

September 10, 2013

Via E-Mail

Pasadena Mayor, Honorable Bill Bogaard, and Pasadena City Council

Re: Recommendations Regarding Use of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range

The West Pasadena Residents' Association (WPRA) appreciates the excellent cooperation we have gotten from City staff and the great interest shown by our WPRA members as we worked to offer informed recommendations and opinions regarding use of the Lower Arroyo Archery Range.


The WPRA established a committee to review the City's approach to resolving the issues related to the Pasadena Roving Archers' (PRA) use of the archery range in the Lower Arroyo Seco. The committee heard concerns from both the Roving Archers and local residents. The committee's recommendations were discussed at the WPRA board meeting on September 4, 2013. WPRA's conclusions are as follows:

1. Archery is included as an integral part of the Lower Arroyo Seco natural preservation area as set forth in the Lower Arroyo Master Plan (LAMP) that was adopted by the City Council on September 29, 2003. WPRA supports this continued use.
2. During the Arroyo Seco Master Planning (ASMP) process that was fully supported by WPRA, no one spoke up suggesting that archery be removed. Furthermore, there were no reported problems of interference of walkers, joggers or equestrians with archers.
3. Trails to be used by archers and those for walkers are clearly delineated in the LAMP. These should continue to be used as described.
4. Safety concerns are an issue for everyone and must be addressed by the City of Pasadena, even though there have been no reported injuries during the past 65 or so years that archers have pursued their sport in the lower Arroyo Seco.
 - A. Clearly posting and enforcing rules for archers and other users of the Lower Arroyo Seco is critical. This includes timely installation of signs and natural barriers in accordance with design guidelines in the LAMP.
 - B. The City, in coordination with PRA, should certify and identify people authorized to use the range or provide instruction to people not yet authorized.
 - C. The rules for use of the Lower Arroyo, especially the archery range and adjacent areas, should be adopted as City Ordinances, so they can be enforced with appropriate penalties.

5. We believe that the 14 targets identified in the LAMP for the Southern Range in Section 4.3.5 is an error. The Northern Range targets should number 14 in Section 4.3.4, and the Southern Range targets should number 28, which is consistent with usage that can be documented by the PRA and City staff. The City Council should take necessary action to clarify in the LAMP the correct number of archery targets for each range.

Thank you for your consideration and continued effort to develop and implement a fair resolution on this important issue affecting both our residents and our historic park.

Sincerely,


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