



**Special Meeting
Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Members

Mark Mastromatteo, Chair, RPC
Tim Martinez, Vice-Chair, RPC
John Onderdonk, At Large/6
Terri Ashley MacQuarrie - RPC
Jonathan Fuhrman- RPC
Treasure Sheppard – RPC
Daniel Rossman – EAC
Cindy Clark-Schnuelle – NWC
Vacant – At Large

Staff

Brenda Harvey-Williams, Director, Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Mel Alonzo, Parks Administrator
Garrett Crawford, Parks Superintendent, Staff Liaison
Stacy Houser, Committee Staff Representative

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Agenda
Special Meeting
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6:00 P.M.

1. **Call to order**
2. **Roll call**
3. **Public Comments for items on the agenda**
4. **Approval of minutes**
 - September 28, 2021*
5. **New business**
 - Information items**
 - Los Angeles County Public Works updates
Keith Hala, P.E., Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Public Works
 - Reservoir Restoration Project
 - Southeast Entrance for Hahamongna Oak Grove Drive Improvement Project
 - Studies update on the potential presence of shot hole borer beetle at the northeast area of Hahamongna
 - Arroyo Seco Canyon Project update
Natalie Ouwersloot, Principal Engineer, Pasadena Water and Power
 - Hahamongna Watershed Park tenant lease agreements update
Jeffrey Hernandez, Real Property Manager, Economic Development
 - Receive requests from Hahamongna Annex Tenants*
 - Move A Child Higher (MACH 1) - Don Fedde
 - Rose Bowl Riders - Nancy K. Norris, Chair
 - Tom Sawyer Camps - Guy Fish, Executive Director
 - Hahamongna Native Nursery - Tim Brick, Managing Director

6. Old business

Action items

- Work Plan updates and discussion*

7. Reports/comments from the Chair

8. Comments from Committee Members

9. Staff comments

10. Upcoming meeting agenda items

11. Adjournment

*Attachments

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Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory
Committee

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Approval of Minutes

Action Item

September 28, 2021



Draft Minutes

**Regular Meeting
Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 28, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Committee Members Present: Terri Ashley-MacQuarrie, Tim Martinez, Mark Mastromatteo, John Onderdonk, and Treasure Sheppard.

Committee Members Absent: Cindy Clark-Schnuelle (excused), Daniel Rossman (absent), and John Onderdonk (excused).

Staff Present: Mel Alonzo, Garrett Crawford, Brenda Harvey-Williams, Stacy Houser, Kenny James, and Yannie Wu-Bowman.

1. Call to order

Chair Mastromatteo called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

2. Roll call

Staff (Houser) called the roll, and a quorum was established.

3. Public comments

- Marilou Stuart, Rancho Cucamonga President of OG Mama's Disc Golf Club. She requested the Hahamongna Disc Golf Course be commemorated as the first installed Disc Golf Course in the world using a rock with a recognition brass sign with the name of the course and date it was installed be placed next to the oldest basket, which is called "iron maiden."

Following public comment, Brenda Harvey-Williams, Director Parks Recreation and Community Services, and Mel Alonzo, Parks Administrator, introduced Mr. Garrett Crawford to the Committee. Mr. Crawford responded and gave a brief overview of his background and prior experience.

Chair Mastromatteo welcomed Mr. Crawford on behalf of the Committee.

4. Approval of minutes

After review, it was moved (Ashley-MacQuarrie) and seconded (Martinez) to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2021 meeting. (Motion carried)

In Favor: Ashley-MacQuarrie, Martinez, and Mastromatteo.

Abstentions: Onderdonk and Sheppard.

5. New business

- **Discussion of November meeting date.**

After discussion, it was moved (Sheppard) and seconded (Onderdonk) to change the November Regular Meeting from Tuesday, November 23 to Tuesday, November 16. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Ashley-MacQuarrie, Martinez, Mastromatteo, Onderdonk, and Sheppard.

- **Los Angeles County Public Works Updates**

The Committee received an update from Keith Hala, P.E., Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Public Works. It was noted that the sediment removal project was completed for the hauling portion of the project. The removal of the office trailers should be removed this week.

