October 18, 2013

At the /Sylmar Recreation Center 13109 Borden Ave Small Gym, Sylmar Ca 91342

- 1) Call to order at 7:26 By Cheri Blose Committee Co-Chair
- 2) Roll Call , Introductions of Equestrian Committee , Cheri Blose, Kelli Land, Daniela Ramirez, Laurie Fadness, Geronimo B_____ -
- 3) Minutes approval from Sept 19th, 2013 Meeting, tabled for Tuesday October 22, 2013
- 4) Introduction of Felipe Fuentes And open Discussion of Equestrian issues in our community.

Cheri Blose opened the discussion of the purpose of the Equine committee. How the new master plan and zoning will establish better guidelines for equestrians in Sylmar and is a mile stone being the first community to have the rezoning and planning in Los Angles.

Geronimo shared the ride that the equestrian committee took Felipe Fuentes on in the community to show him first hand what riding in Sylmar is about and some of the concerns we have with our trails.

Felipe Fuentes introduced Brenda Barnette the Director of LA Animal services and how she was instrumental in the Make your horse count event for us, and Chatsworth and soon Lake View Terrace. She is also a member of the Sylmar community. Tonia is introduced as Felipe's assistant and office manager for the Sylmar field office...

There are plans to take Central planners out on the trails in the Hansen Dam area to share with them the concerns that equestrians have about their communities.

Major Focuses that Felipe discussed are

- 1) trail connectivity
- 2) horse crossings that make sense'
- 3) Create a list of concerns to start to focus on, prioritizing and wish lists.

Felipe is the Chair of the energy and environment committee and many of the concerns that we have can be brought to this committee regarding our equine lifestyle...

Many questions and comments were presented by the audience

Happy to see representatives that are moving forward with ideas, and to work together with.

Goals to access trails and make it happen

Importance of how Make your horse count event made a difference and put horses on the map.

Make your horse count helps to work toward identifying funding, and sharing ideas with planners to make the community coherent with its equestrian lifestyle

How does the audience feel about multi use trails, consensus that multi use trails are good.

Can Sylmar be revitalized so that business is more horse friendly , to have trails and tie rails like the community of Norco, CA has for their equestrians.

Different color and texture for the horse crossing that are non slippery and more notable difference for drivers and safer for the horses

Non slip

Speed bumps

Push buttons that trigger a longer crossing at lights.

Hot spots discussed

Bledsoe and San Fernando crossing signs and buttons

Roxford and foothill signs and buttons

Olive view and Bucher street crossing

Glenoaks and Bledsoe

Foothill and Glenoaks Roxford and San Fernando

Call council office if there items that are not being addressed ,, they will address them

Use of 311 app to contact and take pictures for the city

Branding of Sylmar

Brown barrels for manure attached to horse licenses

5) Felipe presented certificates of appreciation for Make you horse count for excellence in service

6) Public comments

7) Update comments and requests for future agenda items tabled

8) Closing remarks

9) Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm