

SSFL COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

June 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Hidden Lake Clubhouse, West Hills

I: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ron Ziman, Co Chair

II: Members Present: Alec Uzemeck, Ron Ziman, Sharon Ford, Abe Weitzberg, John Luker, Mike Kuhn.

III. John Luker made a presentation describing the culture, habitat and history of the SSFL, and he streamed it on Facebook. He mentioned the many birds and mammals at the site and they have been observed to be thriving. Historically the site has been used for cattle ranching at Silvernale and Burro Flats, and one of the caves has ancient paintings and with points identifying the solstice.

John showed animal tracking and pointed out the SSFL is an important linkage, which allows DNA diversity in healthy animals.

John sees the future of the area as a national park or a nature preserve which would be the largest in the nation. Also the site could fit into the Rim Of The Valley open space project that is in congress for approval.

IV. There was a general discussion of the SSFL including the Boeing environment easement and the cleanup which may have a lengthy time frame that will include feasibility studies and requests for funding.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.