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**SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (SNC)
EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes
Thursday, December 12, 2013 7:30 p.m.**

At the Sylmar Recreation Center, 13109 Borden Ave., Susan B. Anthony Building, Sylmar, CA 91342

1. **Call to Order: By Cheri Blose at 7:16 pm**
2. **Roll Call** and self-introductions of Committee Members. Please sign in with your e-mail address so we may notify you of SNC meetings and alerts. In Attendance 3 committee board members and 2 stakeholders
3. **Minutes Approval** from November 20, 2013 Equestrian Committee Meeting. Patty moved to accept Minutes as presented, Bonnie seconded motion all in favor minutes accepted as presented.
4. **Review, discussion & update on the meeting with Councilman Felipe Fuentes and open discussion about the first five situations which are as follows and the City Planning department**
 1. Olive view and west of Bucher ST across from Jiffy Lube solar light crossing with push buttons
 2. Roxford and Foothill horse crossing button and signage
 3. Bledsoe and San Fernando road, horse crossing buttons and horse crossing signs
 4. San Fernando Rd and Roxford, Horse crossing buttons and horse crossing signs
 5. Glenoaks And Bledsoe horse crossing buttons and signageList need be sent to Felipe, Emily, Tonia, dot, and SNC
Tonia will notify us when the DOT meeting in January will be held.

Cheri contacted Bart Reed about doing a 24 hour senses on how many horses are crossing and cars are using the intersection described in item number 1. This would help with justifying why we need to have these crossings and have his organization of volunteer's count the number horses that use these crossings and how many cars are present as well. This will give documentation on how many horses and cars that use these intersections.

5. **Discuss and possible action for budget for the "Make Your Horse Count Day" 2014, make committees & sub-committees.**

Discussion on plans for the 2014 Make Your Horse Count in May: Monies requested from the Sylmar Neighborhood Council Board were approved for \$2500.00. Discussion on Insurance options that are needed to rent Stetson Ranch, purchase insurance on our own, Ask Don from the SNC Board on the insurance for the Olive Festival, use Corral 12 and Equestrian Trail Inc. Insurance, Ask Councilman's Office if insurance is available from the City for the event.

The question was raised about Donations from companies to support the event. Geronimo has a friend that has 501c3 that can the committee can talk with who can accept donated funds for the event. Geronimo will have him come to our next meeting to meet him. This person has a Broadcasting company that has a nonprofit permit His Name is Daniel V.

Letter to send out to community corporations will be drafted and presented by Diane Rinker and Bonnie at the next committee meeting.

Discuss setting budget limits at the next meeting for the \$2500.00 from the SNC.

A Mission statement was created

"Profits will be spent for the betterment for Sylmar equestrian community"

Committees needed to help organize the event.

Fund raising, door prizes and donations
Entertainment
Advertising and outreach
Operations – tables, chairs, port-a-potties, tents. Geronimo stated he rented tents for \$130.20 for an event he had.
Vendors and food
Parking and day of the event coordinator

Kelli will contact the councilman's office for the following, chairs, tables, port-a-potties, and insurance, what is happening with the master plan approval process and for possible trail ride with the equestrian committee Feb 8 or 15 at Stetson.

Patty will contact Animal Regulations on doing micro chipping and licensing

Cheri will contact Anita and see how she can help with the event and what is up with the master plan approval process.

Discussion on how to engage community and equestrians to be engaged in the improvement of the community and our trails. Suggestions discussed are:

Geronimo suggested a Community Trail ride once a month starting in February including the Councilmen's and his office, suggested dates Feb 8 or 15, 2014. Ask Taco El Gordo to provide breakfast to the riders.

Daniela suggested Shakeys Pizza eat in, where all food purchased on a certain date and time frame has a percentage of donation as a fundraiser for the Make Your Horse Count event. Have the committee members at the event to meet and greet and discuss any concerns or questions community members wish to ask and to engage community in connecting and helping out with future planning events. Suggested to look into March as possible month to do this. Daniela will research the possibility and the logistics.

Banners at trail heads and key places that the equestrian communities go to that will announce the meetings date, time and location.

Discussions on what will the committee do with any donations that are made to the Make your horse count event that are above expenses.

Clean trails specific City Trails,
Put in bridle trail along Bledsoe.

Lastly, discussion to get everyone as excited for 2014 Make your horse count as they were in 2013. It is needed to not only have the meeting agenda attached, but also include meeting info in the body of the email, mention plans that are in the works, progress reports on projects that will help encourage community members to attend the meetings and become engaged.

6. **Discuss and possible action on the publishing of a "current" community map.** Cheri is going to refer this to the SNC board to provide a current community map.
7. **Public Comments** on non-Agenda items within the committee's subject matter jurisdiction.
8. **Update:** Comments and requests for future Agenda items.
Committees, planning for February trail ride, March Pizza night, May Make your horse count.
Meet with Daniel V. regarding nonprofit for Make your horse count proceeds.
9. **Future Agenda Items:** Please submit in writing to the Committee before January 4, 2014 **next Meeting date:** November meeting date to be discussed due to holidays 2013, Sylmar Recreation Center, 13109 Borden Ave., Susan B. Anthony Building, and Sylmar.
10. **Closing Remarks, Announcements, Acknowledgements and Adjournment. 8:15 pm by Cheri**