

FOOTHILL TRAILS DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2016, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

FTDNC OFFICE

9747 Wheatland Ave, Shadow Hills, CA

Equestrian Committee Meets Every 2nd Thursday of each Month at 7:30 pm

- 1) **Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance.** *Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm.*
[Committee attendance: Vikki Brink, Laurie Thoms. Absent: Tamara (NE), Gerardo (NE); Kelly (E), Donna (E)]
- 2) **Chair,** Laurie Thoms, thanked attendees for coming and welcomed everyone's participation.
- 3) **Comments by Public Representatives / Public Comment:**
None
- 4) **Presentation and/or new projects with possible action:**
 - a) High Speed Rail discussion with Bonnie Wolf who explained the difference from the Maintenance Division of the Army Corps. of Engineers and the Regulatory Division, which is the one we need to address our concerns regarding High Speed Rail in Hansen Dam. There are two environmental review processes for HSR:
(1) California State is governed by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which is the lead agency of the CHSR Authority, and the Federal process is governed by the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). The Federal Railroad Administration is in control of any Environmental Impact studies and review, and the cooperating agencies with the FRA is the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps. of Engineers. A letter submitted to the federal agencies listing community objections to the HSR and requesting a public hearing would have significant impact. Action: a letter will be created and brought to the next meeting.
- 5) **Updates with possible action:**
 - a) Discussion regarding equine waste disposal issues: Rates went up because place near Lopez canyon raised rates; local stables having to go out past Acton, which is already 2/3 full and rates have also gone up. Vikki Brink reported that the Cordova program to send to dump is more cost effective and saving her \$400-\$600 per month. Manure disposal is one of the main reasons driving horses out of the San Fernando Valley.
 - b) Discuss supporting/promoting Animal Services horse licensing event at Oct. 23 SF Rangers' Poker Ride (financial support) Must be for a tangible item (i.e., porta potties). TABLED until next meeting for a quorum vote to go to Budget.
 - c) Discussion regarding creating a horse licensing sub-committee – TABLED (Laurie T. seeking clarification on ad hoc vs. working group).
 - d) Discussion regarding possibility of supporting ETI Ho! Ho! Ride in December. Must be for a tangible item. Laurie T. will contact ETI Corral 20 and report at next meeting.
 - e) Follow-up from issue raised at last meeting with a discussion regarding repair of trails in La Tuna Canyon so there is better access to local trails and to avoid riding on streets. Suggested that Explorer Scouts be contacted to come assist with clearing trails. Bettina Loudermilk will explore some of the La Tuna trails and give repair recommendations at next meeting.
 - f) New items from the floor :
- 7) **Notification of public hearings and/or community equestrian events.**
 - a) Foothills Summerfest at Sunland Park, July 22-24 to raise money to build a nature center to rehab reptiles.
 - b) LA Equine Advisory Board Meeting, Monday, July 25, 6:30 pm, Friendship Hall, 3201 Riverside Dr.

- c) Stonehurst National Night Out, Aug. 2, 6-9 pm, bring a chair and something to share at Stonehurst Park in Shadow Hills
- d) Hansen Dam Advisory Meeting – Last Tues. of each month... Next one is July 26, 2016.
- 7) **Committee member comments** : None
- 8) **Approval of June meeting minutes**: TABLED.
- 9) **Adjournment**. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. The next meeting of the committee is Thursday, August 11.