

Griffith Park Advisory Board  
Thursday February 16th, 6:30pm  
Griffith Park Visitor's Center Auditorium  
4730 Crystal Springs Drive L.A.CA, 90027

Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. All Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 20 minutes total, unless waived by the presiding Officer of the Board.

Note: Agenda items may be taken out of order or merged as deemed appropriate by Board. All items for Discussion and Action unless otherwise noted.

Welcome and Introductions

1. Roll Call: Present: Don, Kris, Laura, Chris, Ron, Lucinda, Chip; Absent: Susan Tracy James, GP, Catherine Landers CD4

2. Approval of Minutes

An addition to the minutes: CEQA was postponed on the update of the Commonwealth Nursery project. Moved by Chris, seconded by Laura, passed 4 - 0 with 2 abstentions due to absence.

3. Comments from any City, County, State or Federal representatives in attendance

Catherine Landers noted that CD4 is working on the Spring Break action traffic plan with more enforcement from DOT, LAPD and Park Rangers from March 17 through April 22.

Joe reported about the Park Foundation Plaque program as a fundraiser. He noted that the plaques will only have text and not images.

Joe introduced new GPAB members J.P. Robertson, Greg Merton and Sheila Irani.

He added that Adidas is doing a Women and Sports exhibit between the tunnel and the viewpoint near Mt. Hollywood on February 25 and 26.

4. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (2 minutes each)

Gerry Hans of Friends of Griffith Park made a request for fundraising to remove the final 4 water tanks. His organization donated \$17,500 to get rid of Tank 116. There is an upcoming nesting survey of raptors in the Park.

5. Request for support from Mickey Petralia from Trails Café for a second location of his cafe to the east side of the park

Mickey Petralia from the Trails Cafe asked for a letter of support to the Park Commission to open a second cafe. Ron moved to have GPAB write a letter of support, Kris seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Update regarding Amir's Garden by Kris Sabo

Kris announced that she will retire in 2 years after volunteering for 15 years and gave notice so the Park will find another volunteer or management for the Garden. Joe stated that the Park is working on a plan for her replacement.

7. Update on turf reduction project near front entrance

Joe reported that he spoke with Craig Raines, the Park's Landscape Architect, who said that there would be no new plantings and that the markers were to indicate placement of wood chips and or mulch.

## 8. Griffith Park Mobility Plan update

Joe announced that as of today, the East Road is one way, and there is a walking path for pedestrians to get up the road until they reach the concrete walkway. There will be more Dash buses from the Vermont and Vine Metro station to the Observatory. In the future West Observatory Road will have angled parking and pay machines.

## 9. Board Member comments on items not on the Agenda

Laura announced that the next tree planting day will be March 4.

## 10. Old/Ongoing Business

Joe noted that the signage process is still being worked on and will probably be done by the Fall.

## 11. New/Future Business

Don asked Joe to put together a new board roster for the next meeting.

The Griffith Park Urban Environmental Center Governing Board made up of Rec and Parks, the Nature Conservancy and the LA Parks Foundation is creating an advisory board and requested that someone from GPAB be a representative on the new board. Laura volunteered. A general discussion followed about how the group fits in with the Vision Plan and how this Center came about.

Future Action and Follow Through Items:

1. Letter to support Mickey Petralia for his second cafe.
2. On April Agenda:
  - ...Whether Laura will be our rep on the Griffith Park Urban Environmental Center Governing Board
  - ...Fundraising for Water Tank removal
  - ...Calendaring procedure for following through on action items
  - ...Nursery advisory group
  - ...Haunted Hayride update
  - ...Amir's garden replacement
  - ...Update on Stage and Baseball field
  - ...Tracey requested Signage for the Berlin Forest in October and the Griffith Park part of a large art installation

The next meeting on March 23 will be a Workshop with the board and orientation of the new members. The meeting will be open to the public but there will be no public comment. We will have an election of officers.

ADJOURNMENT 8:30 PM