

MINUTES

GRIFFITH PARK ADVISORY BOARD DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS CITY OF LOS ANGELES November 20, 2014

The Griffith Park Advisory Committee of the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks, was called to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Griffith Park Visitor's Center Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. **Committee Members Present:** Lynn Brown, Alex Chavez, Chip Clements, Barbara Ferris, Laura Howe, Ann Marie Johnson, Chris Laib, Janell Mullen, Jerry Petryha, Lucinda Phillips, Don Seligman, Kris Sullivan and Susan Swan; **Absent:** Ted Johnson and Susan Lee; **Department of Recreation and Parks:** Kevin W. Regan, Joe Salaices, Ranger Albert Torres, Raul Leon, Gonzalo Rebollo, Deirdre Symons; **Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney:** Alois Marjorie Phillips; **Council District Four (4):** Shan Chao; **Los Angeles Police Department:** Two Officers **Members of the Public:** Two

ITEM 1 INTRODUCTION AND ADVISORY BOARD ROLL CALL

Joe Salaices, Superintendent of the Griffith Region, welcomed the new Griffith Park Activity Board (GPAB) members and the other attendees.

Kevin W. Regan, Assistant General Manager of Recreation and Parks introduced himself and spoke about his work history with the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP). Mr. Regan asked that each Board member introduce themselves, after which he stressed that the reason they were chosen was their diversity of interest and backgrounds.

Mr. Regan introduced Albert Torres, Sr. Park Ranger II, Raul Leon, Sr. Park Maintenance Supervisor, Gonzalo Rebollo, Park Maintenance Supervisor for Park Center, Shan Chao, Council District Four (4), two Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Officers and Alois Phillips from the Office of the City Attorney. Ranger Torres offered the Ranger dispatch phone number (323) 644-6661 to the group. One of the LAPD officers advised that the Senior Lead Officer for Griffith Park is Officer Victor Carrasco, whose phone number is (213) 798-8789.

ITEM 2 ORIENTATION

Mr. Regan advised that the Department of Recreation and Parks would conduct the next few meetings until the members were sufficiently familiar with the policies and procedures.

Mr. Regan started the orientation by thanking the GPAB members for their service and for choosing to work with other community members on their own time. Mr. Regan advised that the committee needs to take a "global" approach to their thoughts and that they must always consider where the greatest good for the people of Los Angeles can be achieved. Mr. Regan stated that the GPAB members were to represent themselves, not the views of other groups that they may be a part of and that objectivity would be paramount to advisory board's success.

Alois Phillips, Office of the City Attorney, gave a Power Point presentation of the Ralph M. Brown Act, explaining the relevant topics that pertain to the conduct of the GPAB members. Ms. Phillips stated that the agenda for a regular meeting must be posted 72 hours in advance and a special meeting requires a posting of 24 hours in advance. Ms. Phillips advised that when members of the public want to address the group, "speaker cards" were helpful but that no public member was legally obligated to give their names. Ms. Phillips stated that the Brown Act had a new amendment, making each board member accountable for their vote, that the vote must be orally stated for the record and reflected in the minutes.

Mr. Regan continued orientation with a review of the GPAB handbook. Mr. Regan advised the members that their primary duty was to advise Superintendent Salaices, and stated that they would need to

determine a general direction for their goals and a strategy to reach them. Mr. Regan advised that other departments/ specialty groups could be called on to make presentations.

Mr. Regan advised that the members would have to determine their own By Laws and stated that a good example of By Laws was located in the back of the member handbook. One consideration would be how often they would like to meet. Mr. Regan advised that the group public comments were to be welcomed, and suggested that public comments could be either after each topic or at the end of the meeting and that time limits could be written into the By Laws. Mr. Regan said that 2:00 minutes per comment was usually adequate. Mr. Regan advised that to ensure a cohesive meeting, the members should stay with the agenda and stay on topic.

Mr. Regan referred to the growth and development of Park Advisory Board teams as: FSNP
Forming: Uncertain goals, anxiety, questions, introductions to new colleagues
Storming: Uncomfortable, team isn't clearly defined, differing work styles,
Norming: More comfortable, appreciate colleagues, expectations known
Performing: Common goals, hard work leading to achievement, objectives reached

Kevin proposed a quorum of nine (9) and requested that the By Laws, election of officials and frequency of meetings be on the next agenda.

Joe made a motion that an Ad Hoc committee be formed to develop and prepare the By Laws. The motion was seconded and passed. Three members volunteered for the Committee.

Joe offered to provide each member with the "Vision for Griffith Park" plan's link.

ITEM 3 COMMITTEES / APPOINTMENTS

The By Law Ad Hoc Committee members are Ann Marie Johnson, Kris Sullivan and Susan Swan.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 8 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gerry Hans, President of Friends of Griffith Park (FOGP) stated that things are looking up for Griffith Park with an approved "Vision for Griffith Park" plan, a Superintendent and an Advisory Board. Gerry advised that the FOGP had \$250,000 to complete the technical work in Phase II for the Ferndell project.

Marian Dodge advised that she had the good news regarding mountain lions. Marian said that CalTrans was to receive a grant which would enable an animal crossing at Liberty Canyon.

The next Griffith Park Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The November 20, 2014 meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.