- Reservoir Restoration Project

Keith Hala stated the sediment removal project was completed a year ahead of schedule. Ongoing restoration and sediment removal will continue on an annual basis.

Questions from the Committee followed. Los Angeles County Public Works staff responded.

- Southeast Entrance Hahamongna Oak Grove Drive Improvement Project

Keith Hala stated Los Angeles County conducted community outreach to discuss how to modify the southeast entrance. Mr. Hala stated they would conduct further outreach and present options to the public via a presentation containing illustrations of the potential designs.

- Potential presence of shot hole borer beetle at the northeast area of Hahamongna

The Committee received an informative presentation from Carly Lancaster, Biologist, ECorp Consulting, regarding the potential presence of the shot hole borer beetle and the studies performed at the northeast area of Hahamongna. Results of the studies are pending, and the committee will be updated at a future meeting.

Questions from the Committee followed, and Ms. Lancaster responded.

Public comment on Southeast Entrance Hahamongna Oak Grove Drive Improvement Project

Blair Hansen, Pasadena resident, Hahamongna Accountability Project, noted our key request is the elimination of one of the two entries (preferably the slip road) and that trucks be required to use the second entrance, allowing the replanting of the 15 large scale oaks and providing the neighborhood with a natural entrance and barrier from noise, pollution, and vandalism. She thanked the Committee for their help in this effort.

6. Old business

• Work Plan updates and Discussion

The Committee briefly discussed stakeholder facility requests, and there were minor Work Plan updates. A motion was not taken.

7. Reports/comments from the Chair

Chair Mastromatteo noted that the water diversion's update on the Arroyo Seco Canyon item slated for this agenda would be on the November Agenda. Staff shared that Water and Power staff had a scheduling conflict and could not attend this meeting.

8. Comments from Committee Members

Committee Member Sheppard announced she would be attending a grant seminar on Wednesday, September 29th via Zoom that may have potential opportunities for projects/programs in Hahamongna. She recommended staff attend the seminar.

9. Staff comments

Staff (Harvey-Williams) provided the following updates:

- The Governor signed an amendment to the Brown Act, so legislative bodies and City Council can continue to meet remotely. One new requirement is to allow the public to provide live public comment. Updates will be provided as to how this will be implemented once City Council has established guidelines.

10. Upcoming meeting agenda items

- Los Angeles Public Works update on the Restoration Project, Southeast Gate Entrance, and beetle studies outcome
- Brad Boman, Pasadena Water and Power, update on the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project (water diversion)
- Annex Facility requests to be presented by stakeholders

11. Adjournment

It was moved (Sheppard) and seconded (Ashley-MacQuarrie) to adjourn the regular meeting. (Motion unanimously carried) The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

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New Business

Information Item

Hahamongna Annex Tenant Facilities Requests

September 12, 2021

Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee
Attn: Cindy Schnuelle

Dear Cindy,

MACH 1 would appreciate the Committee's support of our request to repair and use the long-vacant storage shed (approx. 12' x 12') that adjoins the northwest corner of the property we occupy in Hahamongna Park.

Around August 18th, MACH 1 was visited by the Pasadena Parks and Recreation Commissioners and you, with the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee members. We had two different visits, with one being the week before. During the second meeting, MACH 1 made a verbal request for the use of that building.

Regretfully, we are losing the use of a storage trailer that currently houses our fundraising and horseshow supplies, our major fundraiser. If granted, we propose to upgrade the building with paint, shelving, and security, in a similar manner to the improvements we made on the 'welder's shed'.

Thank you, and the Committee, for your help with this.

Sincerely,
Joy Rittenhouse
Executive Director,
Move A Child Higher, MACH 1

To Cindy and the Hahamongna Watershed Advisory Committee,

Thank you for visiting and touring RBR a few weeks back. I trust you found your visit helpful and informative. It is a wonderful facility, and we are grateful to have leased from the City of Pasadena for so many years.

