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Griffith Park Advisory Board Meeting Agenda MINUTES

Thursday, April 23rd, 2015, 6:30pm Griffith Park Visitor's Center Auditorium 4730 Crystal Springs Drive Los Angeles, CA 90027

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Welcome and Introductions

1. Approval of Minutes

Laura made motion and Ted seconded. Minutes approved

2. Roll Call

All present except Lyn Brown who was excused, and Jerry Petryha who has resigned

- 3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
 - Rena Wasserman gave a report from Nederlander about RAP voting to self-operate the Greek Theatre
- 4. Updates from Recreation and Parks staff

None given

5. Updates from City representatives

None given

6. Presentation: The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is planning a new project to replace the existing water pipe line that provides water to the firefighting helicopters that land at Mt. Lee. There may be certain impact on the surrounding area.

Presented by James Tebbetts from the Environmental Department of the Bureau of Engineering Department of Public Works.

Has not been presented to RAP vet

- -waiting for environmental review- should be done mid summer
- -should use same footprint as before
- -it will be an exterior pipeline roughly 2 ft. off the ground with posts every 10ft.because of environmental concerns of wildlife crossing
- -the primary service area of pipeline is Griffith Park, Mulholland area, and Hollywood Hills
- -Project should be completed March 2016
- -Biggest concern is wildlife corridor

7. Update on proposed traffic, trail, and other signage in and around Griffith Park

Presentation by JT Sebastian from Cartifax and Ranger Adam

- -Doing signage in main tourist area first in regards to Hollywood sign
- -Ranger Adam talked about natural resource damage due to people going off trail
- -RAP hoping to have signs up by this summer

JT presented 3 different sign sizes :

- ~3 large trail head signs with maps and other info including regulations and safety
- ~2 smaller sizes of sign depending on how much info is on the trail sign

There will be 25 signs all together to start

There was request to see print out of actual sizes

Joe Salaices says there will be no advertising on trail signage

8. Update on Rec and Parks proposed Traffic Flow Plan for Griffith Park

No report from RAP

Lucinda made comments on the fact that people were still entering the park from Western Canyon despite the sign saying the road was closed creating big traffic jam loop.

9. Update on the proposed reopening of Mount Hollywood Drive in Griffith Park, no Motion pending final report from RAP expected soon

No report given by RAP yet waiting for data

Traffic consultant to give report at next meeting

Board expressed concern that their voice will be heard before any final decisions are made by RAP.

Many on board expressed concerns over re-opening Mt. Hollywood Dr.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Many from community were in attendance and made comments:

Los Angeles should be moving towards more sustainable plan

Was there a wildlife component to survey?

Some expressed that there should not be a fee for shuttles

There should be a base line on number of cars

What is the science behind the survey?

Photos were submitted showing trash and erosion around 1/3 mile viewing area

Park is for recreation not cars.

How about an appointment to come to Observatory, regulate the number of people coming in.

10. Board introductions, round table discussion of interests, formation of Committees and possible Ad Hoc Committees

Susan asked what boardmembers' interests were in the Park in regards to being on committees.

There was discussion, then the board decided that we would form committees and AD Hoc committees on an as-needed basis.

There was discussion and clarification on definitions of standing committees and who on the board can attend

Limit of 4 from PAB per committee

11. Old Business

None

12. New Business

None

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 28th, 2015

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