

**FOOTHILL TRAILS DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 9, 2016, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

FTDNC OFFICE

9747 Wheatland Ave, Shadow Hills, CA

*Equestrian Committee Meets Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each Month at 7:30 pm*

- 1) **Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance.** *Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm.*
- 2) **Chair,** Laurie Thoms, thanked attendees for coming and invited them to join the committee.
- 3) **Comments by Public Representatives / Public Comment:**
  - a) Judy Trujillo spoke of neighbor's encroachment by her building projects and restraining order against Judy making it difficult to speak with her to resolve any issues. Needs NC help to garner information and to resolve land boundary issues. EQ recommended going to a Land Use Committee meeting and Judy is considering further participation in the FTDNC.
  - b) Betina Loudermilk, spoke of loss of bridle trails in La Tuna Canyon and lack of maintenance of trails as well as diminished access from neighborhoods to trails due to obstruction with fences and landscaping. EQ will research and recommend volunteer and community service options to make existing trails usable and safe. Preliminary discussion about creating an Ad Hoc Committee [or working group] to work on gathering a workforce to address these trail needs.
- 4) **Presentation and/or new projects with possible action:**
  - a) Equine Fair: what worked and what didn't; suggestions for next year. An minor mishap made it clear that a first aid kit and some first aid training for staff is in order. The plan for the Fair will begin much earlier and will consider private venues, their location, conflict with other local events, advertising, fees and possible expansion into the evening. 104 reflector sets were given out to equestrians who attended, who provided their emails, which will be developed to market the event next year.
  - b) EQLAvia event will require NC support as a City entity in order to close any given streets. Discussed routes with starting and end points at ranches; promoting issues such as HSR, EQ safety and getting sponsors (truck and trailer dealers, real estate offices, feed stores, Pierce College. Preliminary discussion about creating an Ad Hoc Committee [or working group] to begin work on this even (perhaps in conjunction with Outreach Committee).
- 5) **Updates with possible action:**
  - a) Followup to equine waste disposal issues – tabled until next meeting for a report from Tamara on Recology, Sun Valley/Peoria) which will outline what waste is accepted, where, and how much they would accept.
  - b) Horse licensing needs big push on all possible fronts. September Poker Ride was suggested by LA Animal Services rep as next big event. Sylmar's Geronimo engaged Latino equestrians and a better effort is needed to reach our Latino equestrian community.
  - c) HoHo Ride in December - Nikki Ahten reported sponsorship by several ETI's, but that NC support would be welcomed. Need to get in touch with ETI20 President to inquire what they need.
  - d) Christy Crow brought bumper stickers for sale against High Speed Rail from the Hansen Dam Trailriders, who will ride/march in the upcoming Sunland/Tujunga Fourth of July parade, and invited all to participate.
- 6) **Notification of public hearings and/or community equestrian events:** Sunland/Tujunga Fourth of July parade.
- 7) **Committee member comments :** None
- 8) **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm. The next meeting of the committee is Thursday, July 14.