Thank you for asking about how you might be helpful especially with “flood control”. Something more permanent would be best. The picture you sent shows the sandbags at the south end of the property, placed next to the road but closer to the fence on this side of MACH 1, our neighbors. If a small, three-foot wall could be built there, the water would be diverted and flow naturally away from our neighbors. There are many river rocks in the arroyo that could be used. I think you would have to dig down and put a cement footing in to stabilize the structure.

As you well know, there is a natural slope from the fire-service facility that drains down to our roads and just keeps flowing through. RBR has recently leveled the footing in our main arena so the water doesn't pool, inside on the south end.

The roads in and around RBR is compacted decomposed granite. We recently added a few truck loads in August and paid our trainer to spread the DG, drag and roll so that our roads would be safer, as we try to eliminate the ruts, rocks and large holes. RBR can always use more DG. It is rather expensive for us to have it delivered.

As you may know, RBR has been waiting for the final approval for our long-term lease with the City of Pasadena. We have been working with Jeffrey Hernandez. RBR signed a short-term lease back in 2020 to cover that year but have yet to secure our long-term lease. (2021-2025) We (Nancy Norris and Betsy Bour) have drafted a lease, an Operating Agreement and have recently signed a third-party Trainer Agreement. We are hopeful to have something in place very soon, so that we remain compliant with our insurance provider.

Thank you for your interest in RBR.

Nancy K Norris
RBR Board Chair

Hi Cindy,

Thanks for reaching out to our team. Sarah and I were travelling so apologies if our response is a little delayed. In the future, can you make sure both Sarah and I are on your correspondence.

I know Sarah enjoyed her meetings with the various committee members and we truly appreciate your interest in tenant improvements and relationships.

Items that would help us sustain and grow revolve primarily around safety improvements:

- **DRAINAGE:** Our horse stalls flood considerably when we get heavy rains and often, a river forms through the corrals. We do our best to reroute the water but would love to see proper water control from the north so it doesn't flood the southern areas of the corral.
- **ROADS:** The east/west road into our corral area from the park could greatly benefit from leveling and resurfacing. It gets a lot of use and is in poor shape.
- **BATHROOMS:** A bathroom burnt down on the south end of the grass field and was replaced by porta potties. They are not serviced often enough by the city and are pretty unsanitary. This area gets heavy usage by all park visitors and should at a minimum be on a frequent service schedule. Ultimately, we'd love to have the permanent structure that burnt down rebuilt.

Thank you again and please let us know if you have any further questions.

Guy Fish^[L]_[SEP]
Executive Director
Tom Sawyer Camps
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Growing the Good for 95 Years, 1926-2021

Hahamongna Native Plant Nursery Needs Space

The Arroyo Seco Foundation has been operating Hahamongna Native Plant Nursery in Hahamongna Watershed Park for seven years. With community support, ASF has made a substantial investment to improve the abandoned facilities on the former US Forest Service compound and turn them into an important educational resource. The nursery is very successful and has developed a devoted group of customers and volunteers who appreciate the tremendous benefits of native plants.

Hahamongna Nursery is the most significant public education program in Pasadena regarding the crucial topics of water conservation, environmental stewardship, climate change and biodiversity. Each visitor receives a lesson on nature and native plants, and they take home living reminders of their lessons.

Our goal is to provide locally sourced native plants for habitat restoration program and for conservation-based landscaping for residents, schools, businesses and public agencies.

We Need More Space for Propagation and Restoration

The nursery in the Hahamongna Annex is surrounded by horse facilities and unused space.

We are out of space. Our lease with the City of Pasadena provides us with the use of less than half an acre, and we have outgrown it. Several thousand native plants from more than one hundred species are crowded into the planter beds and small garden areas.

The need for additional space is urgent. We have agreed to provide 5,000 plants to Los Angeles County for their restoration program in the Hahamongna basin, but limited space is constraining our efforts.

We need space for plant propagation and growing areas. The area just south of our nursery contains several underutilized buildings and large spaces that could be used to expand our efforts. We hope you will assist us in obtaining permission to put this area to beneficial use.

