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FOOTHILL TRAILS DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (FTDNC)
GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
April 16, 2009 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
VINEDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
10150 La Tuna Canyon Rd.
SUN VALLEY, CA 91352

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- A. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call
- B. Public Comment on non-agenda items (three minutes or less per speaker - 15 min. total)
- C. Remarks from public representatives (10 min)
- D. Election of new FTDNC officers (20 minutes)
- E. Approval and possible corrections of March 19th and April 2 General Meeting minutes (5 min.)
- F. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 1. Finance Committee – Treasurer’s report (Kevin Davis) (5 min.)
 - a. Discussion and possible action to provide \$1,500 in supplemental funds for the DONE congress pending a recommendation by the Finance Committee. (10 min.)
 - b. Discussion and possible action to spend \$320.00 to provide a two line, four station cordless phones (Panasonic model KXTG9392T) from Fry’s Electronics for Stonehurst Rec Center. (5 min.)
 - c. Discussion and possible action to spend \$365.00 as a registration fee for Terry Kaiser to attend the 2009 California Trails and Greenway Conference scheduled for 4/22 - 4/24. (Travel, hotel and meal not covered by conference will be paid by California Trail Users Coalition.) (5 min.)
 2. Land use (Nancy Woodruff)
 - a. Discussion and possible action to direct committee to draft a letter to the appropriate departments regarding handicapped accessible crosswalks at the intersection of Foothill and Osborn in Lake View Terrace. (5 min)

3. Outreach (Cris Hughes - 2 min)

4. Lopez Canyon subcommittee (Marlene Rader - 2 min)

5. Equestrian committee

a. Discussion and possible action to draft a letter to CD 2 recommending that the councilmember appoint Fritz Bronner and Dale Gibson to the Equestrian Advisory Committee. (Royan Herman - 5 min.)

b. Discussion and possible action to send the following Community Impact

Statement: Equestrian and hiking trails are an invaluable asset to the city, not only providing recreational opportunities, but serving as access routes to open space. The Hiking and Equestrian Master Plan was never incorporated into the Transportation Element of the General Plan. Community Plans calling for retention of equestrian elements are not being respected as Planning decisions are being made. Equestrian communities comprising the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council are rapidly losing their access trails, as a result of this failure to adhere to the Community Plan – and along with that our heritage. Therefore on April 16, 2009 the FTDNC voted (result) to support CFI 07-4133. (Royan Herman) (5 min.)

c. Discussion and possible action to send the following Community Impact

Statement: Council File: Motion 07-3494-S1 Position: OPPOSE

“At the April 16th, 2009 meeting of the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council:

The board voted (vote result) to **OPPOSE** Bicycle Advisory Committee proposal to expand Mountain Bike use on trails within the Los Angeles Recreation & Parks.

Public safety of children, families, hikers and equestrians who are majority users of city park trails should outweigh the needs of a few. There is no "Right" to allow mountain bikes on trails. (Marin v. Babbitt 9th Circuit Court). There is a growing body of evidence that a single extreme mountain bike enthusiast can put numerous trail users at risk because of the speed. Hikers and equestrians, when faced with conflict begin to stop using trails. The end result is FEWER trail users.

We request the Council to please reaffirm existing city ordinance prohibiting bicycles on city park trails.” (Fritz Bronner) (5 min.)

6. Watershed committee (Mary Benson – 2 min)

7. Rules and Election Committee (Billy Hays – 2 min)

G. Discussion of FTDNC sending representative to Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, and of moving the FTDNC standing meeting date to accommodate board member attendance at the Alliance. (Nancy Woodruff – 10 min.)

H. Comments from the FTDNC Board (two minutes only)

I. Adjournment

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at 9747 Wheatland Ave. Shadow Hills, CA: at our website by clicking on the following link: www.FTDNC.org or at the scheduled meeting.

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION

Under FTDNC Bylaws, Article 7, Section H, the Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the Agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) a Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a proposed Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the action taken can only make a motion of reconsideration. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.