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MINUTES
Griffith Park Advisory Board
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 26th, 2015, 6:30pm
Griffith Park Visitor's Center Auditorium
4730 Crystal Springs Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90027
Department of Recreation and Parks
City of Los Angeles
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Welcome and Introductions

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 26, 2015, meeting were approved by a vote of 11 members with 1 abstaining.

2. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM. Board members present: Chip Clements, Laura Howe, Anne-Marie Johnson, Ted Johnson, Chris Laib, Lucinda Phillips, Kris Sullivan, Susan Swan, Lynn Brown, Susan Lee, Janell Mullen, Don Seligman. Excused: Barbara Ferris, Absent: Alex Chavez.

Department of Recreation and Parks: Kevin Regan, Joe Salaices. Council District 4: none. Members of the Public: 100 plus.

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

A public comment period included 20 speakers and over 55 Speaker Cards. The general topic was about the opening of Mt. Hollywood Drive as a pilot program designed to alleviate traffic problems in the Griffith Observatory area. Consensus of public opinion was not supportive of vehicles on the Mountain Roads.

4. Updates from Recreation and Parks staff

Kevin Regan reported that the focus of the budget for this fiscal year will be to increase the ranger program to include 6 additional rangers. Joe Salaices noted that there will be 10 seasonal rangers for this fiscal year.

5. Updates from City representatives

None

6. Presentation regarding the proposed placement of a Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe Memorial in Fern Dell Park, possible motion
Jerry Maldonado, a Council Representative from the Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe, made a presentation regarding the proposed memorial to his tribe in Fern Dell Park. A discussion followed including the importance of coordinating with Friends of Griffith Park on this project. A motion was made by Susan Swan and seconded by Anne-Marie Johnson to support the Gabrielino-Tongva Memorial in Fern Dell Park. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Update and possible motion: DWP is installing a large pump that will bring reclaimed water from the Wilson/Harding GC to a 1 million gallon tank that will then feed the Vermont Canyon side of park with reclaimed water. The project has been approved and is moving forward; however, the electrical part of project requires replacing wood power poles with larger metal poles. Discussion regarding the power poles and what options may be available.

Johan Torrelado of the LADWP made a presentation on his agency's reclaimed water project in the Park. Kevin Regan noted that the LADWP does not pay for access to Griffith Park and that this project will benefit the Park. Joe Salaices said that the Park pays LADWP for water. A request was made to put this topic on the next meeting's agenda.

8. Update on proposal to regulate Street Vending and similar operations in Griffith Park, possible motion

Tabled

9. Report from the Ad Hoc Committee reviewing the proposed reopening of Mount Hollywood Drive in Griffith Park, possible motions

Chris Laib presented a report from the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee. Chris proposed a motion that was seconded by Lynn. The GPAB shall work with the Department to create a comprehensive plan for Griffith Park ingress and egress. A public discussion followed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10. Update on report from the Ad Hoc Committee reviewing proposed traffic, trail, and other signage in and around Griffith Park, possible motions

There was no report from the Ad Hoc Committee but a general discussion about signage ensued.

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

Kevin Regan and Joe Salaices presented an update on the proposed Traffic Flow Plan for Griffith Park. Discussion followed.

12. Proposed Rec and Parks signage for Hollywood Sign area, possible motion

Joe Salaices noted that the design stage for signs is in process and that the next phase will be presented at the next GPAB meeting.

13. Update on Griffith Park Horticultural Learning Center LVNOC Meeting No.1 held March 4th, 2015, and the Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee (LVNOC) Meeting for this project.

It was noted that Prop K funds can be used for retaining walls and water and power for the Commonwealth Nursery. There is a plan for refurbishing the current building.

14. Update on Special Events in Griffith Park Calendar for April, May and June 2015

Deirdre provided calendars to the Board that included Special Events in the Park Calendar for April, May, and June, 2015.

15. Scheduling of meetings for the 2015 November and December Holiday Season

It was decided that the November Board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, Thursday, November 12 and the December Board meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, Thursday, December 10.

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

Several Standing Committees were formally established. Transportation: Chris Laib, Chair; Lucinda Phillips, Barbara Ferris, Chip Clements. Signage: Laura Howe, Chair; Kris Sullivan, Susan Lee, and Ted Johnson. Wildlife and Habitat: Laura Howe, Kris Sullivan, Chip Clements. Alternates for Transportation Committee: Janell Mullen and Don Seligman.

17. Old Business

No discussion took place

18. New Business

Kris announced that she will be out of the country for April and May so that someone needs to take the minutes for those meetings. Laura Howe volunteered to take the minutes for April and Ted Johnson volunteered to take the May minutes.

Next meeting will be April 23, at 6:30 PM at the Visitor Center Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 23rd, 2015

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