It's Time for Pasadena to Get Serious about Environmental Education

The HWP master plan calls for an environmental education center on the site of the former Forest Service compound. Hahamongna Nursery has jump-started that plan and demonstrated how to adaptively use the space and facilities in the Annex. Working with other local environmental groups, the Arroyo Seco Foundation hopes to help facilitate the development of a first-class environmental education center that we propose should be called the Hahamongna Watershed Education Center.

For more information, please contact ASF Managing Director Tim Brick, Managing Director, tim@arroyoseco.org

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Old Business

Action Item

**Committee Work Plan Updates
and Discussion**

**City of Pasadena Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee
Work Plan: 07/01/21 – 06/30/22**

Mission:

The purpose and function of the committee shall be to review and advise the City Council on matters related to the committee, as defined and designated in Section 2.150.110 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, including:

1. Review and recommendation of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan and any addenda thereto;
2. Oversight of the preparation of the environmental documents associated with the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan and any addenda thereto;
3. Oversight of the construction of the Hahamongna Watershed Park restoration project;
4. Review of revenue and financing proposals to fund the ongoing operations and maintenance of Hahamongna Watershed Park;
5. Development of a plan for public outreach and community involvement in accomplishing the four functions listed above; and
6. Monitoring the Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project, including the sediment removal phase of the project, and provide the community an opportunity to voice concerns.
7. Such other matters as the City Council may request.

FY 21-22 Objectives:

Objective #1 – Review and recommendation of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan and any addenda thereto

Objective #2 – Oversight of the preparation of the environmental documents associated with the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan and any addenda thereto

Objective #3 – Oversight of the construction of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Restoration Project

Objective #4 – Review of revenue and financing proposals to fund the ongoing operations and maintenance of Hahamongna Watershed Park

Objective #5 – Develop a plan for public outreach and community involvement

Objective #6 – Monitor the Devil’s Gate Reservoir Restoration Project, including the sediment removal phase of the project, and provide the community an opportunity to voice concerns

Objective #1 – Review and recommendation of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan and any addenda thereto

Committee Members: All Committee Members

Action Items:

- Include Hahamongna Watershed Park in the Arroyo Seco Public Lands Ordinance.
- Consider modification to Pasadena Municipal Code regarding bikes in the Hahamongna Watershed Park (PMC 3.21.110A15).

Work Plan Updates:

July 2021

- No update to the Work Plan

September 2021

- No update to the Work Plan

November 2021

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January 2022:

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March 2022:

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May 2022

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Status:

Objective #2 – Oversight of the preparation of the environmental documents associated with the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan and any addenda thereto

Committee Members: Cindy Clark Schnuelle (Lead), Treasure Sheppard, John Onderdonk.

Action Items:

- Receive JPL superfund groundwater quality updates.
- Receive water diversion project updates from Water and Power Department.
- Annually tour Arroyo Seco Environmental Educational Center and the Pasadena Equestrian Center.
- Request the Public Works Department to determine if the Annex Area buildings can be rehabilitated.
- Develop an action plan for the Annex Area (short-term and long-term); report back to the full committee with specifics and seek committee approval.
- Pasadena Equestrian Center drainage and sanitation issues; identify drainage problems, make recommendations, and develop a strategy for solutions.

Work Plan Updates:

July 2021

- No update to the Work Plan.

September 2021

- Members of the Committee toured the Annex, on Wednesday July 28th and on August 11th with staff, and met with the Rose Bowl Riders, Tom Sawyer Camp, the Hahamongna Native Nursery and MACH I.
- The Committee requested staff give a review of the Annex Facility request process at the November meeting.
- The Committee requested Annex facility requests be presented by stakeholders at the November meeting.

November 2021

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January 2022:

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March 2022:

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Status:

Objective #3 – Oversight of the construction of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Restoration Project

Committee Members: All Committee Members

Action Items:

- Monitor the facilitation of the dam and reservoir maintenance operations in a manner that is compatible with the proposed features of the Master Plan and will result in minimal impacts to the surrounding area.
- Provide an update to City Council on this project when requested.

