

Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

Parks and Beautification Committee

Minutes from July 23, 2009

O'Melveny Park Entrance

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Ellen Crosby at 6:05 PM. In attendance were Mary Ellen Crosby, Ralph Kroy, Donna Zero, Blake Johnson, Agnes Lewis, Cherie Mann, Neysa Frechette, and Josh Jordahl.
2. Minutes from the May 28, 2009 meeting were approved with the correction of the date of the meeting which was listed as May 29, 2009
3. Megan Cotter from Councilman Grieg Smith's office was introduced and spoke about Proposition K and Aliso Canyon improvements. The grant was submitted and included \$700,000 for improvements for Aliso Canyon. She asked for a letter of support for the project. She brought a sample letter but there were objections to some of the items in the letter. A motion was made by Ralph Kroy to draft a letter of support of the project with specific recommendations.

Motion: That the GHNNC write a letter of support to the Grants Administrator for the City of Los Angeles for a grant application for Proposition K funds to be used in Aliso Canyon Park for: Additional tree planting, the preservation of the natural habitat including the trail and adjacent streambed, facilities encouraging community equestrian activities such as hitching rails, decomposed granite arena, and horse trailer parking area, facilities for pedestrians and hikers including information kiosks and picnic benches.

Additional public comment was heard on the removal of the Bar-B-Queue pits in O'Melveny Park. A motion was made by Ralph Kroy to allow safe Bar-B-Queue in the park. Item will be put on the next agenda.

4. It was agreed that a thank-you letter would be sent to Kim Novak for the gift of the grapefruit trees in the park. Cheri Mann offered to write the letter.
5. There was discussion about an upgrade to the entrance of O'Melveny Park. It was decided that because of the economy that an upgrade at this time is not practical.
6. See Item #3
7. The Dept. of Parks and Rec. are planning to reassign rangers to other duties. It was motioned by Donna Zero to send a letter of support to the Dept of Parks and Rec. to support keeping the rangers as assigned.
8. It was suggested that a welcome sign similar to the on Chatsworth and Zelzah be placed at Orozco and Balboa. There was agreement that this should be done but at this time, we do not have the details on the costs. Agnes Lewis is researching the information for the project.
9. Mary Ellen commented that the Boy Scouts are working on marking the trails. The trails had been cleared by the Los Angeles Conservation Corp. Patriot Oil Fund paid for the trucks and heavy equipment to improve and widen the trails for emergency equipment.
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM

Minutes submitted by Donna Zero