



Griffith Park Advisory Board

THURSDAY, MAY 25th 2017, 6:30pm

Griffith Park Visitor's Center Auditorium 4730 Crystal Springs Drive L.A.CA, 90027

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Chair: Susan Swan Vice Chair: Don Seligman Secretary: Kris Sullivan

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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

Roll Call

Absent: Kris Sullivan, Lucinda Phillips

2. Approval of Minutes (March 2017, April 2017 Workshop, and April 2017)

Approval of March minutes: Laura moved Don Seconded

Approval of retreat minutes: Laura moved Don seconded

Approval of April minutes: Greg moved and Laura seconded Sheila and Don abstained

3. Comments from any City, County, State or Federal representatives in attendance (5 minutes each)

Robert Park (Garcetti liaison) stated that the Mayor's comments about placement of a gondola in GP were off the cuff and no real plans were in works and no resources were available.

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

Gerry Hans FoGP – Lecture on Raptor study June 15th, 6:30pm, Los Feliz library

Emmy- stated that having gondola in GP was against wilderness frame work.

Shammos Garody- Assembly person Laura Friedman's rep.-wants to make emergency funds available for the endangered Sycamores.

Tom LaBonge- talked about concerns over Mt. Lee, going on solstice hike

5. Bureau of Engineering presentation on the Riverside/Zoo Drive Bridge Improvement Plan. Gordon Tat (Civil Engineer), Shirley Lau (Division Manager), and Gerry Hernandez (Project Manager) will be making the presentation 70% done with project. They hope to be done by end of the year and under budget

13 million dollars and 88% funded by outside

widening bridge by 19 feet which is the biggest part of project.and retro fitting the bridge. Bicycle path will now go underneath the bridge.

6. The Sirens - presentation by Carmen Zella from Now Art LA

*We asked for future updates

This series is going on all around LA for one year. Parks within LA chosen to host. The Autry was picked as a suitable location because of wildlife sensitivity concerns in other areas of the park. The project will be 11 months in length and use sound and sculpture as the medium. They are expecting between 500-1,000 people every weekend.

7. Griffith Observatory staff parking

The Observatory is now shuttling staff from Common Wealth Nursery front lot to accommodate new circulation plan

8. Update from Ad Hoc committee regarding pedestrian access via the Beachwood Gate to the Hollyridge Trail and opportunities for trail access (Chris, 15 minutes)

Chris Laib- Latest information is that there appears to be some private encroachment onto the easement that could be a possible access trail to GP. The park doesn't necessarily need to use that area for new trail access. CEQUA report needs to happen.

Shannon Prior- CD4 Field Rep – Public comment for Survey on Beachwood issue ends June 21st

Mike Kazzynski – published a new plan for possible trail access on his own time. This plan is being circulated to the public and city officials.

Public comment on item #8:

Gerry Hans- keep it simple

Emmy- likes idea of possible plan

Jim Van Dusen- crowd problems will still remain no matter

Get feedback from survey from CD4 and it is important to have transparency

*Don Seligman supports the idea for writing 2 separate letters to City

1st Letter to Oppose any closures to the park Ron and Don will write

2nd Letter to include new plan Don made motion and Sheila seconded. Vote passed 7 for and 2 abstained (Chip and Ron) Don and Chris will write

send letters to both commissioners, all relative partners, CD4, RAP

9. Updated Liaison list from the April 23 Workshop (5 minutes)

We reviewed who was liaising with who. Per retreat

10. Update on GPAB Web page (Ron) (5 minutes)

Needs work- AD Hoc was formed with Ron, Sheila, Greg

11. RAP report on status of amphitheater in Old Zoo and the ballfield for Crystal Springs and any other Prop K or Quimby funded projects in GP. (Sheila, 5 minutes)

-There was approval for one field- only \$500,000 left in fund and 1.6 million needed.

-Performing stage to begin in Feb 2018 possible 2018 season

- Laura had concerns over usage, hours, and rental policy

Public Comments on item 11- Gerry Hans states that all FOGP was asking was that the concerts be free and there be parameters for hours and usage.

-David from Shakespeare in the Park agreed with Gerry.

12. Status report on filming revenue from GP (Sheila, 5 minutes)

687 permits were granted last year at \$400 per shoot

13. Status on Request for Bid for the food location near Merry ground that Trails Cafe was going to bid on. (Sheila, 5 minutes)

Roof in bad shape \$38k to fix, ADA path from parking lot.
GPAB supports Mickey from Trails Café getting 3 year permit. GPAB needs to send letter of Support (never sent) Kris Sullivan is to write.

14. Request for support for Floral Mural on playground wall at Lake Hollywood Park (Sheila, 10 minutes)

\$200,000 donation for park renovation was given

-needs to go through RAP Board

Joe will give Sheila paperwork for board report- to go to RAP Commission

15. Discussion about ways to save trees in the Park and pursuing a Save the Trees fundraiser (Sheila, 5 minutes)

Sheila has friend who developed oil that may help Sycamores in crisis

Organic and is painted on trees. Willing to donate painting on 10 trees.

Meeting with Steve Dunlap to discuss possibilities.

16. Announcements from GPAB Liaisons or Ad Hoc Committees not on the Agenda (3 minutes each)

Ron meet with CD4 to discuss linking website to GPAB website

Greg would like to be Website liaison

17. Board Member announcements on items not on the Agenda (2 minutes each)

18. Old/Ongoing Business

19. New/Future Business

ADJOURNMENT

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