Work Plan Updates:

July 2021

- No update to the Work Plan

September 2021

- No update to the Work Plan

November 2021

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January 2022:

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March 2022:

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Status:

Objective #4 – Review of revenue and financing proposals to fund the ongoing operations and maintenance of Hahamongna Watershed Park

Committee Members: Cindy Clark Schnuelle (Lead), Treasure Sheppard, John Onderdonk.

Action Items:

- Research funding options and opportunities for the Annex.
- Identify and partner with stakeholder groups to develop projects and funding.
- Receive updates on executed lease agreements with tenants (Tom Sawyer Camp, MACH 1, Rose Bowl Riders, and Hahamongna Native Plant Nursery).

Work Plan Updates:

July 2021

- No update to the Work Plan.

September 2021

- Committee Member Sheppard announced she would be attending a grant seminar, on Wednesday September 29th via Zoom that may have potential opportunities for projects/programs in Hahamongna. She recommended staff attend the seminar.

November 2021

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January 2022:

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Status:

Objective #5 – Develop a plan for public outreach and community involvement

Committee Members: Treasure Sheppard (Lead), Cindy Clark Schnuelle, and Daniel Rossman.

Action Items:

- Conduct annual tours for the community of Hahamongna Watershed Park highlighting its importance in Pasadena, Altadena and La Canada-Flintridge.
- Committee members to attend City events, school events, and neighborhood events to encourage residents to be outdoors and to enjoy the native and natural beauty of the Arroyo Seco.
- Work with City schools to start an environmental educational program to focus on protecting and enhancing the precious environmental treasure in Hahamongna Watershed Park.
- Request updates from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Board representative for Pasadena.
- Partner with various stakeholder groups to identify CIP projects.
- Create an outreach action plan to present to the full Committee.

Work Plan Updates:

July 2021

- No update to the Work Plan

September 2021

- No update to the Work Plan

November 2021

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January 2022:

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March 2022:

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Status:

Objective #6 – Monitor the Devil’s Gate Reservoir Restoration Project, including the sediment removal phase of the project, and provide the community an opportunity to voice concerns

Commissioners: All Committee Members

Action Items:

- Receive updates from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works on the construction overview, habitat restoration, hauling season, hauling routes, trail closures, traffic impacts, air, and haul truck monitoring, and ongoing communication.
- Understand the City and County’s role after the completion of the County Sediment Removal Project by overviewing the maintenance and habitat restoration plan.
- Understand the future flood management program for Hahamongna Watershed Park.

Work Plan Updates:

July 2021

- The Committee received an update from Los Angeles County Department of Public Works on the sediment removal project and the anticipated early completion date.

September 2021

- The Committee received an update from Los Angeles Public Works on the Reservoir Restoration Project, the Southeast Entrance on Hahamongna Oak Grove Drive Improvement Project, and a report on the potential presence of the shot hole borer beetle at the northeast area of Hahamongna.

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Status:

Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee

Draft Presentation Calendar FY 2021-2022

To be scheduled:

July 2021

- Update on Devils Gate Sediment Removal Project
Tae UK (Mark) Gim, P.E. Senior Civil Engineering Assistant, Los Angeles County Public Works and Fahim Rahimi, Construction Manager, Los Angeles County Public Works
- Hahamongna Accountability Project update
Blair Hansen, Representative, Hahamongna Accountability
- La Canada-Flintridge Parents for Healthy Air update (Pre-recorded video presentation).
Dr. Elizabeth Krider, Representative, La Canada-Flintridge Parents for Healthy Air
- Hahamongna Bus Route update
Sebastian Hernandez, Principal Planner, Department of Transportation

September 2021

- Los Angeles County Public Works Updates
 - Devil's Gate Sediment Removal Project
 - Reservoir Restoration Project
 - Southeast Entrance Hahamongna Oak Grove Drive Improvement Project
 - Studies update on the potential presence of shot hole borer beetle at the northeast area of Hahamongna

November 2021

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January 2022

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March 2022

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May 2022

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June 2022

- Annual Meeting